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Preface

THE contents of this book include a prologue, covering an era from 1924 to 1933. The remainder covers the history of the Hatherleigh Football Club, from the time it joined the Mid South East Football League in 1947, to now.

One must state to readers that *The Mighty Flying Eagle* is a history book not a story book, although some stories do appear.

Readers may wonder why I should write a book on the history of the Hatherleigh Football Club — the reason is simple — I offered to do so.

Almost forty-two years ago, I was born to J.C.(Jack) Davis and Florrie Davis of Hatherleigh, who in 1950, had taken up a Soldier Settlement block in the Mt Hope area, about seven miles (11km) from both Hatherleigh and Rendelsham. I therefore classify myself as a "Local". I played colts football at Hatherleigh in 1967 & 1968, started umpiring in 1971, before returning to play football in 1975. I retired in 1977 and returned to umpiring in 1979. My last game blowing the whistle was at the end of the 1991 season.



Greg Davis

To write a book without previous experience has been a daunting task, but I firmly believe that one achieves nothing unless one is prepared to have a go. In sport, we all like to win, but it is far more important — to have a go, than to say, "I can't or I haven't got the time." My first problem in writing this book was a comment that all of Hatherleigh's past records had been burned — luckily this turned out to be false, although some records may have been lost accidentally years ago.

To research this book, early minute books were a great source of information, together with the files of the South Eastern Times newspaper, Mid S.E. Budgets and, in latter years, the Hatherleigh Year Books. Researching was interesting, exciting and frustrating, but to achieve my target in 18 months has pleased me.

As the former Kangaroo Inn Area School teacher and Hatherleigh Colts coach of 1964 and 1965 Rex Hosking said in his book, *From Cornwall to the Outback*, "You are constantly a detective who goes through the excitement of solving a multitude of mysteries."

Without the help of the South Eastern Times staff and club supporters, I would have made a poor detective. Their support and in particular that of the 1992 Football Committee, has now given the Hatherleigh Football Club something quite unique in the football world. One must also recognise the support of the Hatherleigh Sport & Recreation Committee who have backed this project financially.

This book has not covered every incident of the club's history for that would be impossible, but it re-tells many of them. The Mighty Flying Eagle will remind readers of many others. My hope is that past and future footballers and netballers at Hatherleigh are able to collect stories in writing now — and one day this book will have a sequel.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rex Hosking', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Foreword

by Trevor Skeer

Before I refer to the Hatherleigh Football, Netball and Golf Club's, which have both been well documented in this book, I would like to refer to the other sporting clubs in our centre of Hatherleigh.

Prior to the beginning of the above mentioned clubs, summer sport was the only recreation available to this small community — these clubs also have a long history.

The first club I will refer to is the Cricket Club which has been in existence since 1898 as shown by the photograph which hangs above the bar of our clubrooms. However, the first published details of this club don't appear until much later. In one such article in the South Eastern Times dated January 24, 1903, which read — "The Millicent cricketers journeyed to Hatherleigh to play the locals on a Wednesday afternoon.

Hatherleigh were dismissed for 113 and the visitors were 0 for 10 when rain stopped play." The ground and cricket pitch was situated on the Millicent side of the main drain adjacent to the present highway and old Hatherleigh school, although now in poor condition the pitch is still there today. The club transferred to the present facilities in 1926.

Even in these early years



Trevor Skeer

cricket had its amusing side as can be read in the letters to the editor section of the South Eastern Times in 1910. In one letter, dated February 8, 1910 and headed "Cricket at Hatherleigh". Mr Will A.Clifford, Secretary of the Hatherleigh Cricket Club stated, "The Rendelsham scorer was a young lady who sat in the midst of several others, playing with a baby and gossiped while play was in progress. At one time she had to be reminded that she was supposed to be scoring."

A reply letter appeared on February 11, 1910, "What about the Hatherleigh scorer? This individual kept players and spectators amused by trying to make love and score at the same time. His efforts to conceal himself, and his fair partner, behind a 10" x 12" score-book were as interesting as the game itself. In fact the huge total put up by Hatherleigh was in a great measure due to the Rendelsham fielders being absorbed in watching the amusing spectacle of a scorer trying to score at two games at once," signed Eye Witness.

The Tennis Club was established in 1924 on a social basis and played on an asphalt court. Mr H.J.Stuckey financed the cost of the court which is now situated under the present clubrooms. A second court was laid in 1933 and competitive tennis began with the Millicent & District Association at that time, it continues today.

Table Tennis was a popular sport from 1932 to 1936 and played on a competitive basis against Millicent, Rendelsham and Nangula. Satisfactory lighting was always a problem, but one that didn't exist at the local hall twenty years later.

Before the opening of the Hatherleigh Hall in 1954, the school was the only meeting place. It was used for most get-togethers including the dance evenings held by the school committee, tennis and cricket club's. After the hall was completed, Indoor Bowling was played for several years.

A Croquet Club was formed in 1936 and social games were organised on private greens, until a green was established and maintained adjacent to the northern goal posts. Dwindling numbers forced the closure of the Hatherleigh greens in 1949 and the remaining players transferred to Millicent.

My grandfather often mentioned the Hatherleigh Gun Club which existed prior to 1920. Trap competitions using our common starlings, which were easily caught with nets, were the main traps used. In my enquiries about this club, it became apparent that the Gun Club was more a social gun club than a competitive one.

Details of another sport were advertised in the South Eastern Times on December 15, 1908, and were to be held Christmas Day of that year. The main event was the Hatherleigh Handicap (horse racing) over one and a half miles and open to all-comers. First prize was four pounds (\$8.00); second, one pound (\$2.00). Other events on that day included the 100 yards Open Handicap and 130 yards Hurdles (foot races), Hop Step & Jump

and a Boys Under 15 foot-race. During the day there were seven horse-races and six foot-races.

Now back to the Hatherleigh Football Club as we know it today. The formation of the club in 1947 has been responsible for bringing many residents together during a Saturday afternoon of our winter months. Recently I met several past players and officials at Glencoe whom I wouldn't have known if I had not been associated with football. The introduction of Basketball (later Netball) in 1963, similarly introduced participants to team-mates and opposition alike.

I have noted over the years many weddings within our club and other club's, the author of this book met his wife through being associated with the Hatherleigh Football Club. Many of our footballers and netballers today and in the future maybe able to say they began their love life because of the Hatherleigh Football Club.

I believe being involved with the Hatherleigh Football Club as a player, official or supporter you have a great opportunity to meet and converse with many others, friend or foe.

By Brian Skeer

This volume is a splendid accurate history of the Hatherleigh Football Club, encompassing the Netball Club and Hatherleigh Sport & Recreation Centre as they became involved.

That Greg Davis has been able to produce such a comprehensive and detailed history of the achievements of our club over the last 46 years is largely due to the enthusiasm he has shown. His detailed research was done by interviewing many past and present personnel of the club,



Brian Skeer

studying past minute books, budgets and back copies of the South Eastern Times etc.

We are all indebted to Greg for the many hours he has put into this book, because as time takes its toll on the early members, this history could be lost forever.

I certainly hope the younger members of this club read this book to appreciate how the Hatherleigh Football Club has been built to such a wonderful facility for their use and enjoyment.

I feel honoured to have been asked to write this foreword, and look forward to the many discussions that the memories in this book will bring back to us older members.

Officials Since 1947

HATHERLEIGH FOOTBALL CLUB

1947	President - George Thompson	Secretary - Noel Bell
1948	President - George Thompson	Secretary - Noel Bell
1949	President - George Thompson	Secretary - Ellis Skeer
1950	President - George Thompson	Secretary - Ellis Skeer
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		John Lugg
1952	President - Frank Bell	Secretary - Keith Bell
		John Lugg
1953	President - Arthur Skeer	Secretary - Trevor Skeer
1954	President - Arthur Skeer	Secretary - Trevor Skeer
1955	President - Arthur Skeer	Secretary - Tom Best
1956	President - Eric Parsons	Secretary - Brian Skeer
1957	President - Cecil Skeer	Secretary - Brian Skeer
1958	President - Cecil Skeer	Secretary - Alan Thompson
1959	President - Cecil Skeer	Secretary - Alan Thompson
1960	President - Cecil Skeer	Secretary - Peter Bell
1961	President - Trevor Skeer	Secretary - Peter Bell
1962	President - Trevor Skeer	Secretary - Max Skeer
1963	President - Trevor Skeer	Secretary - Max Skeer
1964	President - Trevor Skeer	Secretary - Max Skeer
1965	President - Brian Skeer	Secretary - Max Skeer
1966	President - Colin Burdon	Secretary - Max Skeer
1967	President - Colin Burdon	Secretary - Max Skeer
1968	President - Colin Schulz	Secretary - Trevor Skeer
1969	President - Trevor Skeer	Secretary - Garry Clifford
1970	President - Colin Burdon	Secretary - Trevor Skeer
1971	President - Colin Burdon	Secretary - Lance Skeer
1972	President - Max Skeer	Secretary - Lance Skeer
1973	President - Max Skeer	Secretary - Lance Skeer
1974	President - David Snook	Secretary - Lance Skeer
1975	President - David Snook	Secretary - Lance Skeer
1976	President - David Snook	Secretary - Barry Walker
1977	President - Garry Clifford	Secretary - Barry Walker
1978	President - Garry Clifford	Secretary - Barry Walker
1979	President - Roger Martin	Secretary - Barry Walker
1980	President - Roger Martin	Secretary - Barry Walker
1981	President - Kevin Coulter	Secretary - John Skeer
	Brian Skeer	

1982	President - Brian Skeer	Secretary - John Skeer
1983	President - Brian Skeer	Secretary - John Skeer
1984	President - John Skeer	Secretary - Reg Hamilton
1985	President - John Skeer	Secretary - Reg Hamilton
1986	President - Garry Schulz	Secretary - Reg Hamilton
1987	President - Michael Bowley	Secretary - Pam Cook
1988	President - Jon Prance	Secretary - Lindsay Duckworth
1989	President - Jon Prance	Secretary - Lindsay Duckworth
1990	President - Brian Webster	Secretary - Reg Hamilton
1991	President - Brian Webster	Secretary - Reg Hamilton
1992	President - Lindsay Duckworth	Secretary - Ron Cowin
1993	President - Michael Bowley	Secretary - Ron Cowin

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1976	President - Trevor Skeer	Secretary - Brian Skeer
1977	President - Trevor Skeer	Secretary - Nan Sapiatzer
1978	President - Trevor Skeer	Secretary - Nan Sapiatzer
1979	President - Warren Gibbins	Secretary - Neil Skeer
1980	President - Warren Gibbins	Secretary - Neil Skeer
1981	President - Warren Gibbins	Secretary - Con Fitzgerald
1982	President - Warren Gibbins	Secretary - Con Fitzgerald
1983	President - Warren Gibbins	Secretary - Con Fitzgerald
1984	President - Bob Sapiatzer	Secretary - Con Fitzgerald
1985	President - Bob Sapiatzer	Secretary - Con Fitzgerald
1986	President - Garry Clifford	Secretary - Con Fitzgerald
1987	President - Garry Clifford	Secretary - David Koch
1988	President - Garry Clifford	Secretary - David Koch
1989	President - Garry Clifford	Secretary - Antonia Haselton
1990	President - Garry Clifford	Secretary - Antonia Haselton
1991	President - Garry Clifford	Secretary - Antonia Haselton
1992	President - Garry Clifford	Secretary - Antonia Haselton
1993	President - Garry Clifford	Secretary - Antonia Haselton

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1964	President - Ivy Skeer	Secretary - Sheona Buhlmann
1965	President - Ivy Skeer	Secretary - Sheona Buhlmann
1966	President - Ivy Skeer	Secretary - Sheona Buhlmann Pam Nesbitt
1967	President - Ivy Skeer	Secretary - Beth Underwood
1968	President - Lorna Bowman	Secretary - Beth Underwood
1969	President - Thelma Keatley	Secretary - Pam Foster
1970	President - Eileen Brooks	Secretary - Heather Skeer
1971	President - Eileen Brooks	Secretary - Heather Walker
1972	President - Eileen Brooks	Secretary - Heather Walker

1973	President - Francis Lanza	Secretary - Heather Walker
1974	President - Francis Lanza	Secretary - Margaret Brooks
1975	President - Mary Hamilton	Secretary - Francis Clifford (nee Lanza)
1976	President - Mary Hamilton	Secretary - Raeleen Smith
1977	President - Mary Hamilton	Secretary - Raeleen Smith
1978	President - Anne-Marie Fitzgerald	Secretary - Raeleen Smith
1979	President - Anne-Marie Fitzgerald	Secretary - Raeleen Smith
1980	President - Anne-Marie Fitzgerald	Secretary - Chris Eime
1981	President - Di Blowes	Secretary - Chris Eime
1982	President - Debbie Hann	Secretary - Raeleen Smith
1983	President - Debbie Hann	Secretary - Margaret Bowman (nee Brooks)
1984	President - Yvonne Rothall	Secretary - Raeleen Smith
1985	President - Yvonne Rothall	Secretary - Antonia Haselton
1986	President - Fiona McDonald	Secretary - Antonia Haselton
1987	President - Chris Borgelt	Secretary - Antonia Haselton
1988	President - Chris Borgelt	Secretary - Antonia Haselton
1989	President - Kylie Schulz	Secretary - Alison Varcoc
1990	President - Chris Borgelt	Secretary - Sharon Sutherland
1991	President - Chris Brooks (nee Borgelt)	Secretary - Raeleen Smith
1992	President - Sara Delaporte	Secretary - Raeleen Smith
1993	President - Yvonne Duckworth	Secretary - Raeleen Smith

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1961	President - Joan Schulz	Secretary - Kath Leopold
1962	President - Joan Schulz	Secretary - Ivy Skeer
1963	President - Joan Schulz	Secretary - Mavis Skeer
1964	President - Joan Schulz	Secretary - Mavis Skeer
1965	President - Glenis Skeer	Secretary - Mavis Skeer
1966	President - Glenis Skeer	Secretary - Nan Sapiatzer
1967	President - Gwen Burdon	Secretary - Nan Sapiatzer
1968	President - Gwen Burdon	Secretary - Nan Sapiatzer
1969	President - Gwen Burdon	Secretary - Nan Sapiatzer
1970	President - Gwen Burdon	Secretary - Nan Sapiatzer
1971	President - Gwen Burdon	Secretary - Nan Sapiatzer
1972	President - Gwen Burdon	Secretary - Nan Sapiatzer
1973	President - Dianne Keatley	Secretary - Nan Sapiatzer
1974	President - Dianne Keatley	Secretary - Nan Sapiatzer
1975	President - Dianne Keatley	Secretary - Nan Sapiatzer
1976	President - Dianne Keatley	Secretary - Nan Sapiatzer
1977	President - Dianne Keatley	Secretary - Nan Sapiatzer
1978	President - Jan Bowman	Secretary - Nan Sapiatzer
1979	President - Jan Bowman	Secretary - Nan Sapiatzer
1980	President - Eileen Brooks	Secretary - Sue Clifford

1981	President - Eileen Brooks	Secretary - Sue Clifford
1982	President - Eileen Brooks	Secretary - Marion Galwey
1983	President - Dianne Keatley	Secretary - Sue Clifford
1984	President - Nan Sapiatzer	Secretary - Sue Clifford
1985	President - Fran Bradley	Secretary - Sue Clifford
1986	President - Fran Bradley	Secretary - Sue Clifford
1987	President - Fran Bradley	Secretary - Sue Clifford
1988	President - Fran Bradley	Secretary - Sue Clifford
1989	President - Chris Webster	Secretary - Sue Clifford
1990	President - Chris Webster	Secretary - Sue Clifford
1991	President - Chris Webster	Secretary - Sue Clifford
1992	President - Chris Webster	Secretary - Sue Clifford
1993	President - Yvonne Cowin	Secretary - Chris Webster

MID SOUTH EAST FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Presidents	Years	Secretaries	Years
Geo McDonald	1946 - 1947	Mel Bell	1946 - 1954
Macleish Durant	1948	Fred Carthew	1955 - 1965
R.R.Robinson	1949	Bill Schuller	1966 - 1971
Ed Canute	1950	Wilf Sprengel	1972 - 1987
Ivor Bateman	1951 - 1952	Jim Maney	1988 - 1992
Stuart Nash	1953 - 1957	J.L.(Fred) Smith	1993 -
Fred Basheer	1958 - 1963		
Malcolm Morrison	1964 - 1966		
Lin Wright	1967 - 1973		
Alister Pegler	1974 - 1975		
George Considine	1976 - 1979		
Allen Jenkin	1980 - 1981		
Keith Sneath	1982 - 1984		
Peter Ey	1985 - 1987		
Wilf Sprengel	1988		
Mostyn Telford	1989		
Keith Sneath	1990 - 1993		

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Pictured near the Millicent Railway Station were these players of the early 1900's

The Prologue

AS the title of this book suggests it records the history of the Hatherleigh Football Club from the time the club joined the Mid South East Football League in 1947 to the present. However, it must be remembered that a Hatherleigh Football Club did exist before this time. Documents of the club's existence go back as far as 1923; in fact research has shown that there was a club as far back as May 14, 1906, although it was known as the Wanderers Football Club. President of the day was Mr R. McDonald with W. Cowan, Vice President; F. Fuller, Secretary; and W. Clifford, Treasurer. Their first game was played on June 18, 1906.

Many Hatherleigh identities were asked if they could contribute material to this book and Mr Ken Watson was one who passed on a small book containing information pertaining to the years 1923 through to 1933. The book included financial figures and office bearers from that period.

Although this information was outside the era to which this book is dedicated, it is too important to leave out of a book of this nature. With this in mind you will find the following summary of those ten years as taken from that one document.

The first entry in this book of early records was a financial one showing the Hatherleigh Football Club with a debit balance of two pounds fifteen shillings and three pence which was left over from the 1923 season. As annual meetings were held in July, one must assume the above entry refers to July 1924.

At this meeting, the following names appear as those responsible for the running of the Hatherleigh Football Club for the next twelve months. President: Mr Duncan (Dinny) McKinnon Vice President: Mr Harry Cowan Patrons: F. T. Clifford, V. T. Bateman, E. White, F. A. Chapman, J. Bell, G. T. Skeer, H. J. Stuckey, R. McDonell. Captain: Cecil Skeer — Vice Captain: Frank White. Selection Committee: W. Campbell, H. Wylie, N. Skeer, D. Mc-

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Kinnon. As one can see, many of the names from this year of 1924 are names that have been synonymous with the Hatherleigh Football Club over many years.

Membership fees were set at five shillings (or fifty cents in present currency). Club colours were maroon with a blue band, with jumpers or jerseys as they were called then, coming from the South Australian National Football League's supplier Collet's Limited in Hindley Street, Adelaide.

Home games were played on land in front of the Hatherleigh school. The land is still vacant today, however, the school which closed in 1963 has since been sold to shearing contractor Mr Philip Reichelt. The school building is presently being converted into an accommodation hostel for twenty three occupants.

In these early years, games were played against Rendelsham, Beachport, Nangula, Robe and occasionally Millicent. Transport to matches was always difficult, the club often paid car hire to ensure the players arrived at the venue for the weekly game.

In 1925, the club continued under the leadership of Mr McKinnon. Frank White took over as Captain, with Cecil Skeer reverting to Vice Captain. Introduced in 1925, a lapel badge gave the members of the club an identity. The badge was received on payment of their membership fee which remained at five shillings.

Expenses were high this year as the club purchased new jerseys at a cost of twelve pounds five shillings and three pence (\$24.53), it doesn't seem much today but with total expenses for the year of twenty one pounds eight shillings (\$42.80), it does show that 50% of the annual expenses was taken up by this one purchase. Financially things were a struggle, but the club did make a profit of one pound four shillings and six pence (\$2.45) at the end of the 1925 season. The next was a year of consolidation with the club being directed by the same officers.

A balance of one pound nineteen shillings and seven pence (\$3.97) was realised at the end of 1926 with stock on hand being one jersey and one pair of socks.

In 1927/28 and 1929 Mr McKinnon continued as President with Cecil Skeer as Captain in 1927. Members in 1927 were: R. Skeer, L. Campbell, C. Skeer, J. Butler, H. Sly, W. Paek, A. Skeer, A. Downs, N. Wright, R. Mullins, M. Mullins, L. Mullins, A. Clarke, A. Wylie, G. Ellis, L. Witnitz, K. Bell, F. F. Bell, C. Faerhman, E. Sly, H. Campbell, J. Brennan, L. Wallis, A. Watson, L. Skeer, R. Wallis, R. Williams, J. Clifford, W. Conlin, L. McCourt, T. Frame, D. Bowman, S. Bradley.

Some of the expenses from 1927 were telephone two shillings and two pence (22 cents), oranges twenty one shillings and six pence (\$2.15), umpire payments one pound eleven shillings (\$3.10), stamps seven shillings (70 cents), two footballs at twenty two shillings (\$2.20) each. Income came from gate receipts of five pounds eight shillings and six pence (\$10.85), profits from a dance of three pounds five shillings (\$6.50), membership fees and donations made up the remainder of

three pounds seventeen shillings and six pence (\$7.75). Balance on hand at the end of the end of the 1927 season was one pound six shillings (\$2.60) with stock on hand of one football. Four results were recorded from the 1929 season with Hatherleigh being successful in all matches.

20/7/29 Hatherleigh 5-9 def Rendelsham 5-8

3/8/29 Hatherleigh 2-3 def Beachport 2-2

10/8/29 Hatherleigh 8-9 def Rendelsham 5-5

23/8/29 Hatherleigh 8-8 def Nangula 0-0

In 1930, Mr D.McKinnon was again President with Les Witmitz assuming the role of Captain for the coming season. Two donations received during this year came from the Somerset, ten shillings and six pence (\$1.05) and the Grand Hotel, one pound (\$2.00).

Hatherleigh travelled to Robe during this season, however, the home side proved far too good and ran out comfortable winners 8 - 24 to 2 - 4. For this match fifteen shillings (\$1.50) was paid in player payments (does this mean player payments are not a modern trend or were they paid to ensure the club had enough players to form a team at Robe?)

In 1931/32, Mr E. J. Watson took over as President and Reg Wallis as Captain. In 1931 a mixed bag of results was recorded with three wins and two losses.



WARRIORS FOOTBALL CLUB 1924

Back Row: Ernie Webb, Fred Willshire. Third Row: Frank Bell, Stan DeCoursey Ireland, Pinaroo Slater, Jack Stratford, Joe Millhouse, Ern Radley. Second Row: Lawrence Brennan, Lock, Bert Watts, Lex (Darbey) Sinclair, Paddy Sullivan, Alan Robinson, Jack Dowdell, Jack Sullivan. Front Row: Bert Millhouse, Jack Beaton, H. (Cooley) Aitken, D. Steele (umpire), Vic Willshire, Alan Mann, Winnie Inns.

Games played in 1931 as recorded in Mr Ken Watson's book were:

Hatherleigh 10-0 def Rendelsham 4-0

Hatherleigh 2-4 lost Millicent 6-1

Hatherleigh 2-1 def Beachport 1-6

Hatherleigh 2-5 lost Rendelsham 7-5

Hatherleigh 4-8 def Millicent 4-4

During the early years of the club the main social events were the local dances, always enjoyed by those who attended. They generally raised much needed funds for the club. As an example the following figures taken from a dance held in October 1931. Proceeds were four pounds seventeen shillings (\$9.70) and the expenses were recorded in the following way — Car Hire one pound ten shillings (\$3.00) Meat five shillings and six pence (\$0.55) Butter one shilling and eight pence (\$0.18) Turps one shilling and six pence (\$0.15) Music one pound five shillings (\$2.50) School Hire two shillings and six pence (\$0.25) McCalls one shilling and six pence (\$0.15) S.E. Times four shillings (\$0.40)

Total receipts four pounds seventeen shillings — (\$9.70); Total expenses three pounds thirteen shillings and eight pence (\$7.38).

As this is the last entry from Mr Watson's book; one is not sure if Hatherleigh continued beyond this time, although one may assume they continued until the Second World War, when the club would have been in recess until it reformed in 1947.

The Formation

THE year was 1946, Australia was trying to regroup, communities across the country were rebuilding a life style that seven years earlier had been thrown into turmoil by Germany and the Japanese, in World War II. Following the war our young men confronted many difficulties, but the sportsfield gave them space to perhaps forget for a while what they had just been through.

By the early months of 1946 many locals had returned to the cricket pitches and tennis courts and perhaps now was the time to form a local football club: these were thoughts of two stalwarts of the Hatherleigh district — Ellis and Norman Skeer. "Is the time right? Will we have the numbers? Will we have the support?" They were some of the questions which Ellis and Norman were asking themselves.

The Mid South East Football League had reformed on March 25, 1946 under the Presidency of Mr Geo McDonald and consisted of five clubs — Kalangadoo, Glencoe, Millicent, Mt Burr and Tantanoola. Mr G. L. Dean was elected Patron and offered a Best & Fairest Medal to the value of five guineas (\$10.50).

The Skeer brothers felt that, if started now, the 1947 football season would be a great time to form a new football club. Ellis and Norman thought the only way to test their ideas was to call a public meeting, which was held at the Hatherleigh School early in 1946. To the surprise of all, around 35 to 50 people attended to show their interest in a new club. Many strong supporters urged that a club be formed in the area, but, others — like the Thompsons, led by father George — felt that our young fellows should be playing for and supporting the Millicent Football Club.

In a fairly lively meeting, supporters of the idea, like Ellis, Norman and Cecil Skeer also received the backing of Frank Bell, Arthur Skeer and many of those who were to be players, such as Noel Bell, Trevor Skeer, Ian Smith and others. This group argued strongly in favour of forming a club and received overwhelming support when the vote was taken.



*G.W. (George) Thompson
Foundation President
1947-1950*

After the overwhelming vote in favour, Mr George Thompson, congratulated those present and, although his family voted against the formation of a club, said they would support them. This stirring speech captured the imagination of those present — George Thompson was nominated by Norman Skeer, seconded by Frank Bell for the position of the club's first President, which he accepted.

The first committee consisted of; President, George Thompson; Vice-President, Frank Bell; Secretary, Noel Bell; committee Bernie Donlon, Norman Skeer, Ellis Skeer, Les Witmitz and Arthur Skeer.

Although the meeting was attended by people from Rendelsham, Hatherleigh and Furner Districts there was never any intention to call the new club anything but the Hatherleigh Football Club. This was resolved and accepted, as was the venue for matches, Rendelsham's oval was too small, Hatherleigh's was large with plenty of space and currently was being used for cricket. These two points were never in conflict, which was a good start as there was no grandstanding by any community group, and has worked to the club's advantage for many years.

One of the first jobs organised by the committee was a meeting with the Millicent Football Club — not only to inform them that Hatherleigh was to form a club but to try and learn what sort of things would have to be done prior to the 1947 season. Trevor Skeer and Ian Smith were elected as delegates to meet with Millicent who were represented by Fred Engel, Dick Bowering and others. The latter displayed strong allegiance to their club by trying to convince Trevor and Ian that forming a club would be the wrong thing and would probably destroy Millicent's ability to be competitive! Trevor and Ian came away knowing that Millicent were not happy but that they would offer assistance where they could; this was later given by the playing of practice matches on June 1 and 29, 1946. Now that a club was formed a number of practice matches was organised for the year, the first being the game against Millicent on June 1, which was won by Hatherleigh 5 - 10 to Millicent's 6 - 3.

Hatherleigh team: Norman Skeer, Bernie Donlon, Tom Best, Max Thompson, Ian Smith, Harold McEvoy, Ralph Bowman, Alan Thompson, Noel Skeer, Bill Walker, Kevin (Darkie) Walker, Jack McIntyre, Glen Watson, Mervyn Farmer, Ray Farmer, Les Watson, Keith Skeer, Alby Miles, Alan Wylie, Mel Bell and W. Braham.

After these matches, Trevor Skeer and Ian Smith helped organise two practice matches between Rendelsham and Hatherleigh areas which would supply many of the players in the years ahead. These were organised for July 20 and August 3.

The July 20 match was scheduled to be played at the Hatherleigh ground but was transferred to Rendelsham because the Hatherleigh ground being under water.

Playing for Rendelsham were Ian Smith, Alan & Reg Wallis, Cyril Todd, Geoff Carthew, Bob Foster, Colin Bradshaw, Cliff & Alec Galwey, Horace Aberle, Vaughan Chambers, Mervyn & Ray Farmer, Mick Manhood, Doug Chilton, Curley Brooks, Bill Butterworth, Peter Buhlmann,

Traff. Paternoster, C. Brooks, P. Davies, C. Mellor, G. Bellinger, D. Higgins, A. Watson.

Hatherleigh players included Norman, Noel & Trevor Skeer, Jack McIntyre, Max, Stewart & Noel Bell, Max & Alan Thompson, Ralph Bowman, Don Kemp, Glen & Les Watson, Bill & Kevin (Darkie) Walker, Alby Miles, Tom Best, Bernie Donlon, Harold McEvoy and Alan Wylie.

Hatherleigh won both games, the July 20 game 13 - 16 to 11 - 13 and went onto win the second game 9 - 3 to 3 - 3. The club received great support from other clubs in the district as games were also played against Mt Burr in July and Tantanoola in August. Practice games and the response they received from the younger fraternity was the most important thing in those early days as it showed the committee that there was enormous support and that the club would be able to get off to a resounding start in 1947.

Early starters included Harold McEvoy, who played in army boots, receiving blisters for his efforts. Many others used any sort of boot that could be found, with leather strips tacked to their soles doubling as sprigs to stop players sliding around, this was the position straight after the war with many things in short supply, even the sale of cars, so there was certainly no hope of obtaining football boots.

Many of those who played in the Rendelsham V Hatherleigh practices possibly only played those games, but it made all the difference in giving confidence to those running the club. Others like Ian (Rocky) Smith were talented in other sports; Rocky an accomplished runner, in 1946, competed at the Stawell Gift off a handicap of 6.75 yards, he used his fitness to great effect in these games.

There were other unknown factors, like the effect the Soldier Settlement Scheme would have on the club. Early in 1946 this scheme had already attracted 3,500 enquiries of an expected 6,000 to develop around 100,000 acres of farming land, many new families would be coming to the district. This proved to be a valuable asset to club as it brought families like the Leopolds, Prances, Marsdens, Keatleys, Snooks, Murchs, Majors, Davis' and others whose descendants are still actively involved in the club today.

Many things had to happen before the start of the 1947 season; few worked harder than Ellis Skeer, who did an enormous amount leading up to the start of the season. The whole committee and its supporters banded together to ensure that their new club was to be a success.

Year One — 1947

ONE of the most important decisions for any new club is that of club colours and where to obtain the jumpers. Jumpers of blue with white collar and cuffs was adopted — no other club had these colours. The club would be known as the "Blues". The history behind the club now being known as the "Eagles" will be revealed later.

The question of where to obtain the club's jumpers was raised and, on the suggestion of Mr Les Witmitz, they were knitted by his wife Verna on her knitting machine. The amount of wool required was 106 skeins which were purchased for three pounds eighteen shillings and four pence (\$7.84). Mrs Witmitz was also paid two pounds nineteen shillings and four pence (\$5.95) for her work. Son Kevin still remembers the time well. As one of those entrusted with converting the skeins into balls of wool, he said, "It drove us crazy!"

Facilities were scant this first year of the Hatherleigh Football Club. A galvanised iron building 10 ft x 25 ft, the cricket shed, was the only facility on the oval. For changerooms a pine offcuts structure was placed in front of the shed, with a hessian bag as the door; both teams changed in the one area. There were no lights, no showers and no water, so after matches players went home for showers; this was to be the case until the mid 50s. Because of cramped conditions a changeroom for the opponents was later built, again from pine offcuts, at the back of the cricket shed. Toilets were sheets of galvanised iron and hessian wrapped around a nearby pine tree.



Verna Witmitz

In March 1947, Trevor Skeer and Ian Smith, as Hatherleigh delegates, again met with the Millicent Football Club to learn more about what had to happen in the lead up to the season. At this Annual Meeting for Millicent, they decided to support any move by the Hatherleigh Football Club to enter a team in the Mid South East Football League. At this meeting, Millicent also decided to withdraw from the Mid S.E. and join the South East and Border League, which was a stronger league. Millicent players would only benefit from such a decision after the club had won the 1946

Mid S.E. premiership. Led by Captain Jack Walker, they won 11 - 15 to Kalangadoo 10 - 6.

Following Millicent's decision, other changes to the makeup of the teams in the Mid S.E. were the inclusion of Nangwarry, Beachport and Tarpeena, along with the new Hatherleigh Club.

The first official match to be played by the Hatherleigh Football Club was against Glencoe at their home ground on the 3/5/47. Members of that first team and probable team placements were:

Full Back Line — Mervyn Farmer, Bill Kingston, Don Kemp

Half Back Line— Alan Thompson, Max Thompson, K.(Darkie) Walker

Centre Line — Noel Bell, Tom Best, Ian Smith

Half Forward Line — Trevor Skeer, Dick Walker, Ray Farmer

Full Forward Line — Max Bell, Ted Croser, Mick Manhood

Ruckman — Bernie Donlon (captain)

Ruck Rover — Bill Walker

Rover — Eric Parsons (vice captain)

Reserves — Alex Galwey, Noel Skeer & Doug Gurney

Although there was no nominated coach, Donlon as Captain assumed that role. There were no fairy tale beginnings for the club as Glencoe won the game in convincing style 18 - 11 to 6 - 8. Hatherleigh fared much better during the season, winning a total of eight of fourteen games, missing the finals on percentage after losing to Beachport in the last game of the season by 13 points. Perhaps this was an unfortunate result as Beachport kicked 8 - 2 to nil in the first quarter and just hung on to displace Hatherleigh from appearing in the finals in their first year of competition. One of the best results for the year was the defeat of Kalangadoo on July 19, 6 - 13 to 6 - 7, this was Kalangadoo's second loss for the year and was a terrific result for the Hatherleigh Football Club.

The Mid S.E. premiership table from that year was :

	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
Glencoe	12	2	1536	554	73.5	24
Kalangadoo	11	3	961	543	63.9	22
Beachport	8	6	949	747	55.9	16
Tantanoola	8	6	861	872	49.7	16
Hatherleigh	8	6	703	753	48.3	16
Mount Burr	5	9	672	1015	39.9	10
Nangwarry	3	11	541	1181	31.4	6
Tarpeena	1	13	526	1007	34.3	2

Highlights of the club's first year of competition, included the selection of Ted Croser, Bernie Donlon, Eric Parsons and Max Thompson in the Mid South East representative team that played against the North Adelaide Reserves team on 13/9/47. Although the team was defeated 21 - 17 to 8 - 11, Max Thompson came into the team as a reserve and played as a back-pocket follower and was awarded the North Adelaide Trophy as best player for Mid S.E. Donlon and Parsons each kicked a goal; Parsons also played a top rover's game, making the best player list.

The greatest highlight from that first year would be the selection of

Eric Parsons as Mid S.E. fairest and most brilliant player, winning the G. L. Dean Trophy with 27 votes, from Martin Attiwill, of Beachport, runner up on 21 votes. This obviously was a great achievement for Parsons and was confirmation of the talent that he possessed. In 1946 Eric had been runner-up to the Best and Fairest whilst coaching the combined Nangwarry/Tarpeena(Tarwarry) in the Mt Gambier League. Contrary to the belief that Hatherleigh's Eric Parsons or Glencoe's Eric Holloway won the first Mid S.E. Best & Fairest award; the 1946 Mid S.E. Best and Fairest winner was Tom Walker from Millicent.

Another highlight was Trevor Skeer being chased half-way across the Nangwarry oval by an irate lady supporter wielding an umbrella after Trevor accidentally hit an opposing player on the nose — this was said to be an unwarranted attack by the lady.

One low point to the year came when player N. Kahn in a match against Glencoe took his instructions to quieten one of their players too seriously, overdoing things with an extremely crude tackle. In fact, if it had not been for the quick expert attention from trained sister Heather Burghard (nee Kemp), who was watching the game as a spectator, there might have been a very serious situation. At the time players and officials were very worried, and when Heather came to the rescue one fellow said "She's not a sister!," to which the quick witted Dick Walker said, "Of course she is, she's Kempy's sister!." Kahn later came before the Mid S.E. tribunal and was suspended from playing football for 12 months. In their evidence, Glencoe said that although their player had incurred hospital and medical expenses, they did not wish to claim against the Hatherleigh Football Club which was in its first year with the association. The incident was of great embarrassment to the club — Kahn never again played for Hatherleigh.

One of the tales from this year was the day Captain Donlon was castigating Don Kemp at one of the breaks for making too many mistakes and telling him it was about time he started using his head. During the next quarter, Kemp went for a mark, the ball went straight through his



Eric Parsons — 1947 Mail Medallist (Pictured with son Colin)

fingers hit him in the face and laid him cold on the ground. Showing great concern Donlon went over to see if Kemp was okay, when a voice from the boundary cried out, "Don't worry about him, Bernie; at least he used his head!"

Another tale relates to when Eric Parsons went for a mark, his opponent grabbed his shorts, pulled them off — torn. Eric fell to the ground waiting for a new pair to be brought out by the trainer. The problem was, whilst he was waiting for his shorts the ball came back in his direction, Eric couldn't hold back, he jumped to his feet, took a great mark only to realise he had exposed himself in front of the ladies! — the ladies were pleased? There were many great characters at the club in those days including Donlon himself, who always needed a nip of some good stuff to keep him going during matches, this was normally to be brought out by the trainers. However, many times Bernie was disappointed to find that the trainers had already drunk his supply. One of those, Cliff Phillips would always say there must have been a rat in the bag. Another who would usually sneak a drink that was supposed to be for the players was Mick Kennedy. Another ritual in those early days were the use of oranges at quarter and three quarter times, and chewing gum before the game started, this was always given out by Frank Bell.

Financially the club was on an extremely sound footing having started the year with a credit balance of six shillings and eight pence (\$0.68) and finishing with a credit balance of eleven pounds eleven shillings and nine pence (\$23.19).

The brilliant Eric Parsons went onto win the club's first Best and Fairest award from runner up Bill Kingston. Presented by the Club's Vice President, Frank Bell, a Trophy for the most improved player was won by Max Thompson.

Votes in the club Best & Fairest were:

Eric Parsons	65	Trevor Skeer	6
Bill Kingston	40	Bill Walker	5
Bernie Donlon	30	Noel Bell	4
Dick Walker	28	Ted Croser	4
Ian Smith	16	Mick Manhood	2
Max Thompson	13	Frank Hautop	1

The First Premiership

1948

BY 1948, boundaries started to have an influence on clubs and players. Tantanoola were voicing concern about Hatherleigh's Bernie Donlon. They were concerned about the "Place of abode" rules of the Mid S.E. as Donlon was working five days a week at Tantanoola and spending his weekends at Hatherleigh — the Mid S.E. did not make a decision on the matter and Donlon remained a Hatherleigh player.

Millicent were also expressing concerns about players, dating from the formation of the Hatherleigh Club. Millicent took their grievances to the South East Football Association, but weren't given any satisfactory answers; apparently the issue of club boundaries was put into the "Too hard" basket.

In 1948, George Thompson continued as President, with Noel Bell as his Secretary and with the previous committee. The Mid S.E. was now under the direction of Mr M. J. Durant, the Beachport District Clerk. In this year the Nangwarry Club went into recess leaving seven clubs from the previous year. The Mid S.E. set new umpire's fees of two pound twelve shillings and six pence (\$5.25) with thirty five shillings (\$3.50) to be paid for travelling with the exception of Beachport where three pounds (\$6.00) was to be paid.

In this year, the third of George Thompson's sons, Colin joined the club, coming from Millicent. The eldest of the Thompson boys, and nearing the end of his playing career Colin was an accomplished full-forward who gave the team some much needed experience and a good avenue to goal.

In a disappointing year, the club finished in fifth position in 1948. Dick Walker went onto win the club's Best and Fairest award.

1949

The following year 1949, was the Club's most successful, however, it will be remembered as a year in which an opportunity was lost.

Ian (Rocky) Smith's speed, which won him heats in the Stawell Gift was a great asset to the club on the field during these early years.

Mr R. R. Robinson, of Mt Burr took over as Mid S.E. President and Nangwarry's Club returned to the Mid S.E. An offer by News Limited to donate a Mail Medal for the Mid S.E. Best and Fairest was accepted.

The first moves were made by the Mt Burr, Kalangadoo and Glencoe clubs to form a B Grade competition but the decision was deferred.

A Lightning Carnival was held at the start of the year in aid of Legacy. Hatherleigh Club was unsure if they had enough players but a team ventured over to Kalangadoo not expecting a very successful day, but a day when Hatherleigh would be seen as supporting Legacy. History shows that, under the leadership of Eric Parsons, Hatherleigh won the



1949 LIGHTNING PREMIERS

Back: Max Thompson, Alan Thompson, Ron Thompson, Ian Smith, Kevin (Darkie) Walker, Ray Farmer, Bernie Donlon, Matt O'Donoghue. Middle: Jack Medhurst, Dick Walker. Front: Noel Bell, Cliff Phillips, Mick Manhood, Trevor Skeer, Eric Parsons (coach), Bill Walker, Tom Best, Max Bell.

Lightning Premiership, defeating Glencoe 2 - 6 to 2 - 1. Goal Scorers for Hatherleigh were Jack Medhurst and Trevor Skeer, with their best player being a new recruit Ron Thompson at full-back.

The fourth of the Thompson boys, Ron — was recruited to Hatherleigh along with Jack Medhurst and Matt O'Donoghue. The club now had a very formidable side, with these new players, with more locals wanting to play and the continued improvement of those who had been around since the club was formed in 1947; a good year seemed imminent.

During this season, five Hatherleigh players, Dick Walker, Ron Thompson, Bernie Donlon, Jack Medhurst and Eric Parsons played in the unsuccessful Mid S.E. team that was defeated by the Mt Gambier & District side 15 - 19 to 12 - 10. Medhurst 3, Donlon 2 and Parsons 2 were amongst the goal scorers.

After eleven matches Hatherleigh had eight wins on the board and

were coasting. However, Eric Parsons then dropped a bombshell, telling his players that the next Saturday against Mt Burr would be his last as he was leaving for the Gippsland District in Victoria to take up share-farming on a dairy. It seemed unlikely that he would be able to participate after this game and that he would also be unavailable for the forthcoming finals. In that match against Mt Burr, his team-mates really turned in a top performance in recording the club's biggest score and top winning margin on record. Dick Walker put in a performance that would not be surpassed for many years to come — playing at centre, Dick kicked 14 - 6 as Hatherleigh went on to win 26 - 17 to 3 - 3.

Hatherleigh continued on to appear in their first finals series. In the second semi final against Glencoe, they went down 8 - 11 to 3 - 3. It was a better performance in the preliminary final, as they defeated Tantanoola 13 - 9 to 12 - 9, sending the club to its first grand final after only three years in the Mid S.E.

The following side to represented Hatherleigh in the grand final:

Full Back Line — Kevin Walker, Ted Croser, Matt O'Donoghue

Half Back Line — Max Thompson, Ron Thompson, Ray Farmer

Centre Line — Noel Bell, Dick Walker, Ian Smith

Half Forward Line — Tom Best, Jack Medhurst, Alan Thompson

Full Forward Line — Ian Manhood, Colin Thompson, Bill Walker

Ruckman — Bernie Donlon

Ruck Rover — John Mullins

Rover — Trevor Skeer

Reserves — Max Bell & Cliff Phillips

For the Hatherleigh supporters, grand final day started on a disappointing note with the knowledge that their Captain, Eric Parsons would not be available due to restrictions on transport. Knowing that he couldn't be away from his dairy property for long, and not having air flights available like today, Eric realised he had no chance of returning. His absence had a big effect on the team's performance, such was his influence. It seemed to unbalance the team for they played like a ship without a rudder and although they fought the game out they eventually went down, 8 - 5 to 5 - 8. In interviews conducted prior to writing this book, Trevor Skeer, Noel Bell, Dick Walker and Ian Smith all stated that if Eric had been available there was no doubt that the team would have won a premiership, however, transport was not what it is today and unfortunately the year is remembered as an opportunity lost.

Bernie Donlon went on to win the club's Best & Fairest award, it meant little to him at the time following that grand final loss. But Bernie was a great character and thoroughly deserved his win.

Ron Thompson and John Mullins represented Millicent at the end of the season in a team Captained by George Kay which defeated a Barmera side 13 - 18 to 12 - 12.

B Grade in the Mid S.E.

1950

FOLLOWING the disappointment of 1949, a new era came to the club in 1950, with changes in players. Dick Walker and Jack Medhurst transferred to Millicent and, later in the season, Bernie Donlon and Alan Thompson were to join them.

Under the leadership of Mr Ed Canute, from Kalangadoo, the Mid S.E. was having great difficulty over club boundaries. Beachport Club, which withdrew from, then re-entered the competition in 1950, wanted a ruling from the Mid S.E. on Martin Attiwill; they considered he was their player under the current boundaries, but Marty had been playing for Millicent since the start of 1949 — the matter was unresolved.

An unofficial B Grade competition was formed in 1950 in which Hatherleigh participated. This brought more people to the club and was the first step in improving the standard of Mid S.E. football.

Players involved in the club's first B Grade team were: Reg, Noel, Sid and George Wallis, Victor and John Bowman, Noel Inns, Colin Townsend, Noel Skeer, Stewart and Max Bell, Max Caust, Max Agnew, Joe Bridges, Jack McIntyre, Bob Gard, Graham Hagel, Bob Sapiatzer, Cliff Elton, Kevin Bowering, Trevor Bellinger, Bill Bartlett and Ron Chittleborough. In 1950, Hatherleigh B Grade games were umpired by Trevor Skeer who then played in the A Grade game which followed.

A highlight of this year was the high number of Hatherleigh players in the Mid S.E. team that drew with the South East & Border League 8 - 11 to 9 - 5. Hatherleigh players were Ken Cock at centre-half-back, Ray Brown half-back-flank, Kevin (Darkie) Walker centre-half-forward, Alan Thompson rover, Frank Carlson ruck-rover and Max Bell as 19th man. Darkie kicked 4 goals and Alan was named best player. The game was umpired by the well known Fred Basheer.

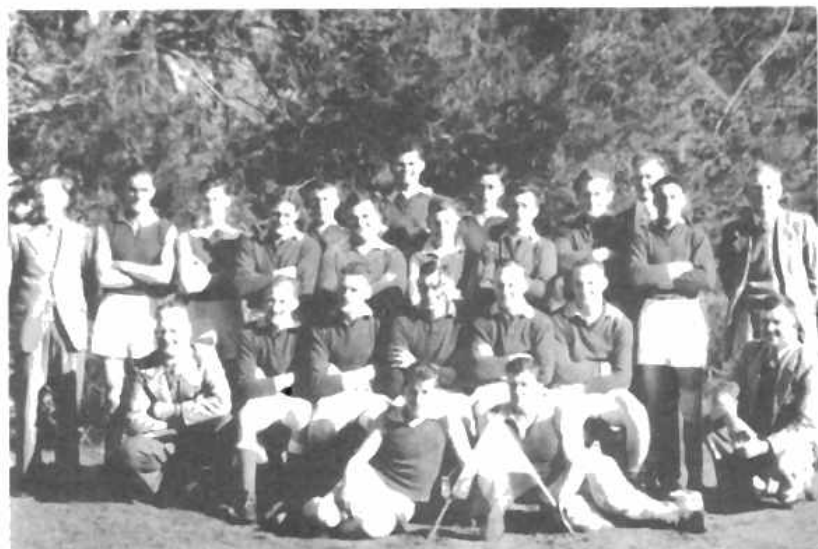
By 1950, catering at matches had become a regular event. Unlike today, when most of the hot foods are bought, in early times, the ladies would spend most of Friday cooking home-made pasties and baking cakes, ready for Saturday's home game. This money was an important part of the club's fundraising, with as much as 30% of club receipts coming from catering.

Hatherleigh didn't have a good year in 1950, finishing sixth, with four wins — not the best of results for new Captain John Lugg.

If John thought 1950 was bad, the following year was worse, the club finished at the bottom of the premiership table, with only two wins for the year. In this year Beachport eventually withdrew from the Mid S.E., to join the Southern Ports Association.

After much debate, the club decided to purchase new jumpers. Because of the formation of a B Grade competition in the Mid S.E., and because the numbers required, it would be easier to buy them from a sports store. Because of availability, a blue jumper with a large white V was purchased. The club would still be known as the Blues.

In 1951, the B Grade competition began, with Hatherleigh performing well in this grade finishing the minor round in third position. Captained by Reg Wallis, Hatherleigh drew the first semi final against Glencoe, only to go down in the replay 6 - 8 to 5 - 10. The team came from the following — Reg Wallis (captain), Mel Bell, Andy Clarke, Kevin Bowering, Victor Bowman, Noel Inns, Sid Wallis, Cliff Elton, Bill Walker, John Bowman, Stewart Bell, Trevor Bowman, Murray Grant,



1951 A GRADE

Back: Frank Bell (president), Reg Wallis, Cliff Elton, Cliff Phillips Victor Bowman, Ian (Mick) Manhood, Matt O'Donoghue, Noel Inns, Bob Gard, Trevor Skeer, John Lugg (coach), Ray Brown, Tom Best, Norman Skeer. Middle: Ellis Skeer, Max Bell, Ken Cock, Ted Croser, Lindsay Croser, Don Kemp, Arthur Skeer. Front: Sid Wallis, Bill Walker.



1951 B GRADE

Back: Victor Bowman, Murray Grant, Joe Bridges, Stewart Bell, Noel Wallis, George Wallis, Cliff Elton, Graham Hagel, Max Agnew, Jack McIntyre, Tom Best, John Bowman, Reg Wallis. Middle: Noel Inns, Bob Sapiatzer, Cliff Phillips (coach), Mel Bell, Bob Gard. Front: Sid Wallis, Max Caust.

Noel Wallis, Ron Skeer, Jack McIntyre, Arthur Taylor, George Wallis, Cliff Phillips, Mel McIntyre, Jim McCourt and Frank Carlson.

Hatherleigh came under fire from Tantanoola during the year. In a letter to the S.E. Times, Tantanoola wrote — "It is amusing to read in last Tuesday's paper of the jubilation at Hatherleigh on Saturday night after they had defeated Tantanoola B Grade by 4 - 3 to 1 - 3. I would say they have a peculiar sense of sportsmanship to be jubilant over Saturday's games. To commence with the B Grade, the visiting team was on the field ready to commence play at the correct time of 1 p.m. and Hatherleigh, the home side, did not start to field their team until 20 minutes later, and then for the next ten minutes players were running on to the ground from all directions. At quarter time they were requested to count their players only to discover 19 instead of 18 players afield. Still, why worry? This will be corrected in due course. Another point worth mentioning was the presence of one particular Hatherleigh player in the B Grade team, a player for whose services in their A Grade team had fought strenuously earlier in the season, and, from the form shown on Saturday, I would imagine he would still be one of their best A Graders. I notice that, apart from the scores, nothing was said re the A Grade match, and there was very

little that could be said. The Hatherleigh side comprised nine fresh and nine tired and victorious so-called B Grade players, so is it any wonder that the Tantanoola A team were not extended in any quarter of the game to go on to win 13 - 23 to 5 - 6 ? With the finals commencing within the next few weeks, I would suggest that it would be a sporting gesture if Hatherleigh officials would look into the organisation of their club and also decide whether their A Grade is their B Grade or their B Grade is their A Grade".

After a disappointing year, President Frank Bell announced Max Thompson as the club's Best and Fairest for 1951.

1952

In 1952, Hatherleigh President Frank Bell wanted the Mid S.E. to transfer the grand final to the Millicent Showgrounds. Mid S.E. President Ivor Bateman supported Frank by suggesting that the oval was a "Paradise" and that a large crowd was assured. Delegates at a Mid S.E. meeting weren't so sure and voted against the idea.

At this time, the club began to realise that, to be more successful, it would have to become more professional. Training had been on Sunday afternoons, consisting of a few kicks and ending with a bottle of beer. In 1952, Hatherleigh for the first six games was coached by Max Thompson, then the club appointed Fred Bateman as coach for the remainder of the year. Fred and Max Thompson reorganised training for Wednesday nights before dark. Although the idea would eventually benefit the club, transporting players was proving a big problem. Some of the locals would ride horses or push bikes to training, whilst others relied on people like Bateman, to drive them to Hatherleigh, especially those who lived in and around Millicent. Bateman's methods had the desired effect as Hatherleigh finished in fourth position, its best effort since 1949. The B Grade also finished in the finals.

Hatherleigh faced Tantanoola in the first semi final and were beaten convincingly 15 - 20 to 9 - 7. The B Grade won their first final but were defeated in the preliminary final. In an interview with Bateman early in 1992, he said, "The biggest problems we faced in those early days, were the lack of players and transport. I appreciated the support and work done by the committee of the day and in particular that of Norman Skeer." He spoke highly of Max Thompson, a player who would never give in and who gave him great support as coach.

One point that Fred did not dwell on, was the fact that he won the club's Best & Fairest award in 1952, saying only "I must have been lucky."

The First Paid Coach

1953

EARLY in 1953, a meeting discussed the future existence of the Hatherleigh Football Club. Mr Arthur Skeer was concerned about the future of the club after Millicent had recruited seven players from Hatherleigh. He said, "They are not respecting boundaries." At a Mid S.E. League meeting, Hatherleigh tried unsuccessfully to declare the Millicent township open territory. At the suggestion of the Mid S.E. President, Stuart Nash, Hatherleigh was directed to talk to Millicent about the problem. "This would be a waste of time; they don't take notice of our concerns," said club delegate John Lugg. Mr Lugg said because of the Mid S.E. refusal to accept the club's viewpoint, the existence of the Hatherleigh Football Club was under serious threat. At a further meeting on March 24 the club decided to continue.

In other Mid S.E. news from 1953, the League's Secretary, Mr Mel Bell favoured an amalgamation between the Mid S.E. and the South East & Border League with a three division competition. The winners of division two and three were to move up and the bottom team in division one and two to drop back — the idea was not adopted.

At the meeting on March 24, John Lugg moved a motion calling for a public meeting to look into building proper conveniences on the Hatherleigh sports ground. By May, a decision was made to build dressing sheds on a site suitable for all clubs. A committee comprising Arthur, Trevor, Ellis, Norman and Cecil Skeer, Max Thompson, Les Witmitz, Victor Bowman, Scotty and Frank Bell was formed. Arthur Skeer was to order the stone and draw up suitable plans. The building work was to be done by voluntary help with the exception of the stonework for which the club would engage Zanello and Buffon.

Around this time the Hatherleigh Hall was built and the football club donated 300 pounds (\$600) to the Hall Committee to have two changerooms added to their building. This was accepted, the two rooms doubling as supper rooms for dances and other functions.

By 1953, the club started to realise the benefit of appointing a coach with experience following a good season under the guidance of Fred Bateman. With this in mind, Noel Lafsky, an ex Glenelg player, was appointed for 1953. It would be the first time the club had a paid coach, his fee, one hundred pounds (\$200). A 23 year old carpenter with 65

S.A.N.F.L. games, Lafsky took on the coaching role for the challenge. He had never coached before, but brought a more professional attitude to the club. On arriving at Hatherleigh, Noel was surprised at the size of the oval.

Alan Thompson remembers the local lads gathering with enthusiasm for the first training night under the new coach. On being told they were going to run a few laps — no problem, thought the locals. Noel said, "We will be running four laps around the oval for starters." One concerned player asked "Do you mean four laps, without a spell?" Noel replied, "I certainly do!"

This was to be the first of many tough nights on the training track, where some thought they would die before the football season even started. In reality the players fitness improved so much they actually enjoyed the better training methods — and in turn ensured the club had a successful year. Running from goal to goal, increasing speed as they went was another popular exercise Noel adopted; this is still a popular training exercise today.

A centre-half-forward, Lafsky was a brilliant overhead mark, a gifted footballer, who, through his brilliance was able to attract many more spectators to Hatherleigh. Many would come just to see him play.



1953 A GRADE

Back: Arthur Skeer (goal umpire), Victor Bowman, John O'Brien, Fred Bateman, Alan Thompson, Alwyn (Coog) Slape, Max Thompson, Ken Cock, Ian Smith, Ted Croser, Noel Inns, Max Bell, Doug Chilton. Front: Cliff Phillips (trainer), Lance Skeer, Noel Bell, Bill Walker, Noel Lafsky (coach), Kevin Lee, Trevor Skeer, Alan McCourt, Barry Sutherland, Kevin (Darkie) Walker, Mick Kennedy (trainer).



1953 B GRADE

Back: Jack McIntyre, George Wallis, Alan Wallis, Norman Skeer (committee member), Colin Thompson, Don Aberle, Bill Sapiatzer, Stewart Bell, W. (Scotty) Bell. Centre: Cliff Elton, Neil Skeer, Morrie Bell, Reg Wallis (captain/coach), Gerald Bell, Bruce Grant, Jimmy Edwards, Andy Clarke. Front: Bob Sapiatzer, Peter Bell, Brian Skeer, Kevin Witmitz.

Now the club had a slightly different look about it with many new faces as the team against Tarpeena on 30/5/53 shows:

Full Back Line: Kevin Lee, Ted Croser, Max Bell

Half Back Line: Alan McCourt, Max Thompson, John O'Brien

Centre Line: Ian Smith, Lance Skeer, Noel Bell

Half Forward Line: Doug Chilton, Noel Lafsky, Alan Thompson

Full Forward Line: Victor Bowman, Darkie Walker, John Lugg

Ruckman: Barry Sutherland

Ruck Rover: Trevor Skeer

Rover: Bill Walker

Reserves: Jack Seebohm, Noel Inns

Controversy surrounded Hatherleigh's former coach, Fred Bateman. Glencoe were protesting strongly that Bateman should be ineligible to play for Hatherleigh on residential grounds. However, Bateman continued to play with Hatherleigh and Glencoe were thanked for their sportsmanship for not taking the matter further. Mt Burr later protested to the Mid S.E. about Bateman's eligibility but their protest was also dismissed.

Lafsky was showing his class, having an outstanding season. It seemed the further the year went the better he became. In August, he kicked

seven goals in Hatherleigh's 11 - 13 to 5 - 8 win over Tantanoola and the following week kicked eleven goals in the club's 20 - 17 to 2 - 1 win over Tarpeena. Performing well, the team finished in second position on the premiership table and went into the finals with plenty of confidence. But, as in other years, the team performed poorly and lost its second semi final to Glencoe by seven goals and the following week were bundled out by Kalangadoo in the preliminary final 15 - 16 to 8 - 11. The B Grade also made the finals but lost their first semi final to Kalangadoo 10 - 10 to 5 - 10, a disappointing finish to a good year for the club.

As a small consolation, Noel Lafsky polled 22 votes to become the second Hatherleigh player to win the Mid S.E. Mail Medal. Polling in nine of the twelve games including six best on ground votes, it was a true indication of Lafsky's great season. Noel went onto win Hatherleigh's Best & Fairest, John Bowman was most improved and the young Lance Skeer was most attentative at training. Morrie Bell was Best & Fairest in the B Grade and Neil Skeer most improved.

1954

The start of the 1954 season was another clouded by uncertainty due to low player numbers. At a controversial meeting on April 4, 1954, Noel Lafsky and Victor Bowman moved that Hatherleigh withdraw from the Mid S.E. League. Two subsequent amendments to continue to play were lost, the original motion being carried by a large majority.

Consideration was given to joining the Southern Ports Association or the S.E. & Border League Seconds competition. It was considered the S.E. & Border League would have a higher standard which would help retain the club's junior members. A motion by Trevor Skeer and Cliff Phillips — that Hatherleigh apply for admission to the S.E. & Border Seconds competition — was carried. The Mid S.E. executive expressed concern about Hatherleigh's application and that more clubs could follow if Hatherleigh was allowed to leave.

By mid April, Lafsky obtained a clearance to play for Millicent, the clearance was conditional on him returning to Hatherleigh if they reformed as part of the Mid S.E. This did happen as Hatherleigh applied on April 29 to rejoin the League; after it adopted open territories for clubs, Hatherleigh was readmitted on May 2.

It seemed fate was playing a part in the decisions of this year. Noel Lafsky was performing well for Millicent and on his return to Hatherleigh, suffered a broken leg after a couple of matches, missing the remainder of the season. He continued as coach with the help of Fred Bateman.

More controversy embroiled the Mid S.E. in June when Umpire R.Egan of Tantanoola, reported the Mt Burr A Grade team in a match against Kalangadoo for misconduct. Although Mt Burr claimed victimisation, the report was proven. Mt Burr was fined and put on a bond for two years.

The Hatherleigh Hall was officially opened by Mr F. T. Clifford on July 30 at a cost of two thousand five hundred pounds (\$5,000). The hall became the venue for many great dance nights. The band — Cecil Skeer on piano, Keith Campbell on banjo and Arthur Skeer on drums — was very popular. Many a good tale came from these dance nights. They were always b.y.o. shows, as no bar operated at that time, the grog, usually beer, had to be drunk at least 300 yards from the hall. This was no drama for the men; they would leave their women-folk in the hall, head out to the cars and have their drinks there. But like all young men, there was plenty of clowning around, often without fear of the consequences. Alan Thompson remembers one occasion when someone was short of petrol, so it was decided to syphon some from one car to the other. Things were going fine until K.(Darkie) Walker came along and lit a match — frightening hell out of everybody, but luckily nothing happened!

Noel Bell remembers the first "Keg"; watching a group grab Lloyd Williams' hat, throw it in the air and shoot holes in it. Noel Bell said many stupid things happened around a keg and yet it was probably a place where many strong and lasting friendships began. At an interview early in 1992, Noel Lafsky said he had many fond memories from the nights spent around the keg. Other memories included the problems of getting used to a 10ft x 25ft changeroom, divided by hessian with no showers, a big change from his days at Glenelg. He spoke of the brilliance of Lance Skeer, a well balanced young player with a great future. Noel remembers trying venison at a barbeque — realising later that he had been conned by Ian (Rocky) Smith into eating kangaroo meat. Another tale from Noel, has John Lugg reading a newspaper that blew onto the ground - and being caught reading it when the ball came his way.

In 1954, Victor Bowman and Lance Skeer represented Mid S.E. against the Kowree Naracoorte League at Inter-league level.

Hatherleigh finished the year in fifth position, a creditable end with coach Lafsky injured for most of the season. Club stalwart Max Thompson won his second Best & Fairest award.

1955

In 1955, a former North Adelaide player, Fred Bolton was recruited from Millicent to coach at a fee of one hundred pounds with an additional twenty pounds to be paid if the club made the grand final. The number of available players was still a problem when trying to field both A & B Grade sides but many new young players were starting. Contrary to reports at the time, the club always managed to field a full side.

Hatherleigh became a power under the leadership of Bolton, defeating Kalangadoo for only the second time since 1947, a great result for the club. Whilst rucking and resting on a half-forward-flank, Bolton was proving a handful for other clubs. Others who were having good seasons were Max Thompson & John Bowman, along with Bolton all made the Inter-league team. After six rounds and only one loss, Hatherleigh

were equal top on the premiership table. The club's form continued throughout the season, finishing second and playing Glencoe in the second semi final. Like so many other years, Hatherleigh again came off second best. After leading 9 - 10 to 6 - 7 at half time, the Blues were beaten 16 - 17 to 13 - 17. For the first time in many years, at least the team was competitive, which augured well for the preliminary final against Tarpeena. The result was again disappointment, Tarpeena going into the grand final by defeating the hapless Hatherleigh 11 - 13 to 8 - 13.

The B Grade were more successful; after finishing third, they won their first semi final, had a great one point victory over Mt Burr in the preliminary final 7 - 5 to 6 - 10, to win their way through to the club's first Seconds grand final, this year to be played at McLaughlin Park in Millicent. In very wet conditions, Glencoe won the double, defeating Tarpeena in the A Grade by two points and defeating Hatherleigh 11 - 14 to 3 - 4 in the B Grade. Hatherleigh at no stage got into the game, although they did play better as the game continued. Goalkickers were Bob Sapiatzer 2 and Rodney Nicholson 1. Best players were Bob Sapiatzer, Reg Wallis, Neil Skeer and Morrie Bell.

Fred Bolton completed a good year as coach by winning the club's A Grade Best and Fairest while Neil Skeer won the B Grade Best & Fairest award.

The final item of controversy for the year was dealt out by the Mid S.E. President, Mr Nash when he criticised the condition of McLaughlin Park. He stated that the grass was too high, the lines poorly marked and although gate takings increased by 10%, playing conditions were of paramount importance, he said the decision to move the grand final to McLaughlin Park was wrong.

New Change Rooms

1956

IN 1956, expectations were again high as the club appointed a former West Gambier player Ray Gates as coach. Gates had asked the club if they could forward him one hundred pounds to buy a car. The request was accepted, but was a bad move, as Gates shot through, never to be seen again. Following this turmoil the club eventually appointed school teacher, and former Port Lincoln player Stan White as coach.

Believing he could help the club, former player Eric Parsons was elected President and having his first taste of administration, Brian Skeer was Secretary.

Victor Bowman was thinking of trying his luck at Millicent but Trevor Skeer talked him into staying, as the club was looking forward to a good year, having just appointed White as coach.

In the team for the first game against Tantanoola were Brian, Neil, Lance, Trevor and John Skeer; Peter, Noel and Max Bell; Ian (Dooley), Bill and Kevin (Darkie) Walker; Victor and John Bowman, Bill and Bob Sapiatzer — 15 of the 20 players coming from eight families. The support which these families have given to the club over the years should not be under-estimated.

A new umpire's association was formed, under the control of the Mid S.E. This followed increased fees being demanded by the S.E. Umpires Association.

Mr Fred Basheer, of Kalangadoo, started publication of "The Pines Football Budget" in May 1956. The Budget has become an integral part of club publicity within the Mid S.E. — many one-eyed and controversial articles have been written over the years. It is a publication still enjoyed today.

After a poor start to the season, Hatherleigh won their last six games, to finish in fourth position. The finals record of the club continued, Mt Burr defeating Hatherleigh 12 - 9 to 11 - 13.

The club's Best and Fairest award was won by Victor Bowman with Bill Sapiatzer winning the most improved trophy.

1957

Following the disappointment of the previous year, the club recruited Clive Stevens from Millicent as their coach. A 24-year-old centreman, Stevens, had the ability to lead his team by example. The

club was having trouble fielding teams but players were combining well, winning important early games. Stevens found the challenge to succeed an enjoyable experience with the players very keen. Some were having difficulty in adapting to the play-on style, which Stevens wanted them to play, but others, like Don Roney, tried to follow instructions and were easy to coach.

Clive was able to entice his brother Des to Hatherleigh and, under their guidance, the club was able to finish fourth, but again were losers of the first semi final.

Two players polled well in the Mail Medal, Lance Skeer with 14 votes and Clive Stevens who was runner-up on 17 votes — the winner Peter Mitchell of Glencoe polled 18 votes.

At club level, Stevens won the Best & Fairest award. Other trophy winners were Brian Skeer, most improved; Kevin Gard, runner-up to Brian; Lance Skeer, most consistent; Alan Thompson, most attentive at training.

1958

In 1958, a new Mid S.E. President Fred Basheer, welcomed the Kongorong Football Club to the Mid S.E. and Hatherleigh re-appointed Clive Stevens as coach.

At a Hatherleigh committee meeting on January 28 there was concern about the lack of jumpers, 20 more being needed for the coming season. Noel Bell made enquiries in Melbourne, but eventually new jumpers, blue with a white V, were purchased from Jim Watts Sports Store in Millicent.

At a further committee meeting on April 28, Don Roney moved that the club build new changerooms on the old tennis court: the dimensions to be 28ft x 16ft. The 300 pounds originally given to the Hall Committee in 1953 was returned giving the football club a substantial amount of money for the new building. By June 9, the committee decided to include an 11ft x 7ft shower and toilet block along with an umpire's room. Some members of the committee agreed to pay 10 pounds towards financing the gas showers and a 12 — volt lighting plant was purchased from Lance Skeer for 50 pounds — the changerooms are still in use today.

In between milking cows morning and night, Alan Thompson remembers cutting stone for days on end, to keep builder Frank Skeer going. There



Donor of the R.W.Skeer Medal — Mr Ray Skeer



1958 A GRADE

Back: A (King) Leopold, Gary Gurney, Alan Williams, John Stuckey, Don Aberle, Noel Bell, Peter Bell, Alan Thompson, Kevin Gard, Cliff Elton, Brian Skeer, Ian Smith, Max Thompson, John Bowman. Seated: W. (Scotty) Bell, Don Roney, Max Brooks, Lance Skeer, Cecil Skeer (president), Clive Stevens (coach), Neil Skeer, Albert Parsons, Arthur Skeer. Front: Frank Goldfinch, Colin Clifford.

were many who volunteered help, but the efforts of Alan Thompson in working three weeks straight played a large part in its successful completion. In these early days, Mt Gambier stone came in giant blocks of one cubic yard which were cut to size by the builder. After many hours work Mr Len Watson officially opened the new building on July 12.

In 1958, the club enjoyed similar success to the previous year, finishing in fourth position. The difference was their better form at the end of the season which gave coach Stevens and his players an air of confidence toward the finals. The B Grade also performed well to finish third, but played a poor first semi final, being defeated by Kalangadoo 17 - 12 to 3 - 7. The A Grade were more fortunate, winning their first final since 1949, defeating Mt Burr 13 - 14 to 13 - 10. This win gave Stevens and his players the confidence they needed, but in losing ruckman John Bowman through injury, the team lost much of its drive from the centre bounces. This proved costly when the team met Kalangadoo in the preliminary final, being defeated by two points 7 - 12 to 7 - 10. Kalangadoo went on to win the grand final by 3 goals. Even today, Clive Stevens believes they would have won a premiership had Bowman been available.

In 1958, a supporter of Hatherleigh, Mr Ray Skeer, donated a Medal for the club's Best & Fairest A Grade player, the Medal to be known as the Skeer Perpetual Medal and awarded on umpire's votes. Coach Clive Stevens won the first Medal on a count-back from Lance Skeer; both polled 14 votes. Stevens, 2 firsts & 4 seconds; Skeer, 2 firsts, 3 seconds and 2 thirds. The official presentation was made at the annual wind-up ball by Mr Ray Skeer, in the presence of the Mid S.E. President Mr Fred Basheer; Glencoe President, Mr J.L.Dwyer; and Tantanoola Secretary, Mr G.Considine. Other club awards were won by Lance Skeer, John Bowman, John Stuckey, Brian Skeer and Don Aberle. Seconds awards went to Morrie Bell, Best & Fairest; Colin Clifford, Max Agnew, Ian Leopold, Greg Todd and John Roberts. Trophies were also given to Clive Stevens, Max and Alan Thompson as best players in the preliminary final.

Decorations for the ball represented a football ground, with supper provided by many of those responsible for afternoon teas at football matches throughout the year — Mesdames A. Thompson, M. Thompson, N. Skeer, F. Skeer, W. Bell, C. Stevens, E. Parsons, N. Bell, T. Skeer and J. Howe. A large crowd attended the ball to see out the 1958 season.



*Hatherleigh relay team at the 1959 Caledonian Sports Carnival —
Ian Smith, Lance Skeer, John Stuckey, Greg Todd.*

In 1959, Hatherleigh appointed Ken Roberts as coach. An ex Richmond player, Roberts came to Hatherleigh with a great record as a coach, winning premierships in 1952 & 1954 and runner-up in 1953 with Minyip in the Wimmera League. He then came to Millicent and won premierships in 1955 & 1956, made the finals in 1957 and 1958 won another premiership as coach of the Millicent Under 17 team.

Beyond his best as a player because of a knee injury, at 34 he had plenty to offer in experience. Roberts had played 78 games with Richmond from 1947 to 1952, was runner-up in the club's Best & Fairest award and represented Victoria in 1949. His coach through those years was Jack Dyer, who Roberts respected, studying his style and learning much from him. Because of the Dyer influence, Roberts became a tough, no-holds-barred style of coach. On his arrival at Hatherleigh, Ken outlined what he expected and how the club would achieve success, "In six years I have coached teams to four premierships, I want one for Hatherleigh. Premierships only come after constant training and loyalty to your club. Don't bet on premierships, they are hard to come by; but give your full co-operation. We don't want any talk of clearances; stick to your club. Just as it rose last year, it will this season, but only if everyone



1959 A GRADE

Back: John Stuckey, Greg Todd, Brian Skeer, Ian Leopold, Kevin Gard, Bev Turner, Peter Bell, Neil Skeer, Ian Smith, Alan Thompson, John Bowman, Victor Bowman, Don Leopold, Arthur Skeer. Front: Noel Bell, Lance Skeer, Ken Roberts (coach), Cecil Skeer (president), Bob Downs, Barry Grosser, Colin Clifford. Seated: Alec Patten, Les Witmitz.

at Hatherleigh sticks together." One pre-season event that was becoming regular for Hatherleigh was their participation at the Caledonian Sports Carnival in Millicent on Easter Monday. Long the domain of Ian Smith, athletics were an important part of this carnival. In 1959, Smith won the S.E.Championship and Caledonian Gift and helped Hatherleigh win the relay event.

New club, Port MacDonnell joined the Mid S.E. in 1959 but Nangwarry were again forced to withdraw. The Colts competition became official with Hatherleigh's team being coached by Eric Parsons.

For many years the R.S.L. Sub-branches at Millicent and Kalangadoo had played football in aid of Legacy, with Mt Burr as the popular and picturesque venue. After about ten years, the annual Lightning Carnival was run by the Mid S.E. until 1984, the last year the carnival was held.

Hatherleigh didn't perform well at the Legacy Lightning Carnival but did start the football season in grand style winning all games in the first week against Kongorong. Most interest was in the new Colts team led by their Captain Ian Matheson. They didn't let the club down, winning 7 - 2 to 2 - 4. The standard of football was good, boys like Garry Clifford, Peter Leopold and Graham Oberlander played well all year and along with many others, these boys had a bright future as footballers. They finished sixth of seven teams and won five games during the year.

Hatherleigh's senior team struggled in their performances in 1959; Roberts played with a knee injury on most weeks and the club relied on their locals. Although Ken was able to get the players playing a more aggressive style of football, he felt he let the club down because of his lack of fitness. The club had a disappointing year, missing the finals, which was something unusual for Ken Roberts.

A tragedy for the club occurred in July in the B Grade game against Mt Burr. Playing at centre-half-back, Albert Parsons became ill during the match and passed away the following Wednesday. Losing a current player was an unfortunate occurrence; his loss and others since will always be remembered with sadness, but their contribution as players of the Hatherleigh Football Club will never be forgotten.

Having played all but one season for Hatherleigh since its inception, Alan Thompson won the club's Best & Fairest award for 1959.

A New Era — The Eagles

1960

IN 1960, Hatherleigh approached an ex-Glenelg player, Brian Potter to coach the club. Conditional on him finding employment, Brian's appointment was achieved when he accepted work at the new paper mill, Apcel. Potter liked what he saw on his first visit to the club, and, as had Lafsky in 1953, he too thought the oval was large. "More like a 40 acre paddock than a football ground". One can accept this remark when one realises the oval was wider and longer than it is today.

The Legacy Lightning Carnival at Mt Burr was again held in 1960. Under their new coach Hatherleigh were in devastating form at this carnival, demoralising all teams. Hatherleigh won the Lightning Premiership and Nenke Cup convincingly. Results were:

Round 1 Hatherleigh 5 - 1 to Port MacDonnell 3 - 2

Round 2 Hatherleigh 4 - 3 to Kalangadoo 0 - 3

Having led 2 - 1 to 1 - 0 at half-time, Hatherleigh powered away to defeat Mt Burr in the grand final 7 - 4 to 1 - 0. The best player award went to Hatherleigh's strong man, Victor Bowman. Hatherleigh started 1960 in their best form for many years, having themselves in top position after six games. Lack of senior players was a concern to Potter but the team was enjoying their football. Combined with a determination to do well this was proving a successful brew.

Potter had an ability to get the most out of his players, especially when he knew they could do better; an example of this was Victor Bowman. Potter remembers one match when Bowman couldn't get into the game, he wasn't showing his usual determination and dash from centre-half-back; in fact he was getting thrashed. At half-time Brian said to Victor, "Why don't you play in front for a change?" The rest of the team thought Potter was pretty game challenging him, Bowman was not a person who liked to be told how to play his position. Victor certainly wasn't impressed! He told Potter, "Nobody tells me how to play the game!" After half-time Victor was still fuming! However, what Potter had said worked, because Bowman dominated the second half, proving that Brian knew what he was doing all along. After the match the umpire approached Potter and asked him, "What did you say to Bowman at half-time." Brian said, "It is not what you say but how you say it that counts!"

During 1960, Peter Bell, John Stuckey, Don Leopold and Bob

Harvey were in the Mid S.E. Under 21 Makin Shield team that defeated Southern Ports 28 - 19 to 12 - 12.

Now in its second year, the Colts competition, was proving a successful addition to football in the Mid S.E. In their game against Tantanoola, Hatherleigh's John Janz, kicked a league record, 13 goals. Colts coach Eric Parsons had his team combining well. Hatherleigh and Mt Burr dominated this competition and finished well ahead of the other teams on the premiership table.

Hatherleigh B Grade had a poor year, finishing bottom, but the seniors sneaked into the finals in fourth position. Coach Potter gave the club great value in the forward lines and finished runner-up in the Mid S.E. goal-kicking with 58 goals. A naturally talented local player, Lance Skeer had his most consistent year defeating Mt Burr's Ron Carlson on a count-back to win the Mail Medal. Both players polled 27 votes; Lance went on to win his first R.W. Skeer Medal.



Lance Skeer receiving the 1960 Mail Medal from Mid S.E. President Mr Fred Basheer.

Hatherleigh defeated Glencoe in the first semi final and faced minor premiers Mt Burr in the preliminary final. Alan Thompson remembers the match as a day Hatherleigh dominated every where but the score board. The result, a draw, 12 - 8 each, was a big disappointment to many. However, the replay, scheduled for the following Saturday was a disaster. Alan Thompson said, "The team suffered a let down from losing the previous week". In this game, Brian Skeer was unavailable because of illness, Alan Thompson broke his collar-bone and Bob Downs finished up in hospital with a back injury. Mt Burr won the replay 8 - 16 to 6 - 6.

The Colts fared much better, with a top performance in their preliminary final, defeating Tarpeena 12 - 10 to 2 - 5. This gave the Mid S.E. a chance to see the two top sides play off for the premiership. In a great game Mt Burr won 11 - 13 to Hatherleigh's 8 - 6. Although defeated, Hatherleigh learnt from this experience and looked forward to 1961 with a lot more confidence.

The support given by the ladies in catering at home games and at social dances, had grown so much that a ladies committee was formed on April 13, 1960; elected President and Secretary respectively were Betty Thompson and Jean Howe. The ladies had always done a great job in providing food and refreshments and their impact on the club has grown

over the years; so much so, that today they now play an extremely important part in the club's fund-raising efforts.

1961

At the annual meeting in March 1961, members decided to change to the colors of the S.A.N.F.L. West Torrens — blue and gold with black shorts. Although some argued against the change, others realised that the Torrens jumpers would be easier to buy. Hatherleigh adopted the West Torrens name of the Eagles, ending an era where the club was known as the Blues.

Having had a good year in 1960, the club re-appointed Brian Potter as coach. This very popular and influential coach had his players eager and keen early in 1961. The season again started with the Legacy Lightning Carnival at Mt Burr. Hatherleigh went into this competition as reigning premiers and were keen to do well again. A draw against Tarpeena in the first round, required extra time to gain a result, when Hatherleigh were first to score, and were declared the winner. Hatherleigh met Port MacDonnell in the semi final and were more accurate in their kicking, 5 - 1 to 3 - 4, Hatherleigh won the right to play Glencoe in the grand final. In a very even game, Hatherleigh won their second Lightning Premiership in succession, defeating Glencoe 4 - 5 to 4 - 1. Hatherleigh's best player award went to Peter Leopold.



1961 A GRADE

Back: Eric Parsons, Barry Buhlmann, Peter Bell, John Stuckey, Don Leopold, David Altschwager, John Bowman, Peter Leopold, Ian Smith (holding son Graeme). Middle: John Seaman, Bob Downs, Alan Thompson, Victor Bowman, Lance Skeer, Ian Leopold, Max Thompson, Greg Todd, Trevor Skeer (president). Front: Colin Clifford, Neil Skeer, Morrie Bell, Brian Potter (coach), Barry Grosser, Noel Gurney, Colin Schulz.

In a season that promised so much following the Lightning Premiership, Hatherleigh lost their winning way, and finished a disappointing 5th. Lance Skeer, John Stuckey and Peter Bell were able to salvage some pride with selection in the Inter-league team against Tatiara.

Brian Potter was the Mid S.E. leading goalkicker with 73 goals. Victor Bowman, had a great season to finish runner-up in the Mail Medal with 19 votes. He also won his second R.W. Skeer Medal.

Having finished second in the previous year, the highlight of 1961 was the performance of the club's Colts team. This was an outstanding effort given that, at the start of the year there was concern over fielding a team, due to lack of numbers. Eric Parsons continued as coach and moulded his



G.W. Thompson — donor of the Colts Best & Fairest Medal



1961 COLTS PREMIERS

Back Row: Bill Ward, David Snook, Alex Bohner, Alby Huitema, Neil Whelan, Anthony Brown, Peter Marsden. Centre: Lance Janz, Geoff Walker, Brian Giddings, Garry Clifford (captain), Clarrie Cabot, Brian Caught, Eric Parsons (coach). Front: Colin Parsons, Benny Cabot, Charlie Ramsey, Denis Manhood, Robert Clark, Bill Briggs, Cliff Gurney.

team into a powerful unit that was able to win the club's first premiership in this grade, defeating Mt Burr 6 - 8 to 2 - 2. The win is remembered proudly by Garry Clifford, who was Captain of the side. He said, "We had some tremendous players, particularly the teams Best & Fairest and G.W.Thompson Medal winner, Anthony Brown."

Two long standing members who had served Hatherleigh for over 200 matches were honoured with the club's first Life Memberships in 1961. Arthur Skeer, was a past President and had been the club's goal umpire for 14 years and Ian (Rocky) Smith; a player since 1947. Rocky was a great ambassador and one of the fairest players to wear the Hatherleigh jumper. The presentations were made by the club's first President George Thompson. Club Life Memberships are well earned; Trevor Skeer is proud to have them started in his term as President.



Arthur Skeer — Life Member 1961



Ian Smith — Life Member 1961

1962

In 1962, a former Millicent player, Ivan Alderson was appointed coach. He replaced the popular Brian Potter who informed the club he would be unavailable to coach but would continue to play. The B Grade was looked after by Bert Whennen, and Eric Parsons coached the Colts for the fourth year in succession.

Lack of players was still a concern at Hatherleigh, and early this year Alan Thompson spoke to a meeting at Furner about more of their community playing for the club. The Furner community were strong Millicent supporters and Alan's comments were not accepted. The situation was made worse by Hatherleigh's refusal to clear John Stuckey and David Altschwager to Millicent. Hatherleigh tried everything to hold these young players but eventually both were cleared after many applications.

The year is one best forgotten; a loss in the first round of the Lightning Carnival and not winning a game until the last minor round didn't give the club many highlights from 1962. However, Don Leopold did play

Inter-league and Bert Whennen was runner-up in the Mid S.E. B Grade Medal. A Colts player, David Snook put in a big effort each week, running the A Grade boundary and often making up the numbers by playing B Grade. In what has become normal in latter years, 52 players played B Grade in 1962, making coach Bert Whennen's task very difficult.

During 1962, Max Thompson started a training programme for Colts players from the Rendelsham district, whilst Bert Whennen looked after another group, training twice a week at the Millicent Showgrounds. This became necessary as the club rebuilt their Colts after many from the previous year moved up to senior football.

Victor Bowman capped off another good year by winning his third R.W.Skeer Medal and Bert Whennen won the B Grade (now known as Seconds) Best & Fairest.

1963

In a reversal of roles from 1962, Brian Potter returned as coach with Alderson being retained as a player. Bert Whennen continued to coach the Seconds with Roger Webb as Colts coach. Potter continued to play good football although he quite often would cop a hammering from



1963 B GRADE

Back Row: Bob Sapiatzer, Cliff Elton, Brian Boyle, Jim Vanshaik, Steve Opperman, Hans Vanshaik, Alan Strother, Bill Ward. Centre: Bruce White, Neil Whelan, Bert Whennen (coach), Cliff Gurney, Brian Brooks. Front: Tony Oorthuis, Leigh Smith, Max Thompson, Robert Butterworth, Clarrie Cabot.

the opposition ruckman. In one game, he complained bitterly to rover Bob Downs that he was having trouble getting the ball to him because he kept getting kneed by his opponent. A true team man, Downs thought he could help! At the next bounce there was an almighty crash of bodies, Potter looked round to see his opponent lying flat on the ground in agony. He said to Downs "What happened?", Bob replied "I'm not sure". The same thing happened three times in succession. It is believed Potter is still not sure what happened, and Downs still proclaims his innocence! Upon retiring from football in 1965 Bob took on umpiring which he continued for 11 years.

Profile # — Bob Downs

Umpire — 11 years

Hatherleigh footballer — 1957 to 1965.

Why did you take up umpiring? For the challenge.

In what league's have you umpired? Mid S.E., Western Border, Kowree Naracoorte and Portland-Port Fairy league.

What was the most difficult situation you dealt with? Trying to stop an all in brawl between Hamilton and Hamilton Imperials. I eventually sat on the ball and said to whoever listened "When you're ready to play, I'm ready to umpire!" — being dumb-founded, the players stopped brawling.

Who was the most difficult player you had to contend with? Ken & Peter Mansell — Tarpeena.

What is needed to become an umpire?

5 years playing experience, be firm but calm, good personality and above all strive to be the best.

Potter again led by example, finishing third in the Mail Medal with 17 votes and for a second time was the Mid S.E. leading goalkicker with 55 goals. The R.W. Skeer Medal went to Ivan Alderson, Seconds Best & Fairest to Bert Whennen and Colts to Charlie Ramsey.

Although 1963 is remembered as a year when all Hatherleigh football sides missed the finals, it is better remembered as the year Hatherleigh joined the Mid S.E. Basketball Competition, now called Netball. Officially, basketball had started in 1961 and by 1963 interest had grown enough to support a B Grade competition.

At a meeting convened by Mrs Ivy Skeer on 17/4/63, Hatherleigh



*Cecil Skeer — Life
Member 1963*



*Les Witmitz — Life
Member 1963*

decided to enter a team in B Grade. Others who attended this meeting were Maxine Osborne, Colleen Manhood, Elizabeth Watson, Mary Reynolds, Jennifer Glynn-Roe, Pat Janz, Christine and Yvonne Schulz. Mrs Skeer was elected President and Yvonne Schulz Secretary. Mary Reynolds later became Secretary following Yvonne's resignation. Mrs Dot Allen was the team's first coach and was behind much of their early success. Team members included Glenis Skeer, Heather Walker, Maxine Osborne, Jenny Glynn-Roe, Christine Schulz, Pat Janz, Robyn McMorron and Dianne Pahl. Dot Allen held training on Mrs Skeer's tennis court at 72 Williams Road, Millicent the home now owned by John and Sylvia Seaman. There were some difficulties but nobody worried — the girls were enjoying themselves. Difficulties, like changing behind a hedge, because there was nothing else and transport to games were easily overcome. The girls had a great year finishing runners-up to Port MacDonnell in the grand final, losing by one goal. To cap off a good year, Robyn McMorron won the competitions B Grade Best & Fairest award.

Two of the football club's longest serving committee members were awarded Life Membership in 1963. Cecil Skeer, a past President and Les Witmitz, a timekeeper, had both been involved as committee members since the club was formed in 1947.

Phil Walker — Coach at 18

1964

A controversial proposal, that all A Grade players be paid, was recommended at the 1964 annual meeting. Put forward to stimulate more interest in the club, the proposal came unstuck when members voted against the recommendation.

Following approaches by Bert Whennen and Trevor Skeer, the committee appointed Phil Walker as coach. Phil, in 1963, played 15 senior games for South Adelaide but because South couldn't find him work, he returned home where he found employment at Cellulose paperboard mill. Phil was 18 years of age when appointed; he loved his footy and was willing to learn. At 18, Phil, along with Wally Dittmar who coached Penola, are probably the youngest senior coaches ever appointed by any club.

A former Millicent player, Walker had to receive clearances from South Adelaide and Millicent before taking up his position as coach of Hatherleigh. Realising that Walker would be a better player after his stint of league football, Millicent refused his clearance on the grounds that Walker had benefited from Millicent engaging expensive coaches in his days prior to going to Adelaide and that he should now continue his career with them.

To break the deadlock his clearance was taken to the S.E. & Border League's permit committee who upheld his application, but not before Phil had missed the first two games. Relationships between the two clubs were further eroded when Hatherleigh players Parsons, Whelan, Ramsey and McCallum were cleared to Millicent, but Ray Wilson's clearance to Hatherleigh was refused; finally a compromise was reached, allowing Wilson to play.

The Seconds were coached by Bert Whennen for his third year in succession, whilst Kangaroo Inn Area School teacher Rex Hosking was appointed Colts coach.

Hatherleigh started the season well, losing at the semi final stage of the Legacy Lightning Carnival to eventual winners, Kongorong.

However, coach Walker found his team struggling as the season progressed because of the lack of key position players. They eventually won five games but missed the finals by a large margin.

The coach of the Seconds, Bert Whennen had more success with his team, finishing the minor round in second position. During the season Tom Irvine held a dubious honour having kicked 1 - 24 after five games,



Celebrating the 1964 B Grade Premiership were: Vera & Jack Drewitt (Mt Burr President), Betty & Alan Thompson and Tops & Eric Parsons.



1964 B GRADE

pictured in front of the canteen & clubrooms

Back Row: Trevor Skeer (president), M. (Slim) Fennell, Garth Huppatz, Alan Thompson, Jim Lamont, Tom Irvine, Wayne McDonald, Cyril Campbell, Hans Vanshaik. Seated: Brian Skeer, Jeff Huntington, Greg Todd, Bert Whennan (coach), Graham McKenzie, Laurie Flatman. Front: Don Leopold, Kevin Murray, Bruce White, Bob Downs, John Skeer.

but things did improve as he showed later in the season when he kicked 10 goals in one game to virtually win the match from his own boot. The team eventually made it through to the grand final where they defeated Mt Burr 10 - 11 to 6 - 4. To cap off a good year, Don Leopold became the first Hatherleigh player to win the Mid S.E. Carthew Medal; he also won the club Seconds Best & Fairest.

Two Hatherleigh players, Victor Bowman 16 votes and Phil Walker 15 votes polled well in the Mail Medal, finishing third and fourth. Victor again won the R.W. Skeer Medal, his fourth.

This was Victor Bowman's last season, closing a chapter for this great character of the fifties and early sixties. Bob Sapiatzer tells the story of Victor being unable to play and watching the game against Mt Burr, from the boundary line, on crutches. The inevitable fight broke out involving three to four players from both sides. The Hatherleigh players weren't doing so well, until, on his crutches, Victor arrived — he had decided enough was enough! After he had swung a few punches, landing one flush on the nose of Mt Burr's Ron Peek, the fight suddenly finished. Victor picked up his crutches and resumed his position on the boundary to enjoy the rest of the game. This sort of action was certainly not recommended then, nor is it now, but is typical of the protectionist attitude Bowman had to fellow team-mates throughout his career.

Profile # — Victor Bowman Career — 1950 to 1964

Other Clubs: Millicent 1957 & 1958.

Club awards: A Grade Best & Fairest 1956, 1961, 1963 & 1964.

Hardest opponent: Joey Gould — Tarpeena.

Footballer most admired: Barry Robran — North Adelaide.

Best Coach: Ken Roberts — he could motivate a team when it was down.

What makes a top footballer?: Grit, Grind and Guts.

Profile # — Don Leopold Career — 1955 to 1972

Other clubs: Millicent

Club awards: B Grade Best & Fairest 1964

R.W. Skeer Medal 1965

Len Watson Medal 1969

Hardest opponent: Peter Ey — Tantanoola

Footballer most admired: Barry Robran — North Adelaide

Best Coach: Ken Roberts — Hatherleigh 1959.

What makes a top footballer?: Natural ability, dedication, fitness, listen to your coaches, learn from top footballers by studying their style.

By 1964, the committee had the club connected to E.T.S.A. power, and John Skeer was in charge of proposed club extensions. However, the biggest decision taken by the committee was the club's application to the licensing court for a liquor license. After learning from a group of lawyers, which included Mr Max Basheer (Now S.A.N.F.L. President), that their submission would cost around 400 pounds, Hatherleigh decided

to go it alone and draft their own. Being one of the first country football clubs in South Australia to apply for a liquor license, Judge Johnson of the licensing court questioned Hatherleigh representative Don Allen for more than four hours before granting the application. It seemed ironic that after the club decided against using his law firm, Basheer sat in on Hatherleigh's application in any case. The decision meant the club was now free to sell alcohol; this was done from the small room at the back of the changerooms. The move was so successful it led to the building of new clubrooms a few years later.



*W (Scotty) Bell — Life
Member 1964*

The girls entered teams in A & B Grade basketball, but after the grand final efforts of 1963, maybe they celebrated too much, as many of them fell pregnant and were unavailable in 1964.

The season ended with W. (Scotty) Bell being awarded Life Membership for his services as a timekeeper over many years.

1965

After a year when club spirit had never been higher, Hatherleigh re-appointed their popular young coach, Phil Walker for a second season.

At Mid S.E. League level, Nangwarry returned after being absent for six years and Bill Schuller took over from Fred Carthew who had served 15 years as Mid S.E. Secretary.

At club level, the committee decided to make a major improvement to playing conditions by sinking a bore and installing a watering system at the oval. Piping on the boundary fence was completed, and the "Woodroofes" cool drink company made an offer to supply an 8ft x 6ft scoreboard. For the girls, it was decided to widen and extend one of the tennis courts to make it basketball court size.

Colin Schulz offered 25 acres of land to grow barley for the club and later in the year, in a effort to raise more funds, it was decided to enquire about obtaining finance for the purchase of cattle which were then to be agisted by supporters.

Hatherleigh appointed a Millicent player, Benny Hanselman as Seconds coach, but after his clearance was refused Lance Skeer accepted the position. Rex Hosking continued as coach of the Colts.

Hatherleigh again lost a Lightning Carnival semi final to the eventual winner. After leading for most of the match, Glencoe pipped Hatherleigh by a point and went on to win the grand final 4 - 8 to 0 - 1.

During 1965, Glenis Skeer, wife of Club President Brian, managed to put their family car on its roof in a drain while driving to football. Brian,



Doing a Lap Of Honour are the 1964 Mid S.E. Best & Fairest winners:
*Bradley Bignell (Glencoe) Malseed Medal, Don Leopold (Hatherleigh)
 Carthew Medal and Barry Walker (Mt Burr) Mail Medal.*

still a player, got the message from Eric Parsons, who explained the story carefully and assured Brian that Glenis and the kids were quite okay and not injured. With his game about to start, Brian said "There's nothing I can do, so bugger it, I might as well play footy!" Glenis, who had scrambled out of the upside down car through the windows, and with her pride severely dented, walked the one and half miles to football with her three children Pam, Brett and 12 month old Gary. They later look back on the incident as a lucky escape, but Brian assured people, Glenis had more compassion for the freshly baked cake that she saw float away in the water than she had for the family car.

In a move to stem disturbing rumours and gossip, most of which were ill- founded, a football conference was held in June and attended by all local clubs. Millicent President Mr G.B.Hutchesson said, "These ill-founded rumours, which run through the district, from discussions in pubs and at places of employment are taken back to clubs, and they may be accepted as gospel, with the result



*Len Watson— Donor of the
 B Grade Best & Fairest
 Medal*



*Phil Walker 1966 Mail Medalist — Runner-up 1965
Coach 1964/65/66/78*

that decisions are taken which are not in the best interests of each club." Mr Hutchesson was concerned that clubs were not working together, losing support as a result. "We have to accept the position that we have two leagues in this district," he said.

Clearances were the main bone of contention between clubs, often being granted or refused on the wrong grounds. "We should get back to the sporting attitude, where money and payment of players is not the answer," Mr Hutchesson said. "If an individual playing for one club wants to play for another, his wishes should be respected."

Hatherleigh President Brian Skeer said his club's policy was similar to that of Millicent. "Actually, we have had a pretty happy set-up with Millicent this year." But Tantanoola and Mt Burr were not so sure, as both clubs said Millicent only did things that suited them. One question posed by this report of 27 years ago might be "Have we learnt anything since that time?"

Following another season when all teams missed the finals, Phil Walker polled 23 votes to finish runner-up in the Mail Medal, Don Leopold won the R.W.Skeer Medal. Peter Bell won the inaugural Len Watson Medal as Seconds Best & Fairest and Denis Manhood won the Colts Best & Fairest award.

Profile # — Nancy Downs

Basketballer

Player: 1965 to 1968

Coaching: Nil

Who was your best coach? Pauline Hyde — my high school coach.

Your hardest opponent: Rosalie Mader — Robe.

What netballer do you admire? Julie Francou (nee Robran) — Adelaide, Sue Tucker — Hatherleigh.

What is needed to become a top netballer? Sportsmanship and dedication.

Why is Hatherleigh a successful netball club? Dedicated coaches and players.

Hatherleigh added an Under 17 basketball team in 1965. Nancy Downs, in her first year at Hatherleigh, displayed dedication and good sportsmanship to win the Mid S.E. A Grade Best & Fairest and Julie Skeer, at 13 years, was successful in the Under 17 or C Grade Best & Fairest.

1966

Phil Walker continued as coach in 1966, this year coaching both A Grade and Seconds with Brian Skeer coaching the Colts.

In December 1965, a decision was taken that the cattle scheme proposed earlier that year would not be viable due to prices and that the club would be better to switch to sheep. Brian Skeer, Don Allen and Colin Burdon acted for the club. By the end of February 1966, the club had its first sheep, 132 wethers at \$6.15 with free paddocking provided by supporters. In a quick turnover, the wethers were sold by the end of March for \$7.20 giving a handy profit. In other ventures, ewes were purchased; later the club changed to cattle — all projects have raised funds for the club.

The barley crop sown on Colin Schulz's property was left to Bob Sapiatzer and Ken Watson to organise. Following a successful harvest it was decided a further crop would be grown for the next year.

Another successful fundraiser was a rabbit drive, netting 130 pairs and raising \$70.10.

Improvements to the surroundings of the oval included planting of a number of cypress trees on the south-eastern perimeter.

At league level, the Robe Football Club joined the Mid S.E. In February, Hatherleigh being their neighbouring club, invited Robe delegates to discuss boundaries. It was resolved that boundaries be 5 miles from each existing oval with open territory in between.

For the first time in six years, Hatherleigh defeated Port MacDonnell on their home ground, but generally it was another disappointing year, with only four wins. The Seconds and Colts fared little better and, for the second year in succession, all teams missed the finals.

Players selected for Inter-league were Phil Walker and Brian Skeer in the Wortley Shield team; Bob Crowe (captain), Garry Clifford and David Snook in the Makin Shield (Under 21); Con Fitzgerald and Peter Skeer in the Edwards Shield (Under 17). Graham Loveday, a Robe player who finished his career at Hatherleigh also played in the Edwards Shield team.

After another outstanding year, Phil Walker was named 1966 Mail Medalist. Phil had been a magnificent contributor, not only to his club but also to the Mid S.E. Phil attributes much of his skill to Herb Henderson, a former Footscray and Victorian full-back. Whilst coach of Millicent in the early sixties Herb, had taken Phil under his wing as a 14 year old and taught him how to ride a bump, back turn, mark overhead and most important, forced him to kick with both feet.

Phil also won the Millicent Community Club's inaugural Footballer of the Year, a competition between Hatherleigh, Mt Burr, Millicent and Tantanoola footballers, formed as compensation for the Community Club's lack of donations to charities within the district — their reason, the Community Club envisaged building new premises in Davenport Street, Millicent.

Basketball continued to thrive with the addition of an Under 15 grade in 1966. Still under the direction of President Ivy Skeer and coach Dot Allen, Hatherleigh entered three teams but none featured in the grand finals.

There is no higher achievement within a club than Life Membership and in 1966 Alan Thompson, a son of the club's first President was awarded this great honour. Alan had served 10 years on the committee, including two as Secretary and had been a player from 1947 to 1964. He also made a valuable contribution to the building of the new changerooms in 1958.



*Alan Thompson — Life
Member 1966*

The Exemplary Barry Walker

1967

PRIOR to the start of the 1967 season, excitement was running high for the club had recruited well. A past Mail Medal winner from Mt Burr, Barry Walker was the new coach, taking over from his brother Phil, who had been cleared to Millicent. The club recruited Ian (Stinger) Nettle, Peter Varcoe and John Copping from Millicent, Don Leopold returned after a year with that club, and an ex-North Gambier player, Steve Lynch was appointed coach of the Seconds. Others were, Derick Morse, Jack McCann and Ted Wanganeen — the club was looking forward to the new season.

It is ironic that Walker, who has been involved in more coaching success at Hatherleigh than any other person, lost his first game as coach by playing an unregistered player. Having defeated Nangwarry 16 - 19 to



1967 A GRADE

Standing: Herb (Nimmy) Rigney, Peter Varcoe, Hans Vanshaik, Bruce Keatley, Ian Nettle, David Redan, Steve Lynch, Garry Clifford, Trevor Hutchesson. Seated: Peter Skeer, Scott McDonald, Brian Skeer, Barry Walker (coach), John Copping, Colin Parsons, David Snook. Front: Dick McIntyre, Tony (Jock) Thompson.

8 - 9, Nangwarry then protested that Wanganeen had played without a clearance from his previous club, South Gambier. Although Hatherleigh had received a telegram from South confirming his clearance, Mid S.E. Secretary Bill Schuller upheld Nangwarry's protest as the Mid S.E. had not received the required clearance papers. "Unfortunately Hatherleigh has to lose the two points — or we might as well throw away the constitution", Mr Schuller said.

As the season progressed, Hatherleigh found the competition too good, winning only six games for the year — and one of them was lost on protest. Individually five players represented the Mid S.E. at Inter-league — Garry Clifford and Barry Walker, Wortley Shield; David Snook and Bruce Keatley, Makin Shield; and Malcolm Walker, Edwards Shield.

By mid year the club's scribe was tipping a Hatherleigh player to win the Mail Medal, however they weren't prepared to name their tip at that time.

During the year Hatherleigh Colts played a trial game against the Beachport boys, an exercise which served the club well in later years, when a Mini Colts competition was formed.

Trevor Skeer asked that rosters be drawn up to ensure the oval was watered. The barley crop in 1967 realised \$700 profit. New toilets were built at the northern end of the oval. A new scoreboard and timekeepers office were erected across the oval from the clubrooms. Alex Galwey built new toilets in the clubrooms and more cypress trees were planted.

The club scribe proved himself a good judge, when our defender Garry Clifford won the Mail Medal with 19 votes, a winning margin of five. His win was a fitting reward for a local lad, who started with the Colts in 1959. The committee were also proud that the club reaped the benefit of it decision in 1966, when Clifford's clearance application was refused! The saga of whether the club scribe chose the correct Hatherleigh player earlier in the year went un-answered.



Garry Clifford 1967 Mail Medal winner

For the second consecutive year, a Hatherleigh player won the Community Club Footballer of the Year, and both times a Walker. The 1967 winner was Barry Walker, who won the award on a count-back from Millicent's Neil Sutherland. Others to do well at Mid S.E. level were Tony (Jock) Thompson, third in the Mid S.E. leading goalkicker and Tom Irvine, equal third in the Seconds Carthew Medal.

Club awards were won by Garry Clifford, R.W.Skeer Medal; Tom Irvine, the Len Watson Medal; and Don Clarke, the G.W.Thompson Medal.

Profile # — Tom Irvine

Career: 1963 to 1980

Other Clubs: Calca Chandada (Streaky Bay League)

Club Awards: 1967 Len Watson Medal

Hardest opponent: Max Matthews — Glencoe

Footballer most admired: Barry Robran — North Adelaide

Best coach: Richie Ryan (Calca Chandada)

What makes a top footballer?: Dedication — eat, sleep and drink football.

In basketball, Ivy Skeer continued for her fifth term as President, but all three teams finished near the bottom of the premiership table.

Life Membership was awarded to Trevor Skeer in 1967. Trevor was one of those responsible for the Hatherleigh Football Club restarting in 1947. Trevor had been a player from 1947 to 1956, Secretary in 1953 & 1954, President from 1961 to 1964 and a committee member in virtually every other year. He was instrumental in the introduction of Life Memberships in 1961, he would again be Secretary in 1968 and 1970 and President in 1969. In later years, Trevor served as inaugural President of the Hatherleigh Sport and Recreation Centre, a position he held for three years. Nobody has done more for the Hatherleigh Football Club than Trevor Skeer. Having served on the club's committee for a total of twenty years he is the longest serving committee member in the club's history. Trevor still maintains his interest today, 46 years after he saw it start.



*Trevor Skeer — Life
Member 1967*

1968

Barry Walker was re-appointed for a second season. A player who led by example, Barry tried to draw the best from his players by making them believe in themselves; he claimed most young players don't realise their own potential.

Hatherleigh gained the services of Trevor Kelly as Seconds coach, but

other recruits like Madden and Altschwager were forced to stand out of football for twelve months when their clearances from Millicent were refused.

The Colts were coached by Steve Lynch, but, with few tall boys they finished their season in sixth place.

A former Hatherleigh footballer from the early sixties, Bevon Turner took over as Umpires' Coach of the Pines Umpires' Association in 1968.

Profile # — Bevon Turner

Umpire — 18 years

Hatherleigh footballer: 1958 & 1959.

Why did you take up umpiring? To keep involved after injury halted playing career.

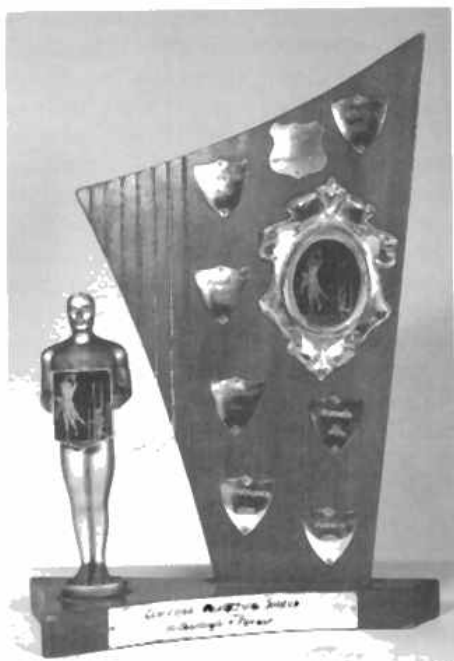
In what League's have you umpired? Mid S.E., Western Border, Kowree Naracoorte, Tatiara, Southern Ports and South Western Districts League.

What was the most difficult situation you dealt with? Seeing a goal umpire struck by a spectator — court action was taken.

Who was the most difficult player you had to contend with? Gary Lazarus — East Gambier and Chalkie Wishart — Millicent.

What is needed to become an good umpire? Good communication, commonsense, fitness and not to take abuse personally.

In 1968, several players were selected in Inter-league teams — Barry Walker (captain), Garry Clifford and Trevor Kelly, Wortley Shield; Bruce Keatley and Tony Thompson, Makin Shield; and Greg Skeer, Edwards Shield. Unlike earlier years, where much of the Furner district supported Millicent, many now played for Hatherleigh. Strong rivalry between the districts continued. In 1968, a football challenge was issued by Furner members and supporters. A Shield to be known as the "Clifford Family Perpetual Shield" was presented by Mr Ross Clifford as the prize. The match was to be conducted for ten years, and the team with the most wins after that time would retain the shield.



The Clifford Perpetual Shield

Teams selected for the first challenge were, with Furrer names on top, kicking up:

Dick McIntyre	David Altschwager	Ron Lang
Paul Abbott	Phil Walker	Barry Buhlmann
Alan Thompson	Ian Nettle	Doug Lang
Paul Black	Don Leopold	Nimmy Rigney
Wally Lang	Trevor Kelly	Peter Bowman
Colin Parsons	Wayne Altschwager	Chris Skeer
Malcolm Walker	Dale Baker	Jeff Varcoe
Steve Lynch	Bruce Keatley	Glen Clarke
Gilbert Bowman	John Stuckey	Phil Murch
Tony Thompson	Victor Bowman	Garry Clifford

1st Ruck — Peter Varcoe, David Redan, John Copping
John Bowman, Barry Walker, John Madden

Reserves —

Graham Marshall, Jeff Briggs, Robert Scudds & Noel Copping
Brian Sims, Brian Giddings, Bert Whennen & Phil Skeer.

The result was a win for Furrer. The Clifford Shield challenge went for a period of three years, not ten as originally intended, interest was lost when injuries took hold of the older players, and what was intended to be a fun social match became too serious.

In 1968, the club planted more cypress trees on the eastern side of the ground; the large pine trees surrounding the ground were removed and the committee decided that the club should become an incorporated body.

At a special committee meeting in October, a decision was made to build new club-rooms. A committee, comprising Trevor Skeer, Colin Burdon and Noel Bell was responsible for the original negotiations. With a licensed bar, there would be a need to appoint a licensee as required by the act; Garry Clifford accepted the position, still being licensee today.

In football, Hatherleigh missed their greatest opportunity in many years to win a premiership; having won their last seven games of the minor round, they missed the finals by 1.2% Barry Walker remembers this as his biggest disappointment as a coach.

The Seconds, who had finished second after the minor round, won their way through to the grand final when Port MacDonnell were disqualified for playing an unregistered player in the second semi final — Port MacDonnell had won the game 11 - 5 to 5 - 10. Unfortunately the "Bays" didn't help much, as Hatherleigh were defeated in the grand final by Glencoe 6 - 11 to 3 - 3.

Several top individual performances in 1968 were; Barry Walker,

runner-up to Tantanoola's Herb Henderson in the Community Club's Footballer of the Year; Tony Thompson, winner of the Furnell Medal (donated by Kalangadoo's Hein Family) as leading goalkicker in the Mid S.E. with 67 goals. The Furnell Medal was replaced following this season with the Jack Drewitt Medal. Trevor Kelly, had shown his class as a centreman in 1968, in one match against Kongorong he was credited with 51 kicks alone. Trevor finished third in the Mail Medal with 15 votes.

The winner of this years Best & Fairest awards were; Herb (Nimmy) Rigney, the R.W.Skeer Medal; Andy Wills, the Len Watson Medal; and Greg Skeer the G.W.Thompson Medal.

Profile # — Tony (Jock) Thompson
Career — 1960 to 1974

Other Clubs: Millicent 1972.

Club Awards: Nil.

Hardest opponent: Ian (Ned) Walker
— Mt Burr.

Footballer most admired: Chris McDermott — Glenelg/Adelaide Crows.

Best Coach: Brian Potter.

What makes a top footballer?: Dedication & determination.



Mid S.E. leading goalkicker in 1968 — Tony (Jock) Thompson

Hatherleigh basketball continued this year under the direction of President Lorna Bowman and coach Dot Allen, their four teams didn't make it through to the finals. This was the first year Hatherleigh entered an Under 15 or D Grade team in the Mid S.E. — the team was coached by Joan Delaporte; her daughter Sara was born at the end of it. Joan said recently, "It is probably why Sara is so keen on netball now!"

1969

Early in 1969, the second Clifford Perpetual Shield match was held at the new Furner Oval. Umpired by Norm Blum this match gave supporters a look at many of the new recruits who would line up for Hatherleigh in this season. Played in good spirit, but with plenty of fire and determination, Hatherleigh turned the tables on the Furner boys winning 5 - 5 to 3 - 5. Mr M. McLean, the President of the Furner Sports Club, presented the shield to Barry Walker, Hatherleigh Captain/coach.

The football committee accepted an excellent gesture from the Ladies' committee that they pay the A Grade coach's fee.

Recruiting for the new season brought in a number of new players, including Barry Jones, John Madden, Dean Nettle, Jeff Simpson,

Wayne Altschwager and Phil Armener, but even these recruits could not change the pattern of Hatherleigh losing another semi final of the Lightning Carnival to the eventual winner.

Hatherleigh started 1969 with wins over Tantanoola and Glencoe but then lost matches that should have been won. In the match, at Port MacDonnell, where weather always seemed bad, a hail storm forced players from the field for more than five minutes. Players took cover — in cars, under cars, behind buildings, wherever they could — but when the storm passed, nobody could find Dickie McIntyre — rumour had it he was stuck under a car or he feared more hail!

The A Grade had another inconsistent year to finishing fifth; the



1969 COLTS

Back Row: Steve McCourt, Garry Schulz, Barry Humphries, Kym Duckworth, Peter Walters, Phillip Brooks, Graham Manhood. Centre: Roger Watson, Vincent Bradley, Terry Moran, Max Rowe, Robert Morgan, David Reilly, Garry Nilsson. Front: Peter Scudds, Lance Chambers, Greg Keatley, Steve Lynch (coach), Phillip Bell, David Varcoe.

Seconds were third and the Colts fourth. The Seconds went onto win their first semi final but lost the preliminary final to Glencoe. The Colts bowed out in the first semi final, losing by seven points.

Inter-league representatives were Barry Walker, Trevor Kelly and Bruce Keatley, Wortley Shield; Peter Bateman and Dean Nettle, Makin Shield.



1969 A Grade Basketball team — Lorna Wilson, Christine Millhouse, Sandra Porter, Lynette Cabot, Lorraine Turner, Sharon Cabot, Brenda Bowman.

The introduction of a Mini Colts competition was accepted with great interest and by 1971 this competition would become official. In 1969 games were played at half time of the A Grade matches, Eric Snook was their coach.

The winner of the 1969 R.W.Skeer Medal was Trevor Kelly; the Len Watson Medal was won by Don Leopold; and the G.W.Thompson Medal was won by Phillip Bell.

By November 1969, a building committee, of Trevor Skeer, Alex Galwey, Colin Burdon and Brian Skeer, was formed to supervise the building of the new club and trees were planted on the boundary fence behind the proposed new building. Trevor Skeer recalls Alex Galwey putting in three months voluntary work building the clubrooms, while committee members drove his tractor and did his farmwork.

Thelma Keatley Presided over the basketball club in 1969. The D Grade team was the only team to make the finals but lost their semi final — Joan Delaporte was again coach. The year produced daughter Kate, and at the insistence of husband Ian, Joan gave coaching away — before her family grew any larger!

1970

A 22-year-old butcher from Apollo Bay in Victoria, Ian Rowarth was appointed coach in 1970. Although very young, he earned the respect

of the senior players, but felt the younger ones probably thought he trained them too hard. Rowarth, who gained many tips on coaching from his brother Allen, who had played for Melbourne in their golden era in the late fifties and early sixties, found the task of coaching players older than himself very difficult.

Hatherleigh started 1970 with plenty of confidence and chalked up a good win over Glencoe in the first game. However, after the first round, they had five wins and four losses. This was compounded when they lost the first two games of the second round before winning six of their last seven games. Rowarth was disappointed to have missed the finals as he thought that, on form, they were the best team in the competition at that stage.



Hatherleigh's Barry Jones and Ian Rignier (Robe) — Is this football or ballet?

The club was disappointed too, but after finishing the season so well, there was an air of expectation with regards to 1971.

Rowarth said he was very impressed with the professional attitude shown by the club's committee; he was well aware of the exceptional talent possessed by players like Greg Skeer, whose name he had passed onto the Melbourne Football Club to remember. "If Greg had applied himself, his natural ability could have taken him to V.F.L. level," Ian said.

Profile # — Greg Skeer

Career — 1963 to 1979

Other Clubs: Prince Alfred College 1969.

Victor Harbor 1973 & 1974.

Club awards: G.W. Thompson Medal 1968 and R.W. Skeer Medal 1971.

Hardest opponent: Phil Scanlon — Glencoe.

Footballer most admired: Rick Davies — Sturt/Hawthorn.

Best coach: Wayne Johnson. What makes a top footballer?: Discipline and natural ability.

The Seconds and Colts both battled, finishing their season in seventh place. However, the Mini Colts was now in full swing, although still an unofficial competition. Hatherleigh Mini Colts, under the guidance of coach Barry Walker and Captained by Trevor McIntyre, finished top and eventually won the premiership, defeating Nangwarry 1 - 3 to 1 - 2. One of the players, Michael McCourt remembers playing only part of a quarter each week but being so proud that he even got a game. Michael said, "One of the great attributes of Barry Walker, was that although he



1970 MINI COLTS — PREMIERS

Standing at rear: Philip Reilly, Kevin Brooks, Barry Walker (coach), Graham Watson, Kerry Bowman, Chris Bradley, Shaun Corigliano, Peter Sutherland, Ross Muggleton, Leon Slape. Standing in front: Graeme Smith, Bill Agnew, Brian Bowman, David Dunsford, Trevor McIntyre (captain), Graham Sapiatzer, Ian Sutherland. Kneeling in front: Neil Walker, Barry McIntyre, Graham Bowman, Robert Major.

often had 30 to 40 players to pick from he always tried to give everybody a go."

Individually, a number of players again did well in 1970, none more so than Barry Walker. Not only did he coach the Mini Colts to a premiership, but also, without the responsibility of coaching the A Grade, he won his second Mail Medal. Barry, who polled 28 votes, won by nine. He had previously won the Mail Medal in 1964 when coach of Mt Burr. Not to be out-done, Lance Chambers had an excellent year, polling 33 votes and winning the Mid S.E. Malseed Medal. It is interesting to note that the next best vote scorer for Hatherleigh after Lance were several players on 2 votes. Ian Rowarth finished runner-up in the Community Club Footballer of the Year. Club Best & Fairest awards were won by Barry Walker, R.W.Skeer Medal; John Cook, the Len Watson Medal; and Lance Chambers the G.W.Thompson Medal.



Barry Walker, donor of the Mini Colts B. A. Walker Medal.

On June 6, 1970, the new licensed club rooms were opened by the



1970 Mail Medal winner Barry Walker is congratulated by former Hatherleigh footballer, now umpires' coach, Bevon Turner.

President of the Mid S.E. Mr L.G. Wright. Including a bar, and carpeted area with a billiard table, the rooms were built at a cost of \$10,200. Later the committee ordered 18 tables and 72 chairs, costing \$750, and many of these are still in use today. Prior to the official opening it was resolved that Kevin Witmiz be appointed club-room manager. The following people acted as guarantors for the new club rooms: Trevor, Brian, Lance and Neil Skeer, Laurie Flatman, Alex Galwey, John Tenney, Steve Lynch, Don Allen and Lindsay Thompson.

At the opening, the committee surprised two club members, Norman Skeer and Fred Bateman, by honouring them with Life Membership. The father of Lance, Brian and Neil, Norman had been a foundation member of the club, serving on the committee and at many working bees, especially in the early years. In 1952, he also had the opportunity to play one game of football in the same team as his three sons. Fred Bateman



*1970 Malseed Medal winner
Lance Chambers*



Supper Time In the Kitchen of the
New Licensed Clubrooms

*L - R — Mesdames Nan Sapiatzer, Glenis Skeer, Joan Schulz,
Dianne Keatley, Anne Tenney, Maree Jones, Betty Altschwager.*

commenced as Hatherleigh coach in the same year, 1952, but he is best remembered for his 18 years of playing the saxophone at many club functions, always free of charge.

Eileen Brooks became as President of the basketball club in 1970. The season brought more success, the B Grade team finished fourth and the D Grade team second. The success story was for the D Grade girls, who won the club's first basketball premiership against Kalangadoo.

Individually, Margaret Brooks, daughter of basketball President



*Norman Skeer (left) and Fred Bateman, pictured with his saxophone
— Life Members 1970 — talking to President, Trevor Skeer.*

Eileen, won the Mid S.E. A Grade Best & Fairest award on a countback with 27 votes; Anne Marie Sears won the B Grade Best & Fairest award with 29 votes and Jeanette Hamilton lost the D Grade Best & Fairest on a countback with 33 votes.

Profile # — Margaret Bowman (nee Brooks) Netballer
Player: 1969 to 1991

Coaching: Began in 1972 and have coached every grade on various occasions.

Who has been your best coach? Beth Serle.

Your hardest opponent? Anne Cutting — Port MacDonnell

Pauline Mulraney — Kalangadoo

What netballer do you admire? Rhonda Cranwell —

Kalangadoo

What is needed to become a top netballer? Good sportsmanship and to accept new ideas from coaches.

Why is Hatherleigh a successful Netball Club? Good administration and Hatherleigh has the ability to hold players because the club continually wins premierships — success breeds success.

Premiers

1971

HAVING completed the 1970 season in good form, the club could look forward to 1971 with plenty of confidence, even though coach, Ian Rowarth, returned to Apollo Bay. In retrospect this worked to the club's advantage when they appointed East Gambier player Wayne Johnson as coach.

However, no coach can be successful without the players to work with, so the club set about recruiting wisely. A team-mate, Bob Edmonds was appointed as Johnson's assistant, other recruits being Barrie Smith, from Robe, and Peter Snook from college in Adelaide. Mike Nixon, a former rugby player and accountant Laurie Smith also joined the club.

A 25 year old school-teacher, Johnson was to be an astute tactician, a coach who spent plenty of time working individually with players to lift their skills and a person who soon gained the respect of all at Hatherleigh. Johnson always worked at the positives of the game and used training nights to focus on skill development, not nights where the players just ran around to keep fit. Johnson worked hard in developing the communication skills of his team and admired those who were honest in their commitment and perseverance.

Hatherleigh played a trial game against Lucindale early in April, and although beaten 14 - 6 to 9 - 12 the trial was very pleasing.

Seventeen days prior to the start of the 1971 football season, the Mid S.E. club delegates had to decide on a controversial increase in umpire payments. The Pines Umpires' Association demanded an extra \$2 a game for the 1971 season. Their demands weren't met and they were sacked. The league were now without umpires' less than three weeks prior



Wayne Johnson coach



Receiving the 1971 Lightning Premiers pennant from Terry Gray (second from right) and Mr L. Donn, Mt Burr R.S.L. (second from left), are Lance Skeer and Barry Walker.

to the new season. At this time clubs faced the prospect of obtaining umpires' from Adelaide or forming their own panel. Delegates chose the latter, and formed the Mid S.E. Umpires' Association. Although the new Association was formed in a rush, it was successful and served Mid S.E. requirements until the South East Umpires' Association took over in 1978.

Hatherleigh began their year with a 10 goal win over Port MacDonnell, followed by a hard fought 17 point win over Kongorong. These results led into the Lightning Carnival, where Hatherleigh had wins over the same two clubs. Having only met these two clubs in competition thus far, the question was — had the club really improved? The answer would be provided in the grand final against Mt Burr. In a match spoilt by rain, Hatherleigh won 3 - 2 to 2 - 2. For Johnson, this was the type of start he was looking for as coach.

The team's form continued, although, in round five, they came from behind to defeat Nangwarry by 3 points. After this match, some supporters were saying, "We don't mind if the team takes the lead right from the start; why leave it to the last quarter?" They may have been tongue-in-cheek comments but there is no consolation for losing. The club was reaping the benefits of success; there was an air of expectation, the supporters knew it and the club knew it, especially with an increase in donations coming forward.

By June 5, the two undefeated teams, Hatherleigh and Tantanoola met. A win to Tantanoola by 31 points had Johnson and selectors, Brian

Skeer and Jack Kelly pondering what went wrong. Although the lead had changed hands many times, Hatherleigh were concerned that after leading early in the last quarter, they let Tantanoola control the game and eventually win very easily.

In a sombre mood that night, the club's new honour board, donated by Mr Alan Scott was unveiled by company representative Ian Edwards. The board records the Club Presidents, R.W.Skeer Medal winners and Life Members. It was a day Wayne Johnson remembers well; as if being beaten for the first time wasn't enough, on his way home, he smashed into a cow along the highway — and later was clipped from behind by a vehicle after setting off on foot for the nearest farm house — Wayne said he should have stayed home.

The Inter-league match was next on the agenda and Hatherleigh was well represented. Trevor Kelly, Barry Walker, Wayne Johnson, Bob Edmonds, Greg Skeer and Mike Nixon were all selected in a training squad to play against the Barossa & Light Association. The match is remembered as one



Peter Varcoe, flying high against Mt Burr

of the best Inter-league games seen by supporters of Mid S.E. football. Trailing 9 - 2 to 2 - 2 at quarter time, Mid S.E. clawed their way back to eventually win 15 - 11 to 14 - 13. This was a great result for local football as the opposition had many former league players in their ranks, including ex North Adelaide champion Don Lindner. Mid S.E. best player was Tantanoola's 20 year old centre-half-back Peter Schutz. Many will remember Schutz giving Lindner a thick ear in the first quarter — and seeing him chase Schutz around all day trying to square the situation. Other best players included Wayne Johnson for his 4 goals and Barry Walker. The second round of the Inter-league, known as the Caltex Country Cup, was played at Port Elliot against Mid Murray. In one of the most one sided games on record, Mid S.E. defeated their opponents 46 - 35 to 1 - 6. Bruce Dean, now associated with Hatherleigh, had a field day kicking 10 goals and collecting 40 kicks along the way in this game.



Michael Bradley came over the back of this pack to take a strong mark. From left: Warren Mills (Mt Burr), Chris Skeer (23, Hather), Cliff Edmonds (10, Mt Burr), Michael Bradley (Hather), Barry Walker (13, Hather), Peter Delaney (Mt Burr), Garry Clifford (10, Hather)

The grand final at Victor Harbor against the Great Southern League was a triumph for the Mid S.E. who won 15 - 17 to 7 - 8 to become Caltex Division 2 Champions. Hatherleigh was represented by Wayne Johnson, Bob Edmonds, Trevor Kelly, Barry Walker and Greg Skeer. Graham Loveday and Bruce Dean who in later years were associated with Hatherleigh, also played in this match.

As the season continued, Hatherleigh lost one more game and finished on top after the minor round.

Highlights in 1971 included Mike Nixon's and club supporter Syd Mustart's efforts in a walkathon conducted by the netball girls; it was said Mike took 16 bottles to get there! On a more serious note, the efforts of Barry Walker, in umpiring and coaching Mini Colts and then playing in A Grade were outstanding. A Mini Colt player, Robert Major won selection in the South Australian SAPSASA team, he was representing Kangaroo Inn Area School and was recognition of this young player's great talent. Bob Sapiatzer acted as a selector on two occasions during the year and both times the team lost; was it a coincidence? Full-forward, Peter Varcoe once lost his shorts, lost his concentration and kicked a point. Perhaps the biggest highlight from 1971 was the day the Glencoe oval fell in. Although not involving Hatherleigh, it is part of Mid S.E. history. Glencoe were playing Robe, when at about the 20 minute mark of the first quarter, the ground suddenly gave way: the resulting hole at centre-half-forward was 20 feet in diameter and about 10 feet deep. The game was abandoned and replayed at Hatherleigh the following Sunday.

Hatherleigh were involved in some unusual results during the year,

having defeated Port MacDonnell by 10 goals in the first round, Hatherleigh won by a point the second time. Against Nangwarry, they won by three points in the first round and by 20 goals the next time; against Tantanoola, they turned a five-goal loss in round one into a 52 pt win in the second round.

During the season, with the club having many wins, Wayne Johnson saw a need to create more team and club spirit. He and selector Jack Kelly came up with an answer; a club song to be known as the Mighty Flying Eagle.

"We're the mighty flying eagles,
We're the mighty flying eagles,
We're the mighty flying eagles,
and we'll win the flag this year,
Down at Hatherleigh there's a mighty football team,
known as the eagles and will always play supreme,
we play to win and never lose in every game we play,
and we'll win the flag this year."

Not only did the song ring true in 1971, but it is an integral part of team and club spirit today.

The Mid S.E. conducted the Mail Medal count before the finals, and two Hatherleigh players figured prominently. Runner-up, and winner of the Dean Medal, which had replaced the Drewitt Medal, was Trevor Kelly with 23 votes and third with 21 votes was Greg Skeer.



Trevor Kelly, accepting the 1971 Dean Medal from Mid S.E. President Mr Lin Wright

Profile # — Trevor Kelly

Career — 1968 to 1978

Other clubs: Beachport 1959

Millicent 1961 to 1967
and 1974 to 1975.

Club awards: Millicent Colts Best & Fairest 1963.

Millicent A Grade Best & Fairest runner-up 1965.

R.W. Skeer Medal 1969 & 1972 — runner-up 1968, 1970 & 1971.

Len Watson Medal 1978.

Hardest opponent: Everyone.

Footballer most admired: None in particular.

Best coach: None stand out as the best.

What makes a top footballer?: Natural ability, dedication & fitness.

By finals time, Johnson had his team full of confidence and nothing less than a premiership would be satisfactory. His assistant and Seconds coach Edmonds added to the club's premiership hopes when his side

finished in second place at the end of the minor round, which put pressure on those in the A Grade.

The second semi final was a match up between Hatherleigh and Mt Burr. S.E. Times reporter, Mark Tompkins, suggested a Mt Burr victory after their second round defeat of the Eagles, but this probably played into the hands of Hatherleigh. With fierce determination to succeed and to prove Tompkins wrong, Hatherleigh ran out easy winners 12 - 8 to 7 - 11. "It was a victory achieved by superior teamwork," said Tompkins in his review of the game. The win was a happy occasion for all supporters including Neil Skeer, who didn't mind losing a bet he had made earlier in 1971 — Hatherleigh wouldn't make the grand final. Losing the bet meant Neil had to sit on the steps of the Hatherleigh Post Office and polish every players boots prior to grand final day — Neil happily fulfilled his side of the bargain.

Next would be the grand final, the selectors were in a dilemma, with both A Grade and Seconds through; who should they play and in what position? Obviously few knew how professional Johnson and his co-selectors were. The selectors spoke at length about the boggy conditions of the Mt Burr oval, Johnson, having noted John Madden's performances during the year, said he would be a great success in these conditions and should be played on muddy side of the ground all day; the selectors



Neil Skeer fulfilling his lost bet



Hatherleigh coach Wayne Johnson leads his team onto the ground on grand final day

agreed. The selectors also had the problem of who to leave out, which fell on Con Fitzgerald, Terry Mole and the injured Michael Bradley. Although they didn't play, their efforts throughout the year have not been forgotten. The grand final team was:

Full Back Line	Chris Skeer 25yrs 5'10 10.10	Bruce Keatley 24yrs 6'1 11.8	Ian Nettle 28yrs 6'0 13.4
Half Back Line	Malcolm Walker 20yrs 6'1 13.9	Garry Clifford 25yrs 5'10 12.12	David Snook 24yrs 5'10 11.2
Centre Line	Greg Skeer 18yrs 5'8 10.0	Trevor Kelly 25yrs 5'7 12.8	Peter Bateman 21yrs 5'10 11.2
Half Forward Line	Peter Snook 18yrs 6'0 11.7	Mike Nixon 24yrs 6'0 18.0	John Madden 24yrs 5'10 10.7
Full Forward Line	Bob Edmonds 22yrs 6'0 13.0	Peter Varcoc 25yrs 6'1 13.7	Barry Walker 32yrs 5'9 12.3
Ruckman	Barrie Smith 28yrs 6'3 13.3		
Ruck Rover	Wayne Johnson 25yrs 5'10 12.0	19th Man	Laurie Smith 21yrs 5'10 11.12
Rover	Tony Thompson 23yrs 5'6 11.3	20th Man	Peter Scudds 18yrs 6'1 11.7

Selectors : Jack Kelly, Brian Skeer, Wayne Johnson, Barry Walker and Bob Edmonds.

Trainers : Bob Sapiatzer, Bert Keatley and Colin Schulz.

Timekeeper : W. (Scotty) Bell.

Goal Umpire : Barry Buhlmann

On grand final day, Hatherleigh were represented by three teams, the Mini Colts played in their second grand final in succession, having gone through the season undefeated. Coached by Barry Walker and led by David Dunsford, the team was too big and strong, and played far superior football to win easily over Mt Burr, 8 - 9 to 1 - 1. Hatherleigh became the first winner of a Mini Colts premiership. They had won in the previous year, but it was an unofficial competition.

The Seconds came up against the powerful Port MacDonnell combination. The Eagles tried hard but could not match their opponents strength going down 9 - 9 to 4 - 4.

One of the unknown facts prior to the A Grade game involved the umpires. Bill Noonan, was the S.A.N.F.L. umpire in charge of the A Grade grand final; in his first year as an umpire, the author of this book was to run one of the boundaries. Whilst changing, Bill said he would like one of the boundary umpires to accompany him to the respective changerooms when he went to introduce himself to the coaches and to check the players' sprigs. Both boundary umpires looked at each other, not really knowing why, but I was the one who went. Having been to the Glencoe rooms first, we then went to the Hatherleigh rooms, Bill did what he had to do and we came out. When walking back to our changerooms, Noonan commented on the size of Mike Nixon. I recall, he said, "Who's that big bastard in there?" to which I replied, "Don't worry



FIRST "OFFICIAL" MINI COLTS PREMIERS

Back Row: Graham Bowman, W. (Bill) Agnew, Peter Sutherland, David Watts, Tony Clapham, Robert Major, Chris Bradley, Kevin Brooks, Philip Reilly, Leon Slape, Ross Muggleton, Michael Yukich, Barry Walker (coach). Front: Graeme Smith, Glen Jackaway, David Scudds, Tony Tenney, David Dunsford (captain), David Clapham, Bryce Rivett, Michael McCourt.

about him, he is their centre-half-forward and a good one at that." Noonan laughed, and said "Bullshit!". My answer was, "Well you'll have to wait and you see for yourself!"

The game started after Johnson had won the toss, and kicked to the northern end of the Mt Burr oval. The usual scrimmages opened at centre, until Barrie Smith palmed the ball to Johnson who spotted big Mike Nixon leading out from centre-half-forward. The pass hit Nixon



Heroes from the big league conduct a coaching clinic in Millicent—From left: Dennis Errey, wearing the state jumper and Neville Hayes (both from Port Adelaide), Trevor Hughes (West Adelaide), Gary Window (Central Districts) with Les Favell from Advertiser Promotions. In the foreground are Hatherleigh's Nigel Brooks, winner of the best junior at the clinic and runner-up Michael Cytrowski

on the chest, he kept running, regardless of Glencoe players hanging on each arm. Using his strength, Mike brushed them away like a spinning top, passing the ball to Madden, who had led to the muddy pocket. The passage of play went like a movie script. The tactical move of playing Madden in the mud looked like working.



Slim Fennell settling an argument during the B Grade grand final

The resulting goal set the pattern of Madden's play for the rest of the match. As a boundary umpire, it was my job to return the ball to umpire Noonan. This gave me the chance to remind Noonan of his comments about Nixon. As I threw the ball to him, I said, "The big fellow's a of a player isn't he?" I can't remember Noonan saying too much for the rest of the match.

Glencoe had a quick reply following Madden's goal, but their efforts ended in that first quarter, as Hatherleigh powered away to lead 6 - 4 to 1 - 1 at quarter



HATHERLEIGH'S B GRADE, RUNNER-UP IN 1971

Back Row: Ian Badger, Terry Mole, David Blenkiron, Barry Jones, M. (Slim) Fennell, Greg Keatley, L. (Joe) Bradley, Lance Chambers, Bob Edmonds (coach). Centre: Steve Lynch, Wayne Peters, Wally Lang, Tom Irvine, Laurie Flatman, Dean Nettle, Con Fitzgerald. Front: Phil Skeer, Geoff Bartel, Jeff Ellis, Roger Watson, Kym Duckworth.

time. In an even second quarter, both teams scored two goals giving Hatherleigh a handy break at half time, 8 - 7 to 3 - 3. At one stage during the quarter Hatherleigh led 8 - 4 to 1 - 2. In a powerful display of team football, players like Barry Walker, who had three goals on the board by half-time and Bruce Keatley who dominated at full-back were setting a fine example. Others, like Wayne Johnson and Bob Edmonds were playing inspired football; their leadership brought others into the game giving Hatherleigh a handy 34 point lead at the long break.

The third quarter produced another even tussle, Hatherleigh's 2 - 1 to Glencoe's 1 - 0, had them in a strong position for the all important last quarter. By now, Hatherleigh had good players all over the ground, with the likes of Malcolm Walker, Peter Bateman, Ian Nettle, Mike Nixon and John Madden. By now people would have realised the flexibility of Madden, one quarter playing on a half-forward-flank, the next on a half-back-flank. As Johnson had said, he would be a great mud runner. Johnson stuck to his plan and played Madden on the same muddy flank all day.

After six minutes of the last quarter, Nixon goaled, to give Hatherleigh a lead of seven goals, 11 - 8 to 4 - 8. The next 25 minutes was all pressure, as Glencoe fought the game right out. All the play was in their forward lines, but Hatherleigh had stolen a march on their opponents and won 11 - 9 to 7 - 11, for Hatherleigh's first premiership in Mid S.E.

Goalkickers were Barry Walker 3, Mike Nixon 3, Tony Thompson 2, Wayne Johnson 1, John Madden 1 and Peter Varcoe 1.

Best Players were, John Madden (best on ground), Mike Nixon, Bob Edmonds, Peter Bateman, Wayne Johnson and Ian Nettle.

Many tales came out of this memorable premiership. Not all can be told, but one that trainer Bob Sapiatzer recalls: he was told by Johnson to come out onto the ground at various stages of the last quarter with different coloured towels, each colour signalling to the Hatherleigh players how much time was left.



HATHERLEIGH 1971 A GRADE PREMIERS — Back Row: Peter Bateman, Garry Clifford, Ian Nettle, Peter Snook, Chris Skeer, Con Fitzgerald, Trevor Kelly, John Madden. Centre: W.(Scotty) Bell, Michael Nixon, Michael Bradley, Peter Varcoc, Barrie Smith, Bruce Keatley, Malcolm Walker, Bert Keatley, Barry Buhlmann. Front: Bob Sapiatzer, Terry Mole, David Snook, Greg Skeer, Wayne Johnson (coach), Barry Walker, A. (Tony) Thompson, Bob Edmonds. Inset: Peter Scudds, Laurie Smith.

The premiership celebrations went all weekend, but early on the Sunday, Colin Schulz remembered he had better head for home to milk the family cow. With the help of Trevor Skeer, both still in suits from the noctur-



Still celebrating Monday afternoon

nal celebrations, they set about milking the cow. After a number of tries and no milk to be seen, Colin said, "Stuff the cow, let's go back to the club!"

During the year the club began further improvements to its facilities. A committee of Trevor Skeer, Brian Skeer and Laurie Flatman started to work on more extensions to the clubrooms. Many

cabarets raised money for the club and popular Southend musician Bill Chambers was booked on a regular basis. Twenty one years later, he



Mr R.W. Skeer presented the R.W. Skeer Medal to winner Greg Skeer



"Ha Ha, mine's bigger!" Bradley brothers Michael (left) and Joe were first and second in the 1971 Len Watson Medal

has become well known across Australia as a top writer of country songs. The club made a big improvement to the playing surface, when it purchased a walking sprinkler system at a cost of \$1,006.

Later in October, on presentation night, the club announced the winner of the R. W. Skeer Medal, Greg Skeer. Coach Wayne Johnson,

described Skeer as a chap who could make league football, in either Adelaide or Melbourne. History shows that Greg never took up that challenge, but many are sure he would have made it. Michael

Bradley won the Len Watson Medal, Phillip Brooks won the G.W.Thompson Medal and Leon Slape the inaugural B.A.Walker Medal in Mini Colts.

At the Medal presentation night, Wayne Johnson announced that he would return in 1972 if not transferred in employment. History shows that he went to Victor Harbor, where he won the Great Southern Mail Medal and coached that club to a premiership the following year. In 1975



1971 HATHERLEIGH A GRADE NETBALLERS

Back Row: Julie Clifford, Dianne Adams, Margaret Brooks, Wendy Clifford. Front: Anne-Marie Sears, Josie Bowman, Sandy Castle.

& 1976, he again was a premiership coach, this time with the Goolwa Football Club. Johnson is regarded by many as the best coach Hatherleigh have had, not because he was a premiership coach, but because of his professionalism, dedication and approach to the task. Wayne believes the success in 1971 was brought about by a strong community spirit that had all sections of the club working for a common cause — a premiership.

In 1971, the game of netball replaced basketball in the Mid S.E. Eileen Brooks Presided over an improving club, with Christine Schulz as coach of the A & B Grade teams, and Josie Bowman coaching the C & D Grade teams. The club's A Grade finished fourth and the consistent

D Grade girls finished third. The highlight of the year for the netball girls was the win by Jeanette Hamilton in the Association's D Grade Best & Fairest, polling 37 votes, she won by a margin of 11. A magnificent effort, as she had been runner-up the previous year.



HATHERLEIGH, 1970 D GRADE NETBALL PREMIERS — Back Row: Rosalie Boylan, Jeanette Hamilton (captain), Susan Thompson, Julie Clark. Front: Dianne Schulz, Christine Bell, Geraldine Bellinger, Beth Hamilton.

Football and Golf

1972

IN 1972, the Mid S.E. Secretary of six years Bill Schuller did not renominate; his replacement was a former Kowree Naracoorte Secretary, Wilf Sprengel. A Robe resident, Wilf was to hold the position for sixteen years.

Hatherleigh were forced to replace their premiership coach, Wayne Johnson, who transferred to Victor Harbor. Appointed as senior coach to replace him was South Gambier's big man Jeff (Tank) Arthur, who won the position ahead of 1971 Seconds coach Bob Edmonds and Mt Burr's Warren Mills. Edmonds was re-appointed as Seconds coach and Mills became the U/17 coach.

Coming to the club with a big reputation, Arthur, aged 23, found his job more difficult than he had expected. Talents of fourteen players from the previous year were lost, including Wayne Johnson, Barrie Smith, Ian Nettle and Tony Thompson. The young Malcolm Walker also left and during the season Bob Edmonds left for W.A. Without this experience, Arthur had no option but to blood some of the promising juniors, like Lance Chambers, Greg Keatley, John Clifford and Lindsay Duckworth.

As reigning premiers, Hatherleigh soon came back to reality. A loss in the first game against Kongorong made the players realise that 1971 was finished, they must now concentrate on 1972. After this shock loss, and a poor performance at the Lightning Carnival, the team strung together four wins in succession to show they would still be a force. Players like Mills, Kelly, Arthur, David Snook and Edmonds were playing well.

Early in June, Edmonds resigned and moved to Western Australia. Losing another experienced player was a big disappointment to Arthur, but he had great confidence in the young lads coming in to the senior side. The S.E. Times reporter, Mark Tompkins was not impressed, describing their football as poor, writing on 8/6/72 — "The Hatherleigh Eagles might have arrived in 1971 when they won their first premiership, but it won't be again this year." This spurred the young team in to action, as if, to show Tompkins, that they could be a threat to the premiership. Arthur knew in his own mind, things would be tough, with clubs like Kongorong, bringing in players from everywhere in an effort to win their first flag. With four games to go, Tompkins had changed his tune a little, writing — "Hatherleigh will probably finish fourth but that will be their only appearance for the 1972 finals series." Hatherleigh put themselves

in the hot seat, with one minor round game to go, when they lost to Glencoe. This meant they had to travel to Port MacDonnell, who were third, and defeat them on their own ground to play in the finals. Not only did they win, but win convincingly 18 - 10 to 10 - 12. Supporters and players alike were celebrating, they had achieved what to many was impossible. The trip home was enjoyed by all. But as often happens when teams to the north of Port MacDonnell head that way, a questionable fog had set in, around the Bellum Hotel; it seemed a good place to celebrate the win by 8 goals.

The win meant Hatherleigh were to meet Port MacDonnell again in the first semi final. Hatherleigh dominated the game, winning by a bigger margin than the previous week, kicking 6 - 8 to 0 - 1 in the first quarter. Port MacDonnell did not recover. Hatherleigh's veteran Barry Walker, playing a kick behind the game and ruck roving, completely out-classed his opponents to be best on ground. Leading 9 - 15 to 5 - 5 at three quarter time, the Eagles moved to over-drive in the last quarter, kicking 6 - 3 to 1 - 2. Port MacDonnell's coach George Savige, who was shut out of the game by David Snook, later praised Hatherleigh for the way they played. Hatherleigh's coach, Jeff Arthur felt the good forward line and team effort were the reason for victory and, if they continued to play as a team, a premiership was possible.

In a poor standard preliminary final, Hatherleigh defeated Tantanoola, to move in to their second grand final in succession. By straight kicking and a determination to prove the pundits wrong, Hatherleigh came from 23 points down in the third quarter to snatch victory late in the game. It was a pressure game, where football skills were made even more difficult by the windy weather. With the scores close late in the game, Tantanoola's Peter Ey and Hatherleigh's Garry Clifford provided the crowd with two of the best marks of the day. Right on the last line of defence, Clifford's saving mark, the last of the game meant Hatherleigh won and played in the grand final. To reach the grand final against Kongorong, Hatherleigh had defied the experts. Although most people expected Kongorong to be too strong, no-one realised the fighting qualities of the Hatherleigh side.

Before a record crowd at Tantanoola, the grand final was won and lost in the first quarter. Playing more direct football, Kongorong kicked in to a breeze and led 2 - 0 to 1 - 5 at quarter time. Hatherleigh dilly-dallied around with short, silly passes, unnecessary handball and a lack of cohesion in their forward line. Kongorong used the ball very well during the second quarter to slam on 5 - 5 to Hatherleigh's 1 - 3 giving them a handy 27 pt lead at half-time. At half-time best players were hard to find, but Alan Cleggett, on a half-back-flank and Trevor Kelly, playing with a broken toe, were the pick of a very disappointing team. The forward line was beaten soundly; at this time the loss of some-one like Edmonds was felt most.

Coach Jeff Arthur asked his players for a big lift in the second half, to show some pride — reigning premiers shouldn't give up without a

fight! A strong third quarter, when experienced players, Barry Walker, Garry Clifford and Warren Mills lifted, Hatherleigh pegged back the margin to 14 points. Although out-scoring their opponents in the last quarter, poor kicking throughout the game cost them dearly as Kongorong won their first premiership, defeating a gallant Hatherleigh, 13 - 10 to 9 - 16.

With four goals and playing with a broken toe, Trevor Kelly was named Hatherleigh's best player. Others to play well were Cleggett, Mills, Clifford and Walker. Other goal scorers were Arthur 2, Madden,

Earlier on grand final day, Hatherleigh was rewarded with another Mini Colts premiership, defeating Glencoe 5 - 9 to 5 - 4, for their third in succession. The result was a credit to the boys and their coach Barry Walker. In his second season, the game was umpired by 21 year old former Hatherleigh colt, Greg Davis. Later in the day he was called on to run the A Grade boundary as well, this being his second final in succession.

Earlier in 1972, Hatherleigh attended a football carnival at Kybybolite. Representing the Under 14 age group, Hatherleigh began the carnival with a win over Millicent 9 - 15 to 1 - 1, followed up by a 5 - 10 to 3 - 7 win over North Gambier. Hatherleigh, Penola and Kybybolite had two wins each, and faced a play off to find the winner. The young Eagles defeated Penola easily 5 - 9 to 0 - 2, but lost Neil Walker, when he broke a collar-bone. Hatherleigh then defeated Kybybolite 3 - 4 to 2 - 4 in the grand final. Coach Barry Walker, who accompanied them to the carnival, was thrilled with the team's effort and the discipline of all players. Hatherleigh's best players at the carnival were Trevor McIntyre, Ray Blum, Peter Sutherland, Kevin Brooks and Kerry Bowman.



Bob Jeffries tackles his opponent in wet conditions



Oval improvements being made at the end of 1972

The Seconds and Senior Colts both had good years finishing third, but could not go on with the job in the finals.

During the year, the Hatherleigh oval was holding too much water. To improve the drainage, holes were bored in the wet areas to clear the water. However, over the summer months, soil was carted to the low spots, improving the playing conditions for future years. Following these improvements, the club found it necessary to employ a groundsman, Barry Walker accepted the position.



Entertainers Graham Green of Adelaide (left) and Bill Chambers (Millicent) are with President Max Skeer, Garry Clifford, Barry Jones, Trevor Kelly and Lance Skeer

In other developments at club level, Garry Clifford was instructed to enquire about changing the name of the Hatherleigh Football Club to the Hatherleigh Sports Club. Although not proceeded with in 1972, it heralded a change to the Hatherleigh Sport and Recreation Centre in later years.

Social functions during the year, included a Sunday morning visit by an Adelaide musician, Graham Green. Local musician, Bill Chambers was another who had become a regular entertainer at the club.

Early in August, a special meeting discussed extensions to the clubhouse to include a games room. The S.E. Times ran a story on the subject on the 17/8/72, with a caption — "Hatherleigh for Golf (and Football)". So began moves to build the golf course at Hatherleigh.

The R.W. Skeer Medal was won in convincing style by the skilful Trevor Kelly. The Len Watson Medal went to Terry Mole; Phillip Brooks won his second G.W. Thompson Medal in succession; and Robert Major won the B.A. Walker Medal.

Life Memberships were awarded to Brian Skeer and Noel Bell in 1972. Both had served the club as players and administrators. Brian was a player from 1952 to 1969, Secretary in 1956 & 1957, President in 1965, coach of the Senior Colts, selector and committee member for many years.

He later did another stint as President in 1981 taking over from Kevin Coulter and continued as President in 1982 & 1983. Acknowledging the Life Membership, he said, "Too many players don't do enough for football when they have finished their careers on the field." Noel Bell had been a member of the original team in 1947, had served as Secretary in 1947 & 1948 and been a loyal supporter ever since.

In 1972, netball continued to enjoy success. Eileen Brooks con-



Phillip Brooks receiving his G.W. Thompson Medal from Mr Ron Thompson



Noel Bell — Life Member 1972



Brian Skeer — Life Member 1972



1972 A GRADE NETBALL TEAM

Lorraine Kent, Pat Gardiner, Margaret Brooks, Dianne Adams, Pauline Hynes, Cheryl Walters, Wendy Watson, Margaret Gall.



1972 B GRADE NETBALL TEAM

Glenda Murby, Raeleen Smith, Jeanette Werk, Annette Bateman, Wendy Bowman, Laurene Haines, Beverley Clark, Sandra Sims.



1972 C GRADE NETBALL TEAM — PREMIERS

Heather Hamilton, Jacinta McCourt, Dorothy Watson, Jeanette Hamilton, Sue Thompson, Helen Skeer, Marion Lesslie, Pam Bowman.



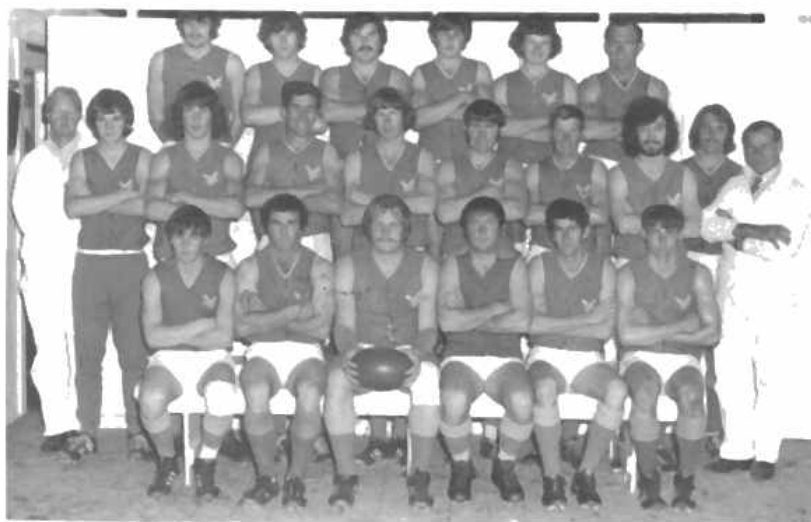
President Frances Lanza (left) congratulates A Grade Best & Fairest Margaret Brooks, runner-up Lorraine Kent, B Grade Best & Fairest Jeanette Werk and runner-up Sandra Sims

tinued in her third term as President, Mary Pettman became coach of the A & B Grade teams, whilst Margaret Brooks coached the C & D Grade. The best netball results were; A Grade fourth, B Grade third, with the C Grade girls taking out the premiership defeating Mt Burr in the grand final. Hatherleigh had provided at least one Mid S.E. Best & Fairest in the previous two years, in 1972, Jeanette Werk won the B Grade Best & Fairest with 28 votes.

1973

In 1973, Hatherleigh re-appointed Jeff Arthur for a further season as coach. Influenced by Norwood Under 19 coach, Bob Slade, "Tank" as he is affectionately known, tried to emulate his mentor's style. Slade had been a successful coach over a long period, a coach who had the ability to get players to believe in themselves, consequently, often playing better than expected.

Starting the season with a big win over Tarpeena, Hatherleigh didn't perform well in 1973. Three wins in the first round and four in the



1973 A GRADE FOOTBALL TEAM

Back Row: Roger Simpson, Greg Keatley, Ian Badger, Neville Chilton, Peter Bateman, Barry Walker. Middle Row: Bruce Copping (trainer), Lindsay Duckworth, Kevin Brooks, Bruce Keatley, Phillip Brooks, Garry Clifford, Chris Skeer, Neville Saunderson, Bob Jeffries, Bert Keatley (trainer). Front Row: Trevor McIntyre, Tony Thompson, Jeff Arthur (coach), Trevor Kelly, Brenton Hentschke, Ray Blum.

second, meant the team missed the finals for the first time since 1970. The Seconds fared a little better, finishing fourth.

One funny incident from 1973 is related by the then President, Max Skeer. On a Friday evening, Max farewelled the players as they embarked by bus for a weekend in Adelaide. During the trip there was the inevitable "wee break" and among those alighting from the bus was Greg Keatley. After some considerable time waiting for everyone, the bus proceeded to Adelaide — minus Mr Keatley who was left behind. Using his initiative, Greg decided to hitch his way to Adelaide to catch up with the others but by next morning, Greg realised he had a problem when he found himself in Mt Gambier, not Adelaide! Somehow, during the night, he had lost his direction. The persistent chap again set off, hitch-hiking his way to Adelaide. One can visualise the surprise on Max Skeer's face, early on Saturday morning, when driving near the Wire Paddock Road north of Hatherleigh, he saw hiking along the highway our Mr Keatley. Max asked him what had happened; Greg explained his turn of events saying, "Some-how I ended up in Mt Gambier, and damned if I know how that happened. I can't remember going through Millicent!"



1973 SENIOR COLTS — PREMIERS

Back Row: Peter Hampel, Bill Agnew, Rodney Little, Peter Sutherland, Stephen Bell, Ray Blum, Robert Major. Middle Row: John Corcoran, Ross Muggleton, Lindsay Duckworth, Kerry Bowman, Phillip Brooks, Philip Reilly, Chris Bradley, Peter Reilly (trainer), Bryce Rivett. Front Row: Stuart Atkinson, Nigel Brooks, Trevor McIntyre, Peter Watts (captain), Warren Mills (coach), David Dunsford, Tony Snook. Sitting: Greg Corigliano, Lawrence Owens.

The Senior Colts had an excellent year in 1973, losing only one game in the minor round, giving them top spot on the premiership table. Meeting their rival Nangwarry in the second semi final, Hatherleigh won by over nine goals. All year, they produced the goods, a powerful and potent forward line complimented by a mean and tough backline; 1841 points for and 373 against is testimony to that. Again facing Nangwarry in the grand final, Hatherleigh dished out another thrashing, winning 12 - 7 to 2 - 5.

The Mini Colts missed the finals for the first time. Although rebuilding, the team still managed to finish fifth. In a career spanning 10 years of coaching the Mini Colts, this was one of only two years when Barry



HATHERLEIGH 1973 MINI COLTS — Runner-up
in schoolboys competition

Back Row: Gary Blum, Paul Witmitz, David Anderson, Brian Bowman (captain), Chris Bell, Tony Walker. Middle Row: Garry Skeer, Wayne Jones, Brett Skeer, Phillip Smith, Michael Skeer. Front Row: Roger Skeer, Wayne Witmitz, Chris Bowman, Chris Tenney, Craig Skeer, Leigh Walker.

Walker didn't have his charges in the finals — a remarkable effort. Barry always had his teams in other competitions, this season a Primary Schools Lightning Carnival at Tantanoola. The players didn't let him down, making the grand final. Although well beaten by the Millicent Bantams, the boys enjoyed the experience and many went on to become good footballers for the club in later years.

The committee made a number of improvements to the clubrooms in 1973. A new carpet was laid at a cost of \$2,185 and new curtains were hung at a cost of \$417. The carpet is still in use today, and the curtains have now been replaced with vertical drapes. A Ferguson tractor was purchased

and a shed, 16ft x 11ft x 7ft was erected at the northern end of the ground. The shed is now situated next to the score board and is used as a barbecue shed.

The R.W.Skeer Medal was won for the second time by Barry Walker; the Len Watson Medal by Terry Mole; the G.W.Thompson Medal by Trevor McIntyre; and the B.A. Walker Medal by Brian Bowman.

The netball club again succeeded in 1973. At the Lightning Carnival the club had their best result on record, losing in the grand final to Kalangadoo 19 goals to 9. The A & B Grades finished third, the C Grade went through undefeated, including winning the premiership, their second in succession, and the D Grade finished fourth. Individually, Anne-Marie Sears was runner up in the A Grade Best & Fairest; and Jeanette Hamilton and Jacinta McCourt were equal third in the C Grade Best & Fairest.

Beaten by a Siren

1974

IN 1974, Hatherleigh recruited the experienced David Bertelsmeier from Millicent, where he had been coach for the past two seasons. Bertelsmeier came to the club with plenty of experience, having played many years for West Adelaide.

Hatherleigh coach for the last two seasons, Jeff "Tank" Arthur was appointed Seconds coach and retained as a player. With Nixon, Bertelsmeier, Clifford and the return of Edmonds late in the year, they gave the club plenty of big man strength. Hatherleigh also welcomed John Welfare, a nuggety rover who accepted the U/17 coaching position; the evergreen Barry Walker continued as coach of the Mini Colts.

In the first game of the season, Hatherleigh's big-man strength was evident. Bertelsmeier and Nixon kicked 8 goals each as the team completely outclassed Nangwarry to win 25 - 17 to 7 - 13. Inconsistent form in this round was a worry to Bertelsmeier — one area that must be improved if Hatherleigh wished to participate in the finals.

By the second round, Hatherleigh and top team Tarpeena, had improved to such an extent that Nangwarry were beaten by both clubs 37 goals to 7. These scores came three weeks apart, but big wins during the year mean nothing when it comes to finals — as Hatherleigh found out.

The Lightning Carnival was again disappointing; after defeating Nangwarry in round one, Hatherleigh lost their semi final to Tarpeena 3 - 2 to 1 - 10, but bad kicking is bad football. The saga of losing to the eventual winner continued as Tarpeena defeated Kalangadoo in the final. However, in netball Hatherleigh was successful, winning their first premiership, defeating Tantanoola 9 goals to 8 in the grand final. Captain Anne-Marie



Anne-Marie Fitzgerald (captain) accepting the 1974 Netball Legacy Cup from Mr Ren DeGaris. With Anne-Marie are team-mates Lorraine Kent and Lesley Venus

Fitzgerald proudly accepted the trophy for her team.

During the year two Mid S.E. Mini Colt sides were selected to play with South Adelaide and Glenelg as part of their competition in Adelaide. For Glenelg were David Anderson, David Scudds, Brett Skeer & Kevin Agnew. Managed by Barry Walker and coached by former Hatherleigh coach Fred Bolton, they lost 5 - 1 to 2 - 0.

After seven years as President of the Mid S.E. League, Lin Wright stepped down. Under the direction of the new President, Alistair Pegler, delegates introduced a 10 yr plan for finals. This plan meant all clubs had a fair distribution of finals; it is still used today. Age limits of the two colts competitions were discussed. Some wanted the Senior Colts age lowered by 12 months whilst others wanted the Mini Colts age increased by 12 months; both ideas were defeated. The decision on the Mini Colts age became an increasing problem over the next few years until it was resolved in 1978.



*Mike Nixon boxing training
against Terry Dean*

In 1974, Hatherleigh player Mike Nixon made a name for himself as a boxer when he featured in an amateur boxing night in Millicent. This sport had sprung to prominence, with other locals, Terry Dean and Robert Lesslie also doing well.

In football, Hatherleigh performed well in 1974, all four teams making the finals allowing them to win their first Mid S.E. Best Club Award,



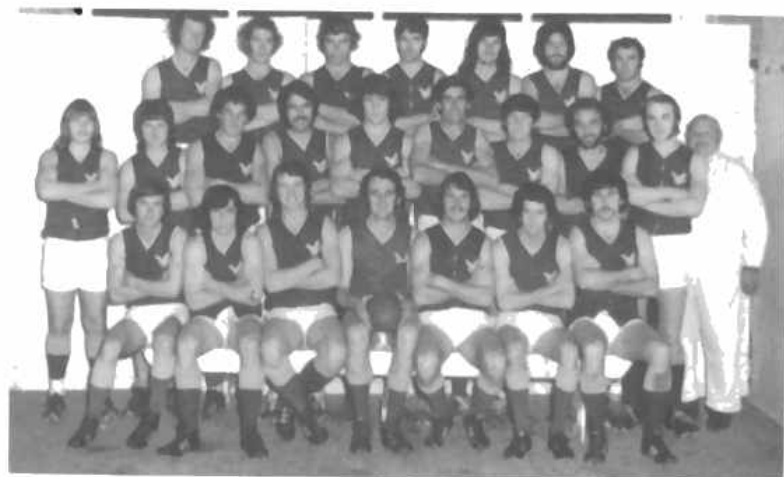
*In action at Tantanoola: Max Pascoe & Terry Carthew (Tantanoola),
Grant Venus, Denis Manhood and Garry Clifford (Hatherleigh),
Graham (Spike) Warren (Tantanoola)*

the South Adelaide Trophy. The A Grade finished fourth and met Mt Burr in the first semi final. Mt Burr set the pace for most of the match, until Hatherleigh overcame them in the final quarter. In the closing stages Hatherleigh were ahead by 3 points when the siren went. Spectators began to stream onto the



In action on first semi final day at Kongorong: Bob Edmonds (Hatherleigh) shoots for goals with Warren Peek (Mt Burr) standing the mark. Looking on is John Welfare (Hatherleigh) and boundary umpire Widdison.

ground, however, the umpire had not heard the siren. After about a minute of free play, Mt Burr's Brian Baker received a long pass in a tight corner.



1974 B GRADE

Back Row: Richard Bateman, Jeffrey Briggs, Jon Prance, John Madden, Geoff Tucker, John Mullins, Tony Thompson. Middle Row: Kym Duckworth, Garry Schulz, Terry Mole, Bill Peake, Kevin Brooks, Bruce Keatley, Con Fitzgerald, Richard Bradley, Murray Burdon, Charlie Howe (trainer). Front Row: Roger Watson, Greg Bell, John Homelhoff, Michael Bradley, Bob Jeffries, Brenton Hentschke, Greg Hall.



Jeff (Tank) Arthur (Hatherleigh) 1974 Mid S.E. Mail Medal winner

According to most, he couldn't have scored from the position. Many Hatherleigh players had realised the game was over, but the umpire was still not aware the siren had gone. With several Hatherleigh players on Baker's "Mark", the umpire awarded a 15 yard penalty, putting Baker that much closer to the goal-mouth! Baker obliged with a goal — and Hatherleigh were eliminated from the 1974 premiership hopes. Protesting strongly after the game, players and supporters alike knew they had been robbed of a win. The bitter lesson was that no game is over until the umpire signals that he has heard the siren.

The Seconds finished runner-up after the minor round but were bundled out after two successive losses. Their loss in the preliminary final against Glencoe 6 - 3 to 5 - 7, caused by bad kicking for goal. The Senior Colts finished top, won their second semi final against Mt Burr,



Jeff Arthur (right) won the 1974 R.W.Skeer Medal from Mike Nixon. They are talking to the Medal Donor Mr Ray Skeer

and repeated the result against the same team in the grand final, winning 16 - 11 to 4 - 5. The winning margin of 78 points, stood as a Hatherleigh grand final record until 1990 when the Senior Colts of that year improved on the margin by 4 points. The Mini Colts were eliminated in the preliminary final, losing to Nangwarry 2 - 3 to 0 - 6.

After a magnificent year, and without the responsibility of coaching, Jeff Arthur polled 22 votes to win the 1974 Mail Medal. Mike Nixon also had a good consistent year and missed winning the Dean Medal



Lance Skeer — Life Member 1974 . Discussing plans for the proposed Golf Course were President David Snook and Life Member/Secretary Lance Skeer



Garry Clifford — Life Member 1974

(runner-up to the Mail Medal) on a countback. Arthur later was declared winner of the R.W.Skeer Medal, winning by 59 votes. This margin, was 9 votes greater than the total votes scored by runner-up Mike Nixon. Winner of the Len Watson Medal was Terry Mole, his third in succession; the

G.W.Thompson Medal went to David Dunsford.

Profile # — Terry Mole

Career — 1963 to 1976

Other clubs: Millicent and Robe (Years unknown).

Club awards: Len Watson Medal 1972, 1973 & 1974.

Hardest opponent: Peter Ey — Glencoe/Tantanoola

Footballer most admired: Barry Walker — Hatherleigh

Best coach: Wayne Johnson.

What makes a top footballer?: Dedication & commitment.

Two more Life Memberships were awarded in 1974; Garry Clifford and Lance Skeer, both long serving players and committee members. Starting as a player in the first Colts team in 1959, Garry was Captain of the 1961 Colts premiership team; won the Mail Medal and R.W.Skeer

Medal in 1967; coached the Seconds and Colts twice; in twenty years of football out of 419 games he missed but one game; he was Secretary in 1969; a club delegate for ten years; licensee from 1968 until today. Following 1974, Garry held the position of President in 1977 & 1978 and is currently President of the Hatherleigh Sport & Recreation Centre, a position he has held for the last 8 years. Lance started his playing career in 1951, sometimes playing both A Grade and Seconds on the one day. A regular A Grade player from 1952 to 1964; he won a Mail Medal and R.W. Skeer Medal in 1960; coached the Seconds in 1965; was a committee member from 1958 to 1965 and Secretary from 1971 to 1975. Many have said Lance was the best local footballer they had seen.

In 1974, the senior netball girls had their best year on record, perhaps due to the coaching methods of Lorraine Kent. Lorraine's coaching was modelled on her Millicent High School coach, Beth Serle, who taught her pupils the value of training hard and to win at all costs. These traits rubbed off on her players in 1974, as both A & B Grade teams, coached by Lorraine, finished top after the minor round. Grand finals are hard to win, as Lorraine's players found out; both lost their grand finals. The C & D Grade teams were rebuilding in this season and finished 8th and 5th respectively.

1975

The biggest change to the functioning of the football club was imminent by 1975. The coaching staff remained much the same as the previous year, with the only change being the appointment of Robert Halliday as Seconds coach.

The big change came as a result of moves to revise the constitution and change the name of the club to the Hatherleigh Sport & Recreation Centre. The idea of a Golf Course came to light, and by March 1975, in association with the Millicent District Council, Hatherleigh applied for a grant under the Regional Employment Development Scheme to build a Golf Course of nine holes on 50 acres of scrub adjacent to the football club. On May 1, Dr Jim Forbes, Member for Barker, notified the club their application had been accepted. The grant of \$87,000 was for a nine-hole, par three Golf Course, with provision for an additional nine holes if needed in the future.

The idea created its own controversy, with some believing that the R.E.D.S. funds were being wasted on projects such as the Golf Course. One of these critics, Mr Tom Prowse, of Millicent, was accused of being prejudiced against Hatherleigh for stating the money would be wasted. In a letter to the S.E. Times, dated May 9, 1975, former Hatherleigh footballer Mr Bob Downs replied to Mr Prowse's comments by saying, "The Golf Course under the management of the most successful and financially well-run football club in the South East, will be a goer. Many people who would like to play golf can not afford the \$62.50 a year at the local course and many who travel to Beachport for this reason will use the Hatherleigh course." Questions posed in an editorial of the S.E. Times,

dated May 5, 1975, were: How will it pay for itself in years ahead? Why couldn't the Mt Burr course (Millicent Golf Club) be made a public one, using part of the \$80,000 to provide a decent bitumen strip from Mt Burr road in place of the present potholes? The editorial continued by stating Hatherleigh has a right to its golf — the grant has been approved and people will be able to enjoy a better quality of life at Hatherleigh's Golf Course at a \$1 or so less than at the Millicent Golf Course. The golf scribe of the S.E. Times, Mr Jim Watts thought the advent of a par three Golf Course at Hatherleigh would be a big advantage to the Millicent Golf Club. He said "As new players improved many would join Millicent; let's face it, how can you improve your game playing with two clubs?"



1975 SENIOR COLTS — PREMIERS

Back Row: Craig Wagner, Andrew Tilley, Paul Witmitz, Graham Sapiatzer, Greg Clapham, Kevin Briggs, David Clarke, Barry Ey. Middle Row: Bob Sapiatzer (trainer), Tony Tenney, Barry McIntyre, Graham Watson, Nigel Brooks, Chris Bradley, Peter Simmonds, Graham Bowman, Peter Sutherland, Peter Reilly (trainer). Front Row: Chris Bell, Brian Bowman, Bill Agnew (captain), John Welfare (coach), David Dunsford, Greg Corigliano, Craig Chittleborough.

The football season started well for Hatherleigh with three wins in the first four rounds. David Bertelsmeier led from the front, his 12 goals out of 17 in the second game was one of the best individual efforts seen at Hatherleigh for many years. Another to show early form was a new recruit, Robert Halliday. A skilful centreman, Halliday used his fitness to advantage; he never stopped running all day. As the season wore



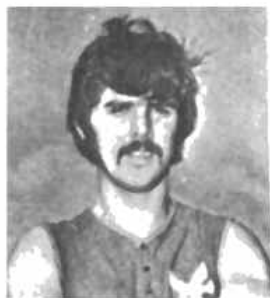
1975 MINI COLTS — PREMIERS

Back Row: Barry Jones (assistant coach), Brett Skeer, Shaun Skeer, Michael Bell, Graham Blum, David Anderson, Kevin Agnew, Neil Buhlmann, John Clapham, Garry Skeer. Third Row: Wayne Witmitz, Kym Lang, Wayne Jones, Mark Pretty, A.B.(Tony) Walker, Darren Amos, Stephen Hamilton, Tom Matthews, David Witmitz, Barry Walker (coach). Second Row: Craig Jones, Leigh Walker, Garry Dunsford, David Scudds (captain), Craig Skeer, Craig Scudds, Shane Amos. Front Row: Graham Buhlmann, Richard Palmer, Anthony (Ned) Corigliano, Eddie Chittleborough, Robert Chittleborough.

on, Hatherleigh were decimated by injuries to top senior players and eventually finished out of the finals in fifth position.

The Seconds were never settled because of injuries to A Grade players; they also missed the finals, but this was not surprising in the circumstances.

The Senior Colts competition was dominated by three clubs, Hatherleigh, Mt Burr and Glencoe, all finishing the minor round with 15 wins. In one of their worst performances in a finals series Hatherleigh were thrashed by Mt Burr in the second semi final 7 - 10 to 1 - 8. After defeating Kalangadoo in the preliminary final by 9 points, Hatherleigh played Mt Burr in the grand final. Having lost the second semi final, Hatherleigh produced a great form reversal to defeat Mt Burr 7 - 7 to 5 - 12,



*Robert Halliday
— 1975 Mail
Medal winner*



1975 A GRADE NETBALL — PREMIERS

Back Row: Heather Hamilton, Margaret Brooks, Jo-Anne Watts, Jeanette Hamilton. Front Row: Gerry Snook, Lorraine Kent (coach), Anne-Marie Fitzgerald.



1975 B GRADE NETBALL — PREMIERS

Back Row: Jacinta McCourt, Glenda Murby, Debbie Jones, Raeleen Smith. Front Row: Helen Skeer, Sue Tucker, Lesley Venus.

their third premiership in succession. The Mini Colts were coached again by Barry Walker and became the first team to complete a season undefeated. This was a credit to the boys, who met the old rival, Nangwarry in the grand final, and won 4 - 6 to 2 - 1.

With the success of their grant application for a Golf Course during 1975, the club gained a further grant from the Department of Recreation and Sport of \$5,333 on a 2 to 1 basis to build new changerooms for the netball girls. To include showers, toilets and ample locker space, it was something the girls hadn't had before.

Under the leadership of President David Snook, the club had changed, but as history shows, his committee should be proud of the pleasure they have given to many people over the years. As the year came to a close, Robert Halliday polled 28 votes in the Mail Medal to provide the club with their second medalist in succession. He had been a model of consistency, polling 6 first preference and 5 second preference votes; he also won the R.W.Skeer Medal, Mike Nixon being runner-up for the second year in a row. Returning to football after umpiring and playing hockey for the past four years, Greg Davis won the Len Watson Medal and Nigel Brooks won the G.W.Thompson Medal.

Mary Hamilton took-over as President of the netball girls in 1975, with Lorraine Kent again coaching the club's two senior teams. In what had been a gradual build up from the previous year, both senior teams finished in second position at the end of the minor round. With memories of 1974 when both teams lost the grand final, the girls went into the finals with a fierce determination. Playing Tantanoola, Hatherleigh reversed the 1974 losses, and both grades won premierships. These were the club's first A & B Grade premierships. Individually, Sue Tucker won the Mid S.E. B Grade Best & Fairest award with 27 votes. The club's other three teams finished out of the finals.

One of the club's longest serving administrators, Max Skeer was awarded Life Membership in 1975. Max first joined the committee in 1956, served as Secretary from 1962 to 1967 and as President in 1972 & 1973. Max is the second longest serving football club committee member in the club's history, having served a total 17 years.



*Max Skeer — Life
Member 1975*

H.S. & R.C. — The Big Change

1976

THE biggest change since it was formed in 1947 came to Hatherleigh with the addition of a Golf Course and changing its name to the Hatherleigh Sport & Recreation Club in 1976.

The nine-hole Golf Course brought many changes to the management of the football club. Although the Golf Course was funded by the R.E.D. Scheme, and under the control of the Millicent District Council, Hatherleigh was responsible for its upkeep and financial future. Many locals were concerned about whether the football club was the correct body to manage such a sporting complex.

At the annual general meeting in February, members adopted the title of Hatherleigh Sport & Recreation Club in response to the variety of sports now played at Hatherleigh. Some said a management committee would be better placed to oversee the running of the complex, but this decision was deferred.

By March the Golf Course was taking shape and many were impressed including Millicent's golf correspondent Jim Watts. "Course designer Mr Lance Beale and caretaker Mr Barry Walker have done a great job," said Mr Watts after an inspection early in March. "It will certainly increase the interest of people in golf in this area," he wrote in the S.E. Times on March 11, 1976.

On June 6, Hatherleigh's 9 hole par-3 course was officially opened by the Mayor of Millicent, Cr Gladys Smith. In her opening address, she said, "The conversion of a rubbish dump of bottles, tins and other junk to a fine par - 3 Golf Course was a tribute to all concerned. "The new course was curator Barry Walker's pride and



*At the opening of Hatherleigh's Golf Course
David Snook, Jim Watts, Lance Beale and
Barry Walker*

joy, while course designer Lance Beale, who also designed the course at Mt Burr, also deserved the thanks of the community. I am sure Millicent District Council feels you have done a mighty job," the Mayor said. As part of the opening ceremony the Mayor "Hit the first ball" — a hook almost to the ninth green, similar shots have been repeated many times by patrons of the course over the years! At the end of an enjoyable opening day, a course record of 28 was set by Graeme Sunderland, of Millicent; this has been broken many times since opening day.

Millicent District Council offered to underwrite all losses incurred by the Golf Course from July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977; this was later changed to 50% each by Council and Hatherleigh Sport & Recreation Club. As the year passed, expenses of the Golf Course started to financially cripple the football club. This raised the idea that a separate management committee should run the financial affairs of the expanded sporting complex. Hence, the Hatherleigh Sport & Recreation Centre was officially formed on November 15, 1976.

The first committee comprised seven people with no affiliation with any other Hatherleigh committee; President, Trevor Skeer; Secretary, Brian Skeer; Treasurer, Brenton Hentschke; Nan Sapiatzer, Bruce Keatley, Neil Skeer & Don Gilbertson. Due to the financial situation faced by the football club, these seven members acted as guarantors to the financially strapped club. Their input and influence was immediate; more prudent spending and careful planning of club matters soon had things back in order. As council gradually handed over management of the Golf Course to the H.S. & R.C., many were surprised by its impact; however, the work of those seven H.S. & R.C. members saved the club a lot of embarrassment and should not be under-estimated.

Later friction and factionalism between the H.S. & R.C. and the football committee reared their heads many times, leading Barry Jones to suggest the H.S. & R.C. was like a "Secret Seven" — the name stuck, and is commonly used today. Whether people like it or not, anyone elected to this committee is referred to as a member of the Secret Seven, not as a member of the H.S. & R.C.; the part they play in the management of the club is very important.

Hatherleigh had appointed a new senior coach in 1976; Robert Halliday had been assistant coach in the previous year and accepted the challenge of his first senior coach's position. Phil Walker returned to Hatherleigh as assistant and Seconds coach after a seven year stint at Tantanoola. Other recruits were Algi Paliokas, Greg Thiele and Trevor Kelly, returning after two years in Millicent.

Hatherleigh started their season in great form, Paliokas kicking 10 goals in the first game and Thiele was proving a very classy player. The club won their first three games very easily before losses to Tantanoola and Mt Burr brought them back to reality. This was Halliday's first senior coaching appointment, but he was enjoying the challenge. He concentrated on fitness and developing skills, believing a fit player will always obtain that little extra, even though he may not possess the natural ability.

Halliday was a disciplinarian, but players like Bruce Keatley and the experienced Barry Walker always gave 100% effort no matter how hard it was. The President of the day, David Snook had great respect for players like Walker who often said, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going!". David recalls an incident in his playing days which summed up Barry Walker's courage, determination and love for the game of football. In a year when the Lightning Carnival was played on a Friday with normal matches the following day, David received a corked thigh injury at the Lightning Carnival and by Saturday morning, he could hardly walk. However, he went to football to support his team-mates and tell Barry, who was coach at the time, he was in agony and couldn't play. Barry was not amused, and after learning that David still had his gear in his car from the previous day, sent for it. Despite David's protests, Barry soon coaxed him into his gear, then set off on a painful run down the highway to the house now owned by Brian Webster. By the time they returned, David could manage to run a little better — he played the full game. David recalls the day well, he had no intention of playing, but found out through perseverance that he could; he will always admire Barry Walker's determination; Barry had gone on that run with a cracked bone in his leg but was more concerned for one of his team-mates than for his own injury — Barry also played the full game. Barry Walker will always be thought of as Hatherleigh's "Mr Football" in the eyes of David Snook.

Poor football put the A Graders chances in doubt, but by August they stabilized, only to be dealt a savage blow when Algi Paliokas broke his ankle. Many said hopes for the flag went with Algi's ankle, but not so. Hatherleigh just made fourth position on percentage at the end of the minor round — and the fight for premiership glory was on.

Hatherleigh had good wins over Tantanoola and Glencoe to be surprise participants in the grand final, it was a non-issue as Mt Burr completely out-classed Hatherleigh, 20 - 15 to 4 - 17! Injuries to Barry Walker and John Welfare in the first quarter unbalanced the side to such an extent that they never recovered, suffering a demoralising loss. There are no prizes for coming second, but Halliday said, "To come from seventh in 1975 to second in one year is an effort the team can be proud of."

At league level, the Mid S.E. made history in 1976, when it defeated the Kowree Naracoorte League 14 - 17 to 13 - 15 to win the Wortley Shield for the first time. Hatherleigh was represented by Robert Halliday, Greg Skeer and Greg Thiele. The Under 21 Makin Shield team also won their match against the same league, 12 - 8 to 10 - 15. This was their sixth win in this competition and Hatherleigh was represented by Graham Watson, Phillip and Nigel Brooks.

The Seconds had a successful year finishing third; the Senior Colts finished fifth; the Mini Colts finished second but were bundled out of the finals, losing the second semi final to Nangwarry and being disqualified after the preliminary final having played an over-age player.

After finishing fourth in the Mail Medal, Greg Thiele won the R.W.Skeer Medal, Greg Davis his second Len Watson Medal and Andrew Tilley won the G.W.Thompson Medal.

In 1976 the football committee decided to display photographs of all past Presidents and Mail Medal winners on the walls of the club. History shows it was not done; in fact, it took until 1992 to have the club's Mail Medal winners displayed, however, the past Presidents are still to adorn the walls of the club.

During the early parts of 1976, the on-going problem of the best way to conduct the Mid S.E. Mini Colts competition was tackled by Hatherleigh's Mini Colts coach, Barry Walker. Since its inauguration in 1969, there had always been a difference of opinion as to the maximum age. The Mid S.E. Budget showed how the Mini Colts debate had fluctuated through the years.

1969 — The year Mini Colts were introduced to the Mid S.E. — age to be Under 13 on the 1/1/69.

1970 — Age limit to remain Under 13 on the 1/1/70.

1971 — Tantanoola wanted the age raised to Under 14 on the 1/1/71 but it remained at Under 13, Hatherleigh voting for no change.

1972 — Tantanoola again pushed for the age to be raised to Under 14 but were again defeated.

1973 — Robe attempted a compromise "That if a person turns 13 years prior to June 30th, this person may play for the remainder of the year." This meant in effect the age would increase by 6 months — the compromise was lost on the casting vote of the President of the Mid S.E.

1974 — Hatherleigh moved for an increase of twelve months but this was defeated again.

1975 — Hatherleigh again put forward their motion from the previous year, but it was defeated 14 votes to 6.

1976 — Robe moved for an increase of a year as Hatherleigh had done the previous 2 years, but again it was defeated, this time 12 votes to 8.

In the Budget of April 24, 1976, Hatherleigh's Barry Walker wrote the following letter:

Allow me through the Budget to get a message to all Mini Colts and parents of the Hatherleigh Football Club and three other clubs of the Mid S.E. that we once again have failed in our bid to have the Mini Colts age raised from Under 13 to Under 14 on January 1. Robe Football Club, in their wisdom and further foresight on administration of junior football and to improve the standing of our league, gave the younger ones a more even chance at their own age, by moving a motion that the age be raised to Under 14 on January 1 — their motion was defeated. I wonder whether the committees of some Mid S.E. clubs, before sending their delegates to the annual meeting, had sought coaches' and parent views on the above matter (as these are the people who travel in the early hours of the day to see the kids play, more so than the committee members of a

football club), or whether it is their own selfish views. Often I have found some clubs willing to drop the age of our Senior Colts by one year to allow a 14-year-old a more even chance, and make Seconds players more readily available, but isn't this the biggest backward step ever heard of? What father, coach or supporter, wants to see his product come through Seconds? They go from Colts to Seniors in the big league — what is the difference here? Wouldn't it have been wise to support Robe's motion and leave the little ones of 8, 9 and 10 out of football for the time being and look after the yet-to-grow 13 and 14-year-old lads who have had a taste of our great game; rather than have Mum say, "He's not playing against those big seniors, or I'll take him to another league or sport where they provide for his age and size."

In the Budget of May 1, Rhonda Lepley of Kalangadoo answered Barry's letter:

"I understand that at the recent A.G.M., a motion to raise the age of Mini Colts by one year was defeated by a majority vote. According to Mr Walker, the majority are completely wrong and the correct decision should have been carried on a minority vote. Certain clubs have an excess of junior footballers whilst others barely have enough. The smaller clubs would have been severely disadvantaged by an increase in age; I'm sure Mr Walker would agree you can't play 8 and 10 year olds against 14 year olds. This could possibly reduce the number of teams in the competition and thereby weaken the Mid S.E. In Kalangadoo at the present time, if we exclude the 8 and 10-year-olds from football (as Mr Walker advocates) we wouldn't be able to field a team in the competition. In conclusion, I would like to remind Mr Walker that administrators of clubs are organising sport for the youth of our district, and most aren't in close proximity to large towns; they have to rely on local lads to form a team."

Rhonda Lepley may have thought Barry Walker was wrong, but history shows he was closer to the point than perhaps she was prepared to accept. By 1977, a majority of clubs did vote in favour of increasing the age to Under 14 on January 1, and it has remained that way ever since. Ironically Kalangadoo have always managed to field a team throughout that time.

At the completion of the 1976 season, Robert Halliday produced a players magazine. Included were articles from the President, David Snook; Secretary, Barry Walker and a selector, Brian Skeer, also a report from a new recruit, Greg Thiele, but perhaps the best was from coach Halliday, who wrote a poem titled "Doc's Dirty Ditties", which went like this —

He is swift he is sure
his drop kicks they do score
that's our Trevor Kelly
always to the fore.

As ruckman go he is small
though in heart he is tall
in application and dedication
Bruce Keatley shows us all.

From Tumby came Thiele
a pleasant surprise really
it wasn't but long
before the crowds they did throng
to see the little black duck
in the first ruck.

The mark of the day
towards Nigel it did stray
but along came Linton Cram
and into Nigel he did slam.

Although Nigel shook
the mark he still took
and for twenty weeks after
Nigel still cried with laughter.

Along came Phil Brooks
to attract spectators' looks
up backs he did soar
to increase our score.

From Uni came Rob Carthew
to hand out a fair few
the left leg it did swing
with a deadly ring
the tongue it did flap
a footballer to wrap.

He is the Faulk with a beard
on banknotes he is reared
a gentle young man
with a faultless plan
to create for his team-mates whenever he can.

Consider our Tuck
what of his luck
from pillar to post
like a ball he's been struck.

Through thick and thin
lose or win
good luck Tuck
to his mates he has stuck.

The grand 37 year old of football
two Mail Medals in all
a legend in his time
above Barry Walker no other
footballer will shine.

Skeery's his name — loves rovers
and forward pockets
send them rockets
and pisses in their pockets.

At 18 the best full-back in the league
Watto's his name
he shot to fame
as he kept full-forwards out of the game.

Training is his speciality
while on his Furner run
but he'd rather Kangaroo Inn
than this for bloody fun.

Phil has his bald head
Sampson had his lengthy locks
if only they had interbred
Phil might have hair upon his head.

They call him baby-basher
we call him Cat
the boy with the sheepish grin
will elbow them in the chin.

There is a lad called Dilbrey
a Robran he never will be
but at farting have no fears
good old Dilbrey has no peers.

His is short and thick
as solid as a brick
he burrows in packs
and climbs up backs
that one and only extraordinaire
that's Johnny Welfare.

Half-back is Ray Blum
half-forwards are his fun
well at home on the run
or grasping a wench by the bum.



A GRADE NETBALL — PREMIERS

Back Row: Jeanette Hamilton, Debbie Jones, Margaret Brooks, Heather Hamilton. Front Row: Lesley Venus, Lorraine Kent (capt/coach), Anne-Marie Fitzgerald.



B GRADE NETBALL — PREMIERS

Back Row: Debbie McCallum, Jacinta McCourt, Glenda Murby, Raeleen Smith, Dianne Redman, Lorraine Kent (coach). Front Row: Midge Lee, Dianne Schulz, Christine Bell, Helen Skeer.

80 miles to train
wind or rain
Peter Snook is his name
to win is his aim.

Doc is no poet
and now you all know it
to him it's been great
to have you all as a mate.

By 1976, Hatherleigh netball girls had become almost invincible in A Grade and B Grade. The A Grade won the Legacy Cup on Anzac Day and completed the double by winning their second premiership in succession by going through the season undefeated. The B Grade girls won their second premiership in two years to complete a magnificent double for the club. To their credit, both sides represented the Mid S.E. at the end of season Champion of Champions tournament in Mt Gambier; both sides were successful, underlining the strength of these girls not only in the Mid S.E. but throughout the south east. During the year, nine Hatherleigh girls were selected in the Mid S.E. Inter-league squad with seven chosen in the final A & B teams.

Profile # — Lorraine Faulkner (nee Kent)

Netballer

Player: 1972 to 1986.

Coach: 1973 to 1993.

Who has been your best coach? Beth Serle.

Your hardest opponent: Janie Lepley — Kalangadoo.

What netballer do you admire? Judy Hill — Kalangadoo.

What is needed to become a top netballer? Listen to your peers, train regularly and believe in yourself.

Why is Hatherleigh a successful netball club? Good coaching methods aimed at retaining juniors.



*Neil Skeer — Life
Member 1976*

The other sides also had good years; the C Grade girls finished fourth; the D Grade finished seventh and the little E Grade girls made their grand final.

Two more club Life Memberships were awarded; both Neil Skeer and Kevin Witmitz had been players and long time supporters of the Hatherleigh Football Club. Neil had been a player from 1953 to 1966, was club Treasurer for two years, Bar Manager for three years and in the years following his Life Membership, spent five years on the H.S.& R.C. including two as Secretary. Neil is still an active supporter of the club and is a member of the committee responsible for the launch of this book.

Kevin (Snow) Witmitz started his playing career in the late fifties, continuing until the mid sixties. Not a brilliant footballer, Snow is best remembered as a loyal supporter. He was the first Bar Manager of the club when licences were introduced in 1970 and a committee member for four years. Many of Snow's achievements have gone un-noticed by most because he was one who preferred to work behind the scenes, rather than in the limelight.



Kevin Witmitz — Life Member

The Halliday Saga

1977

IN 1977, Robert Halliday continued as coach, developing team skills and working on deficiencies which showed up in the 1976 grand final. A pre-season trip to Encounter Bay, where Halliday had played for nine years as a junior, became a weekend where the boys let their hair down and enjoyed themselves, this is normally the type of thing that occurs at the end of a season not at the start, but this was part of Halliday's strategy.

Starting 1977 in similar form to the previous year, Hatherleigh had five wins on the board before the wheels fell off and three losses preceded their next win; the team struggled for the remainder of the year.

Although they finished third after the minor round, Halliday had become irritated by the attitude of some of his senior players in the lead-up to the first semi final. Irresponsible attitudes and lack of professionalism were things which the intense Halliday found hard to forgive. He felt that because of the lack of commitment of these so called "Name" players, the team never really had a chance of success in 1977. More importantly, he believed they let down their team-mates, which is a cardinal sin of team sports. Hatherleigh lost the first semi final, bowing out of the finals prematurely, according to Halliday.

In his second season at Hatherleigh, Greg Thiele was showing his class as a rover; a good consistent year enabled him to win the Dean Medal with 15 votes. Although Thiele and Halliday had polled so well in the Mail Medal, the club's R.W.Skeer Medal produced a surprise winner Phillip Brooks. Phil had been a consistent performer since his younger days, having won two G.W.Thompson Medals before.

In the Seconds, Richard DeGaris received spinal injuries in June when he became paralysed from the neck down for a short time. When Richard had been tackled, he landed on his head, sustaining one of the worst injuries seen at Hatherleigh. This incident underlines the importance of trainers, and knowledge they need to have; hospital staff at the time had commended the club on their First Aid treatment and the care taken. Coached by Phil Walker, the Seconds finished well down the ladder in 1977; Trevor Briggs won the Len Watson Medal.

Profile # — Trevor Briggs Career — 1968 to 1977

Other clubs: A.N.Z. Bank (Glenelg South West Association) 1969 & 1970.

North Gambier 1971.

Mt Lawley (Perth) 1973.

Club awards: Len Watson Medal 1977.

Hardest opponent: Keith Baker — Mt Burr.

Footballer most admired: Bob Tilby — Millicent/Mt Burr.

Best coach: David Bertelsmeier — Hatherleigh.

What makes a top footballer?: Determination, speed and the ability to kick both feet.

Profile # — Bob Sapiatzer

Trainer — 1964 to 1984

Why did you become a trainer? I wanted to do something for the club.

Did you have any formal training? No.

The worst injury treated? A spinal injury to Richard DeGaris.

Who was the most difficult player you treated? Garry Clifford — just as you got to him, he would get up, abuse you and walk away.

What were your tools of trade? Oil, tape and a wet towel.



1977 MINI COLTS — PREMIERS

Back Row: James Dunn, Tom Matthews, Stephen Hampel, Phillip Smith, Mark Thompson, Ross Tenney, Barry Varcoe, Craig Scudds, Nigel Allen, Stephen Irvine, Stanley Huppertz. Middle Row: Bob Allen (trainer), Brian Amos (team manager), Craig Jones, Peter Wortley, Wayne Witmitz, Craig Skeer, Shane Amos, Garry Skeer, Chris Tenney, Neville Atkinson, Mark Battersby, John Tenney (goal umpire). Front Row: Mark Phillips, Malcolm Wilson, David Sapiatzer, Scott Irvine, Leigh Walker, Barry Walker (coach), Wayne Jones (Captain), Alister Schuller, Eddie Chit-leborough, Richard Palmer, Kym Lang.

The Senior Colts were coached by a school teacher Rob Carthew, and finished second, after losing their grand final to Mt Burr 8 - 7 to 7 - 10. The tale of "Bad kicking is bad football" cost the boys a premiership. With three shots at goal in the last couple of minutes, they had their chances, but couldn't convert at this vital stage. The side can be proud of its improvement after the thrashing by 12 goals in the second semi final.

In 1977, at the start of his football career, Barry Ey won the South Adelaide Trophy as the Mid South East's leading goalkicker in Senior Colts with 66 goals. Barry has played the majority of his football for Millicent and Mt Burr where he became a prolific goal scorer. Scores of 138 and 137 in 1987 and 1988 respectively were his best efforts. The 1977 G.W.Thompson Medal winner was Michael McCourt.

Coached for the eighth year in succession by Barry Walker, the Mini Colts finished third, and again played brilliant finals football to win their fifth premiership, defeating Tantanoola 2 - 9 to 2 - 2. During the year, Richard Palmer,

Leigh Walker and Craig Scudds represented Glenelg in the S.A.N.F.L. Mini League in Adelaide. Their team defeated North Adelaide 4 - 3 to 1 - 0.

In August, Hatherleigh celebrated its 30th anniversary in football with a weekend which brought back many great memories. The influence of the relatively new Management Committee was taking effect. By early March, Con Fitzgerald had replaced Brenton Hentschke and one of the first things done was to form a building committee. The committee

comprised John Skeer, Barry Jones and Trevor Smith, who were to investigate extensions to the kitchen, building of an umpires' room and office. The Golf Course had returned \$4,218 in green fees and \$2,870 in memberships in the first twelve months. A tractor was needed for the course, one being purchased for \$1,000, paid by 10 members purchasing debentures at \$100 each. The generosity of local people in donating or offering help in this way has played a major part in gaining many of the facilities that are now seen at Hatherleigh. Even the strip heaters that are now



Foundation players Trevor Skeer and Mick Manhood at Hatherleigh's 30 year celebrations



Nan Sapiatzer — Life Member 1977

hanging above the bar were donated, one each by David Snook, Barry Jones and Trevor Smith.

By 1977, Hatherleigh had become a power in Mid S.E. netball. All teams performed well, only one side missing the finals. The A Grade girls finished second, won the Legacy Cup on Anzac Day and won the Mt Gambier Lightning Carnival defeating teams from Adelaide, Mt Gambier and Hamilton before defeating Warnambool in the grand final, 20 goals to 10. The B Grade finished third; C Grade, eighth; D Grade, fourth and the E Grade girls finished top. The E Grade girls were the only ones to perform in the finals, going on to be premiers; the remaining teams failed to make it to grand final day.

Life Memberships to Nan Sapiatzer and Ken Watson were awarded in 1977. Nan Sapiatzer had served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Ladies' Committee for 15 years, served as Budget scribe for two years including the club's premiership year and had been the club's cleaner for a number of years. Nan was the first lady to be awarded club Life Membership. Ken Watson had been a committee member for 16 years, club delegate to the Mid S.E. for 12 years and a timekeeper for over twenty years.



*Ken Watson — Life
Member 1977*

1978

Early in 1978, two applications were received for the position of senior coach — Robert Halliday and Phil Walker. Their applications were in stark contrast to one another. Halliday's was a comprehensive document on what Hatherleigh had to do to become more successful. Walker's was a short application stating his wish to be coach and his fee for coaching.

The committeemen found themselves in a dilemma, not wanting to dispense with Halliday, but not accepting the demands he placed before the club. Halliday, in an unforgiving mood, had been thorough in his application and he knew his demands were needed if the club was to be successful. One of those demands was to rectify the lack of self-discipline, which he felt cost the club more success in the 1977 finals. At a committee meeting to discuss the coach, Halliday's application was considered almost exclusively, but in an ironic twist, the committee voted to accept Phil Walker as coach.

The decision dumbfounded many; in my research I was told, "The committee was working through Halliday's application successfully, and the surprise was when committee members nominated the other applicant without amendment!" More surprisingly, "Some committee members openly stated they didn't want to tell Rob of their decision,"

so it was left to Club President Garry Clifford to inform him of the committee's decision. In researching this intriguing story, it has been stated, the decision to dispense with Halliday hurt many, none more than Halliday himself. After three good years at the club, sadly Robert Halliday left a bitter man, believing he had been betrayed by a few dishonest committee members. Unfortunately he hasn't had much respect for our club since, saying "Being sacked is one of the biggest disappointments of my football career." It is worth mentioning that many of Halliday's demands, unacceptable in 1978, were accepted in Phil Scanlon's time as coach two years later.

Leaving Hatherleigh to coach Mt Burr, Halliday had the last laugh when that club won the 1978 premiership. He later played in two premierships sides for Kalangadoo - 1982 & 1983, before returning to Mt Burr as non-playing coach, where he participated in two more premierships, in 1989 and 1990.

The decision to dispense with Halliday meant Phil Walker was appointed non-playing coach in 1978. Phil had retired the previous year after an illustrious career in the Mid S.E. It would be his second stint as coach at Hatherleigh, having been in charge from 1964 to 1966 and would create another record - no-one had coached Hatherleigh for longer than three years.

In 1978, Hatherleigh had two other new faces on the coaching panel, David Redan for the Seconds and Barry Jones the Senior Colts. Barry Walker continued as coach of the Mini Colts, his ninth in succession.

The season again started with the Legacy Carnival at Mt Burr. Hatherleigh were successful in winning their way to the grand final. Leading by 2 - 1 at half-time, Hatherleigh steamrolled Robe in the second half to run out easy winners 8 - 4 to 0 - 0. It must be remembered that Hatherleigh had a good record in this competition, but often lost at the semi final stage to eventual winners. It seemed that, if they passed the semi final, the chances of becoming Lightning Premiers were very good.

The season began with the signing of the experienced Graham Loveday, a senior player with Robe since 1967 and Inter-league representative on numerous occasions, he was the recruiting coup of the year. Other recruits, like Bob Napier and Kevin Coulter, gave the club plenty of experience. But experience doesn't guarantee success, as the players found out; five losses in the early parts of the second round cost the team a place in the final series - they finished fifth.

The Seconds finished their season in second position, their best for many years. David (Rudy) Redan was popular with his team and had them playing well. They made their first grand final since the late sixties, but the result was a nightmare for the players and supporters. Hatherleigh led Glencoe by 3 goals with three minutes to go, only to lose by a point. The score - Glencoe 5 - 13 to 6 - 6. This was the club's worst loss since that preliminary final loss in 1974, when that game was lost when the

umpire didn't hear the siren, allowing their opponents to kick the winning goal!

Like the Seconds, the Senior Colts finished in second position, but, unlike their older counterparts, they were successful in defeating Kongorong 6 - 10 to 5 - 8. Most of the players wanted to redeem themselves having lost the grand final last year.

The Mini Colts were dominant all the way, finishing undefeated. They continued that form right through to the grand final where they out-played Kongorong, winning 3 - 12 to 1 - 1. Fifteen shots to two, shows how dominant they were.

The four Hatherleigh teams between them had a very successful year, their efforts were enough to win the prestigious South Adelaide Trophy as the best performed club in the Mid S.E.

At Hatherleigh, the Mid S.E. Wortley Shield team lost the final to Kowree Naracoorte, 16 - 22 to 16 - 8. Hatherleigh again was represented by Greg Thiele and the experienced Graham Loveday. Two notable participants for Kowree Naracoorte were Kevin Brooks, brother of Phil and Nigel; Kevin had played Colts football for Hatherleigh before work took him away. The other participant was our current President, Michael Bowley.

The Mid S.E. League changed the name of the Medal provided to the runner-up in the Mail Medal count. The league delegates accepted the "Walker Medal" in memory of the late Rex M. Walker. A man of great football and cricket skills, he had set a family of six boys a very high standard of sportsmanship to follow. His sons, Henry (deceased), Barry, Roger and Phil, all played for Hatherleigh over the years and a number of Hatherleigh players have won this Medal since. Another new Medal in 1978 was the inaugural Mansell Medal for Best & Fairest in the Mini Colts competition; the Medal was donated by long time supporters of Mid S.E. football, the Mansell family, of Tarpeena.

A number of Hatherleigh players won individual Mid S.E. awards in 1978. In the Young's Best Under 21 footballer for A Grade players, Nigel Brooks was runner-up; in the Seconds Best & Fairest, Trevor Kelly finished second with 14 votes; Stephen Hampel won the inaugural Mansell Medal with 30 votes and was leading goal-kicker in the Mini Colts competition. It is interesting to note that Patrick Sullivan, now a member of the H.S. & R.C., won the 1978 Senior Colts Best & Fairest - the Malseed Medal whilst playing for Kongorong.

In club awards, Greg Thiele won his second R.W. Skeer Medal, Trevor Kelly



1978 Mid S.E. Mansell Medal winner Stephen Hampel.



D GRADE NETBALL PREMIERS — HATHERLEIGH

Back Row: Raeleen Smith (coach), Shirlee Wilson, Tracy Smith, Debbie Leopold, Kathy Grant. Front Row: Sue McIntyre, Janine Clarke (captain), Marilyn Hamilton.

won the Len Watson Medal, Brian Bowman won the G.W.Thompson Medal and Richard Palmer won the B.A.Walker Medal for Mini Colts.

At the club, alterations were to include extensions at the end of the main building and new change-rooms. It was passed that the change-rooms were to be built first; obviously this didn't happen. In researching this book, it is obvious from people's comments that change-rooms are the clubs number one requirement — but at what cost?

The netball girls continued to dominate with four teams finishing top. The A Grade won their third Legacy Cup in succession; they finished top but lost to Kalangadoo in the grand final. The B Grade finished top but didn't make the grand final; the C Grade finished sixth; the D Grade finished top and defeated Robe in the grand final to become premiers. The E Grade girls again did well, winning their second premiership in succession.

Duck Shooting Without Jones

1979

ANOTHER new coach was appointed in 1979, ex East Gambier player Phil Scanlon accepted the position. Scanlon had been a brilliant junior, having won the Mid S.E. Colts Best & Fairest in 1965; been a member of Glencoe premiership sides in 1966 & 1967; played in losing grand final sides in 1968 & 1971, before moving to East Gambier for eight years. Two other new coaches appointed in 1979, were Kevin Coulter, Seconds coach; and Mark Bailey, Senior Colts coach. Barry Walker continued to coach the Mini Colts.

This season opened in its usual manner with the Legacy Lightning Carnival at Mt Burr. For the first time, the games were changed from April 25, to the week-end before the season started, and sponsored by BP Australia and Sneaths Transport. The sponsorship worth \$1,000 was well received by all players and clubs.

In other controversial news in 1979, the S.E. Umpire's Association, who had taken over control of umpiring from the Mid S.E. panel in 1978, wanted a contract signed with the Mid S.E. in 1979 worth \$12,200.

It would supply umpires for 18 home and home matches. The Association also wanted to supply all goal, central and boundary umpires for "The match of the day." The Umpire's Association now controlled all football games from the Kowree-Naracoorte to the Western Border League. It was a long way from the days when the Mid S.E. sacked the Pines Umpire's Association for demanding an extra \$2 a game, eight years earlier, but where else could the Mid S.E. get umpires at an affordable price? The match of the day idea was dropped, but their remaining demands were met.

The inter-change rule, which seemed to emanate from the V.F.L., was introduced to the Mid S.E. in 1979. Allowing the 19th and 20th man to be exchanged throughout a game, the rule would prove to be an asset to football in the years ahead.

By May, the umpires were back in the news: many of them were upset with the appointments being given and threatened to resign. After an emergency meeting with their appointment officer, Peter Edwards, the umpire's executive asked him to resign from the position. However, Edwards was a required umpire, and appointed to the Hatherleigh V Glencoe game the following Saturday. The game was eventually um-



1979 SENIOR COLTS — PREMIERS

Back Row: Peter Reilly (trainer), Stephen Hampel, Stanley Huppertz, Kevin Agnew, Nigel Allen, Tom Matthews, Stephen Irvine, Ross Tenney, Leigh Walker, David Scudds, Ian Slape, David Anderson, A.B. (Tony) Walker, Mark Bailey (coach), Bob Allen (trainer). Kneeling: David Sapiatzer, Garry Skeer. Front Row: Craig Skeer, Graham Blum (captain) Robert Chittleborough, Wayne Jones, Craig Scudds, James Dunn.

pired by the Seconds Umpire, Greg Gould, when Edwards failed to officiate.

As the football season progressed, Hatherleigh were having one of their leanest years for some time. The A Grade managed just four wins for the year, and the Seconds finished bottom with three wins. The results were disappointing for Scanlon, he suggested the club would have to recruit strongly next season if they were to be more competitive. The Senior Colts were again the shining light, finishing third. With wins over Robe and Nangwarry, they met Tantanoola in the grand final. Having lost their first semi final, one of Robe's supporters criticized Hatherleigh's use of "College Kids" to bolster their side; their concern was whether this practice was in the best interests of local football. Playing in their third grand final in succession, and with a much more determined attitude and as reigning premiers, Hatherleigh placed too much pressure on Tantanoola, and won 7 - 7 to 4 - 14.

In other news from 1979, the football committee was elected for the first time at the annual meeting of the H.S. & R.C. The nine elected members then elected Roger Martin as their President. Roger had previous experience with the Willunga and North Croydon Football Clubs. A person who believed the Mid S.E. Colts players weren't being looked after properly, he suggested an independant junior committee. The idea was talked about during 1980, and the first group was formed in 1981.

Now in full swing, the H.S. & R.C. made further improvements during 1979. A new storeroom and umpire's changeroom was built, the Ladies Committee financed the purchase of a new glass washer and the girls received a new, but, controversial concrete court.

As the demands of football clubs grew, the need developed to provide the players and supporters with good social activities. One of the most enjoyable functions was the "Pig on the Spit" day at Ken & Paddy Watson's scrub block. Many other successful social events were organised, but the "Pig on the Spit" day, which began in 1979 and has continued for most years since, holds grand memories for many supporters.

Many good friendships started from this type of function. David Snook was always impressed with the friendship of Barry Jones and Barry Walker. "Because of their friendship and input into junior football, particularly the many camps for the Mini Colts at Lake George always impressed me," said David. Through football, Snook also became good friends of Jones and Walker. Through this friendship David learned that they were both keen on duck shooting. As David's super-spreading contractor, Barry Walker knew that there was a good swampy patch on David's land with ducks and for years had wanted to shoot them. After many years of saying no, David relented because others were jumping his back fence and shooting them anyway. After training one night, Barry Walker and David Snook headed off to shoot some ducks, but only on the proviso that Jones didn't know about it. Next training night, Walker had a ball telling Jones how he had got this bag of ducks, from Snook's swamp — a bomb might as well exploded. Most upset that he wasn't invited, Jones kept reminding Snook for years after. David Snook said, "It is the only time I ever went duck shooting."

During 1979, the Seconds found themselves short of players on many occasions and subsequently called on the talented Senior Colts to make up the numbers. They often demonstrated their ability much to the embarrassment of the older B Grade players. But as the season progressed, the Senior Colts became strong premiership contenders and they no longer were prepared to risk injury by playing B Grade. It was at this time that club stalwart Barry Walker donned his boots to help the ailing team; playing a total of six games and exhibiting a great ability to drop kick (something missing, from the game today), he would take the kickout at full-back then suddenly appear on the half-forward line during the same passage of play, take a mark and goal. It was little wonder that from these six games Barry amassed enough votes to win the 1979 Len Watson Medal. Barry or "Barnie" as he is more affectionately known, was an object lesson to those who had the privilege to play with him.

Other Medal winners in 1979 were, Nigel Brooks, the R.W. Skeer Medal; finishing second in the Mid S.E. Malseed Medal, Gary Blum

won the G.W.Thompson Medal; and Richard (Reno) Palmer won his second B.A.Walker Medal.

Hatherleigh continued to dominate netball in the Mid S.E. in 1979. Very few clubs can boast of five teams finishing first or second in the one year. Not only did they achieve that feat, but continued it a step further by winning four premierships. The A Grade girls won the first premiership in 1979, the Legacy Lightning Carnival Premiership, their fourth in succession. The teams' form continued all the season, culminating in the 1979 premiership. The B and C Grades were defeated in the grand final, but the D and E Grades girls made amends by being premiers. This was the E Grade girls third in succession.

Profile # — Anne-Marie Fitzgerald

Netballer

Player: 1970 to 1981.

Coaching: Years unknown.

Who has been your best coach? Lorraine Faulkner.

Your hardest opponent: Faye Younghusband — Kalangadoo

What netballer do you admire? I can't separate Lesley Venus and

Jeanette Hamilton — Hatherleigh, and Judy Hill — Kalangadoo.

What is needed to become a top netballer? Talent, determination and an unselfish attitude towards your team-mates.

Why is Hatherleigh a successful netball club? A strong coaching base evolved in the 1970's, this brought better netballers to the club (eg. new school teachers). Their contribution in discipline, dedication and unity has now become an integral part of the club's success.

Individually, Sue Tucker won the Mid S.E. B Grade Best & Fairest with 30 votes, a winning margin of nine and Kerry Walker was runner-up in the C Grade Best & Fairest. The year is remembered as one of the most successful for the Hatherleigh Netball Club.

In 1979, Life Memberships were awarded to Bruce Keatley and Barry Walker. Bruce had been a player from 1966 to 1979 and a committee member for seven years, many as Treasurer. Bruce was an original member of the H.S. & R.C., taking over as Treasurer from Brenton Hentschke early in 1977; he has held this position for the last 16 years. Living near the club, Bruce is one of its hardest workers, much of which goes un-noticed. The pressure of running a successful and financially stable club today, relies heavily on people like Bruce Keatley. Although Bruce has picked up the nick-name of "Steptoe", his contributions to this club have remained outstanding, like-wise, his contribution to his community has been of an equally high standard, culminating earlier this year when he was named as one of two Citizen's of the Year for 1992 by the Millicent District Council. Barry Walker was described as Hatherleigh's "Mr Football". He came to the club originally as Senior Coach in 1967, and as his good friend Barry Jones once said "We

haven't been able to get rid of him since!" His football career is summed up here —

Profile Barry Walker

- 1953 to 1961 — Mt Burr player, played in 3 grand finals and won two club Best & Fairest awards.
- 1962 & 1963 — Senior Coach at Beachport, in the Southern Ports Association.
- 1964 to 1966 — Senior Coach at Mt Burr Won Mail Medal and club Best & Fairest in 1964 coached Mt Burr premiership side in 1965
- 1967 to 1969 — Senior Coach at Hatherleigh
- 1970 — Won a second Mail Medal, playing for Hatherleigh. Won R.W.Skeer Medal
Coach of the 1st Mid S.E. Mini Colts premiership team
- 1971 — Playing member of Hatherleigh premiership side. Coach of a 2nd Mini Colts premiership
- 1972 — Replaced Bob Edmonds as Seconds Coach Coach of 3rd Mini Colts premiership. Member of losing Hatherleigh grand final team
- 1973 — Won his second R.W.Skeer Medal
- 1974 — Coach of Mini Colts
- 1975 — Coach of 4th Mini Colts premiership
- 1976 — Member of losing Hatherleigh Grand Final side. Secretary of H.F.C. — Coach of Mini Colts
- 1977 — Coach of 5th Mini Colts premiership. Secretary of H.F.C.
- 1978 — Coach of 6th Mini Colts premiership Secretary of H.F.C.
- 1979 — Won Len Watson Medal, Coach of Mini Colts Secretary of H.F.C.



*Bruce Keatley — Life
Member 1979*



*Barry Walker — Life
Member 1979*

Barry was the club Secretary for 5 years and was a committee member for 14 years. He retired as a player at the end of 1979, having played over 500 games. Barry was Manager of several Mid S.E. Colts sides who participated in Adelaide and, at Inter-league level, he played in numerous Mid S.E. Wortley and Makin Shield teams between 1957 to 1973. Barry played an integral part in the formation of the Golf Course when he was employed as the Groundsman/Greenkeeper and was aptly described in the 1976 club magazine as — "B.A.Walker Football Extraordinaire".

1980

On the advice of their re-appointed coach Phil Scanlon, Hatherleigh went on a big recruiting campaign in 1980. The club secured two tall ruckmen, Murray Marrett and Bruce Bowering, both over 6'3"; Denis Blowes, a former Millicent Captain and a key player in East Gambier's 1972 & 1973 premiership sides; Peter Stringer, another key position



1980 A GRADE

Back Row: Brad Clarke, Robert Kay, Robert Lesslie, Graham Moody, Graham Bowman, Graham Watson, Geoff Tucker. Middle Row: Graham Loveday, Leon Slape, David Reilly, Murray Marrett, Bruce Bowering, Ian Faulkner, Dennis Blowes, John Palmerino (trainer). Front Row: Ian Hollit (runner), Craig Skeer, Grant Venus, Phil Scanlon (coach), Alan Aylward, Charlie Tenney, David Howe (trainer).



1980 HATHERLEIGH B GRADE

Back Row: Richard Bateman, Jamie McCourt, Graham Sapiatzer, Ian Slape, Tony Walker, Chris Brown, Nick Pezzaniti. Middle Row: John Palmerino (trainer), Richard Bradley, Reg Hamilton, Tom Irvine, Grant Aston, Frank Brennan, Rob Carthew, Nigel Allen. Front Row: Tom Matthews, John McFarlane, Paul Brown, Kevin Coulter (coach), Bernie Rogers, Graeme Smith.

player from East Gambier; Robert Lesslie, from Millicent; and Alan Aylward, from Adelaide. With the promotion of some good Colts, the supporters looked forward to 1980 with an air of expectation.

With so many prized recruits, many felt making the finals would be easy. A big win against Tarpeena in the first game, led people to say a premiership could even be the case, but as the season progressed, lack of team work and injuries put the team under pressure. The loss of a prized recruit, Peter Stringer had a severe impact and unbalanced the whole forward set-up.

It is interesting to note, that 1992/93 coach, Greg Reilly was having an excellent season, until hampered by a hamstring injury; his form was enough to gain the attention of Millicent, who recruited him in 1981. He later played for Mt Burr, until returning as coach of Hatherleigh in 1992.

During 1980, Hatherleigh President, Roger Martin suggested the Mid S.E. adopt the two umpire system because of the amount of head-high tackles going un-seen or un-reported. Roger made the following comment in the Mid S.E. Budget, "A lot of players, officials and supporters in the Mid S.E. are farmers and they often have trouble getting a message through to their dogs. It appears our umpire's coach is having similar problems with his umpires"; as club delegates were told by him, "Above the neck was sacred territory".

By the second half of 1980, Hatherleigh finally responded to Scanlon's game plan; he believed Hatherleigh had the best running game in the Mid S.E. at that time, but unfortunately they left their run too late — and missed the finals.

During Scanlon's coaching days, one amusing sight was that of John Skeer handing Phil his teeth at the quarter time breaks, so he could address his players. In reflection, Phil jokingly said, "Perhaps I would have been better off if I had left them out!" Scanlon was grateful to the Hatherleigh Football Club for giving him the opportunity to coach at senior level. He later attended coaching lectures, and became a Level 1 accredited coach. With five years of extra experience, he became a better coach after his Hatherleigh days.

The availability of Seconds players was put under pressure during 1980. Injuries in A Grade made coach Kevin Coulter's job of fielding a Seconds side very difficult. To help out, former players Peter Seeböhm, Kevin Agnew, Roger Watson, Bruce Copping and Jimmy Taylor came out of retirement to make-up the numbers. Because of this shortage of players, the Seconds finished well out of the finals.



1980 SENIOR COLTS — PREMIERS

Back Row: Wayne Jones, Scott Irvine, Leigh Walker, Chris Bowman, David Delaporte, Rohan Todd, David Sapiatzer. Middle Row: Peter Reilly (trainer), Tom Matthews, James Dunn, Ross Tenney, Phillip Smith, Stephen Irvine, Brett Grant, Bob Sapiatzer (trainer), Chris Tenney, John Bowman (team manager), Bob Allen (trainer). Front Row: Brett Copping, Nigel Allen, Richard Palmer, Robert Lesslie (coach), Craig Skeer, Craig Scudds, Phillip Whitehead. Absent: Stephen Hampel (captain).

During his two years as coach of the Seconds, Kevin Coulter didn't enjoy too many wins. In fact during 1980 many of the players used to take it for granted they would lose, until one day against Tarpeena. In a physical and gruelling game, punctuated by many dubious umpiring decisions, the B Grade recorded a courageous draw. The jubilant team celebrated, the supporters were stunned! Many speculated on whether the team had played that well? One of the players, Frank Brennan recalls, "He didn't think they deserved the draw because, so many umpiring decisions were doubtful." Later, Frank learned that the umpire was none other than the coaches brother — "That must have been the reason we didn't lose," said Frank.



*Craig Skeer Mid S.E.
Senior Colts leading
goalkicker in 1980*

Another incident during the year involved the mild mannered Reg Hamilton. In one game, after being tackled rather crudely, Reg was in obvious pain. Not taking kindly to his opponents tactics, Reg took the stance of a boxer and proceeded to land a flurry of blows upon his opponent. The melee which followed, ended after Reg was restrained by fellow team-mates. It is believed a few of his team-mates then named Reg "Fighting Haraida" — named after the former Japanese World Boxing Champion. Upon leaving the oval at the end of the game, Reg was greeted by a much surprised wife Lorraine and two proud young sons Justin and Michael, who were by this time boasting to their mates about the legendary exploits of their father. The year didn't provide much on field success for the B Grade but they always managed to enjoy their football.

Under their new coach Robert Lesslie, the Senior Colts again were showing the way. Premierships in the previous two years could have given many big egos, but Lesslie brought a new toughness to this team and again they made the finals. During the season Craig Skeer started to show his uncanny goal kicking talent, kicking 14 goals in one game; he eventually won the Mid S.E. Senior Colts goal kicking for 1980, with 69 goals. Another to do well was Stephen Hampel, who won the first Mansell Medal in 1978; in 1980, he was runner-up in the Malseed Medal with 16 votes which included five best on ground performances. Stephen was eventually lost to Millicent. He later played for Claremont in Western Australia, before being recruited by South Adelaide.



C.M.T. Fitzgerald

The Senior Colts defeated Mt Burr and Kalangadoo in the first two finals. Lining up against Tantanoola for the second year in succession, they again showed too much determination and experience, winning 6 - 7 to 4 - 7. This was their third premiership in succession, all under different coaches, and underlined the talent of these boys.

For the first time the Mini Colts were coached by someone other than Barry Walker. In 1980, this team improved enough to gain a finals berth but were defeated in the first semi final.

Club administrators often have difficult decisions to make. Early in 1980, the committee decided to call off the match against Robe part way through the last quarter. With two to three inches of water covering the Hatherleigh oval and plenty of thunder and lightning around, there was concern that a player could be killed by lightning. Even though Robe led by about 3 goals, the Hatherleigh committee believed the conditions too dangerous.



*1980 C.M.T. Fitzgerald
Club Members Award
— John Skeer*



1980 B GRADE NETBALL — PREMIERS

Sue Tucker (captain), Chris Eime, Karen Walker, Dianne Blowes, Margaret Bowman, Raelene Smith, Merry Gabb. Absent : Di Wight and Wanda Irvine.



1980 D GRADE NETBALL — PREMIERS

Back Row: Sue Tucker (coach), Debbie Skeer, Anne-Marie Tenney, Debbie Leopold. Front Row: Vicki Skeer, Michelle Smith, Kathy Grant, Sue McIntyre (captain).

In a year when the club recruited strongly and allowed larger player payments, the results were disappointing. This posed the question, "Are big player payments worth it?" Nobody could question the efforts of Phil Scanlon, who went on to win the R.W.Skeer Medal; Tony Walker won the Len Watson Medal; Stephen Hampel won the G.W.Thompson Medal; and Phillip Whitehead won the B.A.Walker Medal.

In 1980, the C.M.T.Fitzgerald Memorial Club Members Award was introduced. In memory of the late Con Fitzgerald, this annual award goes to a person who has given great service to the Hatherleigh Sport & Recreation Centre in any one year — it is not an award based on service over a long period. Nominations are put forward by any committee associated with the H.S. & R.C. The decision on a winner is made by the Chairman of the Football Club, Golf Club and H.S. & R.C., although this may have differed on occasions.

The inaugural winner was John Skeer for his work as President of the football club.

The netball girls continued their usual early season form by winning

their fifth Legacy Lightning Carnival in succession, defeating Kalangadoo 9 goals to 6. The A Grade finished second but didn't make it to grand final day; the B Grade finished top, and completed the year as premiers; the C Grade finished fourth after losing their semi final; and the D Grade finished top, winning their third premiership in succession. Individually, Sue Tucker won successive Mid S.E. B Grade Best & Fairest awards, with 36 votes. Sue had dominated this competition, winning by 14 votes.

Profile # — Sue Tucker

Netballer

Player: 12 years.

Coaching: D Grade 1980.

Who has been your best coach? Lorraine Faulkner.

Your hardest opponent: Faye Younghusband — Kalangadoo

What netballer do you admire? Michelle Fielke.

What is needed to become a top netballer? Discipline, dedication, fitness, positive attitude and the ability to play all positions.

Why is Hatherleigh a successful club? Good club atmosphere, good player numbers and successful coaches.

How to Obtain a Premiership

1981

IN 1981, a talented West Gambier player, David Maczkowiack was appointed as coach. Originally from Lucindale, Maczkowiack had spent four seasons with Glenelg, where he won their Under 19s Best & Fairest. He then came to West Gambier where he had been a model of consistency, winning their Best & Fairest once and being runner-up twice. He could play in any position and always disposed of the ball with great accuracy.

The season started well with a win over Tarpeena, but that's where it ended. Lack of depth, and players not taking the game seriously made David Maczkowiack's job a difficult one. David wasn't the first to come across this problem. All coaches have an intense attitude to the game and want a professional approach from all players. In reality different people play football for different reasons; if players lack of commitment and fail to give of their best, they let themselves, their coach and their club down. However, the coach normally feels it most. Even though Maczkowiack knew there were those who could have done better, there were others, like Graham Watson, who always gave his 100% effort. Graham was once described as, "The only player who can run flat out with his nose on the ground."

Early in June, Hatherleigh came under fire from Glencoe after an article in the S.E. Times, which stated that the umpire in their recent match had allowed Hatherleigh's young players to be punched, kicked and elbowed without being reported. Glencoe replied to the article by saying, "All club's receive their share of injuries and, if Hatherleigh had any grievances, they should take them to the Mid S.E. League, not publish them through the local paper."

Hatherleigh's President also came under fire when he criticized the Umpire's Association for not supplying their best umpires to the Mid S.E. and for not controlling on-field violence. The President of the South East Football Umpire's League, Mr Allan Slater slammed Kevin Coulter's comments: "What about positive action, instead of derogatory writing?" An umpire cannot stop violence, he can only blow his whistle after an infringement of the laws has occurred. That's the law — the law of football. "Mr Coulter's letter does little for football and was probably extremely harmful to the game and to the SEFUL, which is at present undertaking a membership drive to obtain more field umpires," Mr Slater said.

One Mid S.E. Budget article which created interest in 1981, concerned the skills for which coaches should aim, at all levels of football. Too many coaches lose sight of what should be taught to the various age groups they coach — this is particularly important to Mini and Senior Colts. Titled "How to obtain a Premiership" it set out the aims for each level of skills to be learnt:

JUNIOR COLTS

1. Basic kicking, drop punt (natural foot).
2. Holding the ball (despatch position).
3. Handball action (natural hand).
4. Running.
5. Team positions and basic rules.
6. Enjoyment of the game.
7. Some discipline.
8. Balance.
9. Chest marking.

SENIOR COLTS

1. Basic skills, both feet (all kicks).
2. Basic skills (both hands).
3. Team play.
4. Marking (some positions).
5. Balance and jumping.
6. Balking and turning.
7. Basics of tackling.
8. Running — forward, sideways and backwards.
9. Kicking accuracy, handball under pressure and protection.
10. Playing position.
11. Basic strategies (use of winds, etc.).
12. Discipline.
13. Body strengthening.
14. Rules of the game.

SENIORS

1. Team strategies
2. Distance kicking and handball.
3. Spoiling.
4. Making position.
5. Playing to win — dedication.
6. Physical fitness.
7. Discipline.
8. Rules of the game.
9. Play all positions.
10. Pressure and protection.
11. Physical strength.

There is no doubt that, if anyone can achieve the above proficiently, he will have a much better chance of success on the football field.

The 1981 season ended with Hatherleigh in eighth position, with four wins. Coached by Ian Faulkner, the Seconds finished bottom, winning only one game for the year. One tale from 1981 that should be recorded is the on-field exploits of the somewhat legendary Paul Brown. Never known for his marking ability or co-ordination; Paul would drop simple chest marks and was always up before acceptances for the over-head marks. One of his fellow team-mates, Frank Brennan can only recall him ever taking one mark in his career, but what a mark it was! Playing on the half-back-flank at Hatherleigh, in front of a large group of die-hard supporters, Paul once again set himself for another over-head mark. As usual, he was up too early, but unlike other attempts, this time he got a lift on his opponents shoulder. Hanging there for what seemed forever, and to the surprise of all, including Paul, he came down with the ball and was awarded this classical mark. Needless to say Paul was delighted; he spared no effort in acknowledging the wild acclamations of the crowd. After what seemed an eternity of acknowledging the crowds applause and laughter, Paul moved back behind the mark to take his kick. Chest still bulging with pride, he kicked into the man on the mark — as team-mate Frank recalls, "Kicking wasn't a strong part of Paul's game either!"

However, the one bright spot amongst all the gloom was the Mail Medal win by David Maczkowiack; polling 24 votes he won by 9 votes.

In their second year under Robert Lesslie, the Senior Colts took all before them, finishing top at the end of the minor round. In 1981, the Mid S.E. brought in the controversial send-off rule for junior football. The rule made the boys concentrate on football, and those caught swearing at umpires also spent time off the ground. The young Eagles found themselves under great pressure to perform in the finals — they didn't let down their supporters. Reaching their fifth grand final in succession, they kept their



David Maczkowiack, 1981 Mid S E Mail Medal and R.W.Skeer Medallist

heads, concentrated and played creative football to defeat Kongorong, 14 -3 to 7 - 1.

Coached by Ken Peek, the Mini Colts finished third but were no match for the top two sides, failing to make the grand final.

At the start of 1981, the Mid S.E. formed its own Junior Football League. It is remembered that Hatherleigh past President Roger Martin had suggested this in 1979; the Junior League would become a successful and integral part of the promotion and concerns of junior football in the Mid S.E.

The season again finished with the presentation of awards. After winning the Mid S.E. Mail Medal, David Maczkowiack also won the R.W.Skeer Medal, polling a record 91 votes; Bill Agnew won the Len Watson Medal; Wayne Jones, the G.W.Thompson Medal; and John Lang, the B.A.Walker Medal.

The C.M.T.Fitzgerald award went to Bruce Keatley for his work as Treasurer of the H.S.& R.C., his contributions have continued ever since.

The netball girls had another successful season in 1981. For the first time in many years, Hatherleigh's run as Legacy Lightning Carnival Premiers ended. However, finishing second at the end of the minor round Hatherleigh, were still a powerful team. Performing at their best during the finals, they defeated the hot favourites, Kalangadoo in the grand final, winning their fourth premiership in the past seven years. During that period, Hatherleigh had an exceptionally talented group. Lorraine Faulkner (nee Kent), A Grade coach during that time, Anne-Marie Fitzgerald, Heather and Jeanette Hamilton, played in all four A Grade premierships which Hatherleigh won. Bolstered by a number of talented school teachers and locals like Margie Bowman (nee Brooks), Hatherleigh had become a powerful and successful combination, staying at the top of Mid S.E. netball for a number of years. It is significant that Hatherleigh are still a power in Mid S.E. netball. Continued input through coaching by Lorraine, Anne-Marie and Margie has had a large bearing on this success.

The highlight of 1981 was the awarding of the netball clubs first Life Memberships to Mary Hamilton and Raeleen Smith. Becoming involved when Joan Delaporte organised a D Grade (U/15) team in 1969, Mary is generally regarded as a quiet achiever. She held the position of President from 1975 to 1977, supported many fundraising events and



*1981 C.M.T.Fitzgerald
Club Members Award —
Bruce Keatley*



1981 A GRADE NETBALL — PREMIERS

Back Row: Jeanette Hamilton, Debbie Hann, Merry Gabh, Lorraine Faulkner (coach). Front Row: Heather Seeborn, Dianne Blowes, Anne-Marie Fitzgerald.



1981 C GRADE NETBALL — PREMIERS

Back Row: Anne-Marie Tenney, Kathy Mitchell, Debbie Leopold, Kathy Grant, Debra Skeer, Anne-Marie Fitzgerald (coach). Front Row: Mandy Sapiatzer, Marilyn Hamilton, Tracy Smith, Janine Clarke.



1981 B GRADE NETBALL — PREMIERS

Back Row: Margaret Bowman, Helen Armfield, Michele Banks, Beth Hamilton, Raeleen Smith. Front Row: Antonia Haselton, Karen Blum, Di Wight, Sue Tucker.

provided the maternal touch for many young babies while their mothers played netball. Raeleen Smith came to Hatherleigh in 1971 and has since become one of the club's most loyal workers. She has held the position of Secretary of the netball club, on four separate occasions — (11 years); was a member of the 1975/76/80/81 B Grade premiership teams; coached the 1978 D Grade premiership team and in later years switched to umpiring after acquiring her S.A.N.A. C Grade Umpires Badge.

Profile # — Raeleen Smith

Netballer

Player: 1971 to 1983

Coaching Juniors (years unknown)

Who has been your best coach? Lorraine Faulkner.

Your hardest opponent: Rosalie Mader.

What netballer do you admire? Chris Burton — an umpire.

What is needed to become a top netballer? Dedication.

Why is Hatherleigh a successful netball club? Good administrators, good coaching and dedicated players.

In 1981, Hatherleigh confirmed their ranking with the best B Grade side in this competition. They won their second premiership in succession, by defeating Robe in the grand final. The C Grade completed their season in top place; and defeated Nangwarry in the grand final, for their first premiership since 1973. After being premiers for the last three years, the D Grade were re-building and finished sixth.

Hatherleigh players were again to the fore in the 1981 Mid S.E. Best & Fairest awards. Winner of the B Grade Best & Fairest, Di Wight polled 30 votes to win by a margin of six. Another to have a good season was Michelle Smith, who finished runner-up in the D Grade competition.



1982

*Mary Hamilton and
Raeleen Smith —
Netball Life Members
1981*

The only coaching change in 1982, was in the Mini Colts, where Barry Jones replaced Ken Peek. The run of success on the football field by having teams in grand finals came to an end in 1982.

In their second season under Maczkowiack, the A Grade managed wins over Tarpeena and Nangwarry but didn't defeat any other team and consequently finished near the bottom of the premiership table in eighth place. Maczkowiack again led from the front, being selected in the Inter-league team but, generally, Hatherleigh lacked the experience and big men to be competitive. It is worth remembering that the 1982 premiership was won by Kalangadoo and that two former Hatherleigh coaches, Jeff Arthur and Robert Halliday, were among Kalangadoo's best players on the day.

The Seconds were a little more successful than the A Grade, winning seven games, but this was not enough to participate in the finals.

The Senior Colts finished fifth after the minor round, their worst finish since 1976. In 1982, the Mid S.E. Under 17 team was coached by Hatherleigh's Robert Lesslie for the second year. Hatherleigh was represented by Richard Palmer, Craig Scudds, Rohan Todd, David Delaporte; manager was John Bowman and trainer Ralph Leberfinger. History shows that 1982 was the end of an era for Hatherleigh's Senior Colts. They had been a power for more than ten years, missing the finals on just two occasions, both years finishing fifth. They had won seven premierships in nine years, a credit to the players and coaching staff concerned. However, Hatherleigh will always be criticized for not converting these successes into senior premierships.

The only team to make the finals in 1982, the Mini Colts finished fourth, losing their first semi final. After many years where home clubs were responsible for umpiring Mini Colt games, the Mid S.E. formed their own junior umpiring panel in 1982. Initially responsible for umpiring Mini Colts games, they eventually tookover umpiring Senior Colts in 1986 and finally formed a full panel in 1989.

Two Hatherleigh players polled 14 votes in the Mid S.E. Mail Medal, Graham Loveday finishing in front of David Maczkowiack and one other on a count back for fourth place. Loveday, who had been a member of Robe's premiership team in 1968, transferred to Hatherleigh in 1978. Selection in Mid S.E. Inter-league teams for seventeen years

is a record of which Graham can be proud and a true indicator of his consistency as a top footballer. It is interesting to note, Graham stated in a 1983 player profile, that his personal ambition was to be Mayor of Millicent, many may now ask, whether that is still a personal ambition, or was the comment made in jest. Another to do well in 1982, finishing fourth in the Mid S.E. Carthew Medal was Ian Faulkner. Ian polled 12 votes (four best afields) and the winner Doug Moore, of Tantanoola polled 15 votes (five best afields). The most exciting result came in the Malseed Medal, where five players finished within one vote. Hatherleigh's Richard Palmer being the unlucky fifth on a count-back. The winner of the Mansell Medal, Mt Burr's Phillip Wallis, created a Mid S.E. record in 1982 by polling 48 votes; 15 firsts, 1 second and 1 third preference vote.

Profile # — Ian Faulkner

Career — 1976 to 1992

Other clubs: Riverside (A 1 — Adelaide amateur league) 3 years.

Club awards: Len Watson Medal 1982 & 1992, runner-up 1981 & 1987.

Hardest opponent: Michael Timms — Robe/Nangwarry (too big & too wide).

Footballer most admired: Russell Ebert — Port Adelaide.

Best coach: Craig Stanbridge — Hatherleigh.

What makes a top footballer? Natural skills and playing as a team-man.

At club level the R.W.Skeer Medal was won for the second time by David Maczkowiack; the Len Watson Medal, by Ian Faulkner; the G.W.Thompson Medal, by Richard Palmer and John Lang won his second B.A.Walker Medal.

Away from football, the H.S. & R.C. continued to manage the affairs of the sporting complex. Their main task in 1982 was to find a replacement for Barry Walker, who resigned as green-keeper of the Golf Course. After receiving twenty applicants, Kevin Peters was hired; he retires in 1993.

Another improvement made in 1982 was the building of yet another score-board and time-keepers box. This time it was built on the western side of the oval, in close proximity to the club-house; it is the one used today.

In the first change since 1966, Mid S.E. netball introduced a new grade in 1982, known as the A Reserve — its players came mainly from the original B Grade. The advent of another grade gave more girls the opportunity to play netball in the Mid S.E.

Hatherleigh were again successful in having four teams in the finals, although, for the first time in many years, none made it to grand final day. However, a number of girls polled well in the Mid S.E. Best & Fairest awards. Jeanette Hamilton, now a stalwart of the club, was runner-up in A Grade with 23 votes; Sue Tucker won her fourth Best & Fairest, polling 39 votes to win by 13 and was the first A Reserve Best & Fairest. Records show that Sue has been the only netballer to win four Best & Fairest awards in this grade. To cap off a good year, Noeleen Sneath polled

28 votes to win the first Best & Fairest award of the new B Grade competition.

Profile # — Noeleen Sneath

Netballer

Player: 1982 to 1985.

Coaching: B2 in 1986, E.Grade in 1986/87 and C.Grade (U/17) in 1988.

Who has been your best coach? Beth Serle.

Your hardest opponent: They were all hard.

What netballer do you admire? Julie Nykiel — Contax S.A. State League..

What is needed to become a top netballer? Sportsmanship, discipline and 100% effort.

Why is Hatherleigh a successful netball club? Good coaches supplemented by good netballers.

The winner of the C.M.T.Fitzgerald club award was Mrs. Jan Bowman, for her work on the Ladies Committee.

In 1982, Life Memberships were awarded to Colin Schulz and Ron Skeer. Colin had been one of the club's most loyal supporters; he served as a member of the club's committee for 5 years, being club President in 1968. Colin is best remembered as a trainer, a position he held for many years. Described as a great character, Colin was responsible for bringing the gambling game "Crown and Anchor" to Hatherleigh. Ron Skeer is described as a quiet but loyal achiever. Having played only one game of football, Ron served the club for over 25 years as a goal umpire and time-keeper.



1982 C.M.T.Fitzgerald
Club Members Award
— Jan Bowman



Colin Schulz — Life
Member 1982



Ron Skeer — Life
Member 1982

Football and Fires

1983

AFTER two disappointing years, Hatherleigh appointed a new coach in its attempt to win that elusive premiership. The club appointed a Millicent big man, Jim Noonan; he was seen as the type of coach who could lead by example and inspire and weld the young Hatherleigh side into a successful team. At 32, Noonan was nearing the end of his career but a very handy footballer, who accepted the position as a challenge.

Much of what Noonan wanted to do was cut short on Ash Wednesday, February 16, when fire destroyed the property of many of the club's supporters. Starting on land owned by President Brian Skeer at Mt Bruce, the fire came south through the Fumer district, passing over the Mt Burr township before wind turned it towards Tarpeena. Hatherleigh were by no means the only Mid S.E. club affected; the fire burnt a path through Kalangadoo, Mt Burr and Tarpeena, also coming to the edge of Nangwarry. The fire claimed the lives of several people including two from the Hatherleigh area. Remembered as "Ash Wednesday", the fire devastated the Mid S.E. football community. As the year passed football became an outlet to relax from efforts to rebuild livelihoods and properties, but it was a year that Jim Noonan and the Hatherleigh club found difficult.

Two of Hatherleigh's most promising juniors, Stephen Hampel and Craig Scudds were cleared to Millicent by the independent tribunal in 1983. With the Ash Wednesday fires putting the club in a precarious position, the clearance of two of its most promising players wasn't the start the club needed.

The influence of V.F.L. football took effect in 1983, with the introduction of the two umpire system. Originally brought in because of the speed of League Football, the question asked in the Mid S.E., was "Does our standard of football warrant two umpires?" The question has never really been answered, but it has retained the number of umpires available and made it easier for them to control those nasty behind the play incidents. As one who has umpired football for many years, the author puts a view that, people lacking the time to train, or training incorrectly, is and has been a big problem in Mid S.E. football — also, good umpire's coaches have had their efforts spoilt because some umpire's lack the commitment. The Mid S.E. panel also lacks depth, there is a need for more retired footballers to take up umpiring — footballers have to realise there is a time to take from this wonderful game, but there has to be a

time to give something back. Everyone is aware that, without umpires, we have no game!

The first half of 1983 brought just two wins, this being a reflection on the amount of training done by many players. To the credit of Noonan, who was a stock agent, he understood the difficulties many players were having. Hatherleigh finished the year with six wins, missing the finals for the sixth season in succession. This was despite the fact that the Mid S.E. had introduced a final five for the first time.

In his eleventh season as Mid S.E. Secretary, the vocal Wilf Sprengel asked a question through the Mid S.E. Budget, "How many clubs will be sacking their coaches? How is Jim Noonan sleeping? Will Hatherleigh call him in, pay out his contract and tell him to go back to Millicent?" Although Sprengel answered his own question by saying "I doubt it!", he certainly showed a lack of respect for the problems Noonan faced following the Ash Wednesday fires. One Hatherleigh supporter answered his article in the following Budget, "Officials should confine themselves to constructive not destructive criticism." Sprengel later apologised for his comments — however, his reply letter couldn't have been more terse and to the point.

The Seconds were coached by Ian Faulkner for the third year in succession. As in other seasons, they struggled for support and, as a consequence, finished in seventh position.

The Senior Colts were under new coach Steve Harvey and made the



Jim Noonan, runner-up in the 1983 Mid S.E. Mail Medal, being congratulated by Hatherleigh President Brian Skeer

finals due to the introduction of the final five, but were defeated in the preliminary final.

The Mini Colts were coached by Barry Jones again and made the finals but also lost the preliminary final. Unlike the Senior Colts, who were beaten by more than 11 goals, the Minis were defeated 3 - 0 to 1 - 7; bad kicking is bad football.

In the Mail Medal, Jim Noonan's dedication and inspirational leadership in a difficult year, was rewarded when he polled 18 votes. This won him the Mid S.E. Walker Medal as runner-up to Robe's Kym Smith. New Mid S.E. sponsors — Altofers — announced a "Team of the Year" at the end of 1983. Hatherleigh players named were Jim Noonan and the young Craig Skeer. In the Mid S.E. Mansell Medal, Darren Snook finished equal second with 25 votes, losing second place



*1983 C.M.T.Fitzgerald
winner — Barry Jones*



*Rock Lobster on the menu!
Carrying them in were
Barry and Heather Walker,
assisted by Social Club
President Barry Jones,
wife Maree and daughter
Lecia.*

on a count-back to Glencoe's Michael Jones. Winner of the club Best & Fairest awards were Jim Noonan, the R.W.Skeer Medal; Stephen Irvine, the Len Watson Medal; Peter Lang, the G.W.Thompson Medal; Brett Redden won the B.A.Walker Medal.

The 1983 winner of the C.M.T.Fitzgerald award was Barry Jones, for his work as Chairman of the Social Committee.

Other hardships encountered during 1983, included a number of cattle burnt during the February fires and large sums of money were spent on repairs to the Golf Course mower; eventually the H.S.& R.C. purchased a new Toro mower for \$4,934.

At the annual general meeting of the H.S.& R.C. in 1983, members expressed concern about the lack of communication between various committees and clubs involved at Hatherleigh. This lack of communication, which the H.S.& R.C. thought

was unfounded, caused them to be named the "Secret Seven" — a name referred to earlier in this book.

Profile # — Barry Jones

Career — 1969 to 1973

Other clubs Any club in Melbourne short of players.

Club awards Most consistent (Years unknown).

C.M.T.Fitzgerald 1983.

Hardest opponent Harry Casper — Carlton.

Footballer most admired Any player who gives his best.

Best coach Barry Cameron — Richmond

What makes a top footballer ? Natural ability, fitness & an aggressive nature.

The netball club continued to perform well, only the B Grade missing a place in the 1983 finals. The A Grade finished fourth; A Reserve, third. B Grade, fifth; C Grade were premiers; and the D Grade finished third. The 1983 Mid S.E. B Grade Best & Fairest award was won for the second year in succession by Noeleen Sneath.



1983 C GRADE PREMIERS — HATHERLEIGH

Michelle Smith, Alison Gibbins, Mardi Walker, Maryanne Clark, Kerri Hutchesson, Angela Dean, Sara Delaporte. In Front: Michelle Clough.

1984

In 1984, the big hearted Jim Noonan was re-appointed coach for his second year. A very successful recruiting committee had secured Brendan Maxwell and Trevor Lesslie, from Millicent; Greg Cook, from East

Ringwood; Pat Sullivan, from Robe; David Koch, from Meningie; and Kym Lovelock, from Coburg Districts in Victoria.

Large numbers were on the training track early this season, and with good recruits and development of juniors like Mark Fabris and A.B.(Tony) Walker the club looked forward to the new football season. The new recruits were fitting in well and soon became inspired by Noonan's coaching style. Although Koch and Lovelock would improve in latter years, players like Maxwell displayed a courage and an attack on the football not seen at Hatherleigh for many years. Greg Cook was another to display his immense talent as a footballer early in 1984.

The season opened with a narrow one-point win over Port MacDonnell and this form continued through the first round, with just two games lost. A Mid S.E. Inter-league squad to play the River Murray League in May at Murray Bridge included Greg Cook, Jim Noonan, Craig Skeer, Brendan Maxwell and Nigel Brooks. After five training sessions confidence was high, but the Mid S.E. team lost 18 - 18 to 17 - 14. Brooks, Skeer and Noonan played well with Noonan winning a trophy provided by the Glenelg Football Club.

By round nine of the regular season, a win over Nangwarry proved disastrous for the club, when Noonan injured the ligaments in his knee and was forced out of football for the remainder of 1984. His loss was a huge blow, as it forced A.B.(Tony) Walker away from the full-forward position (where he had been playing extremely well) to cover Noonan's rucking role. Although Hatherleigh weren't a one-man team, the loss of Noonan affected their field play and on-field leadership very seriously.

One of the most important people involved in football is the team's runner. During the year Hatherleigh's Budget scribe, Darren McKenzie gave his description of the club's two runners in 1984 — Garry (Stumpy) Nilsson and Jon Prance. What is a runner? — "A fleet-of-foot player, who never got in the team, either because he couldn't think or couldn't kick. He is used to send messages to the captain, such as — unless you get some goals in the next five minutes, you'd better find a new job — like a kamikaze pilot!" The description was perhaps a little harsh, or was it? However, a club runner does play a very important part in the game, and Hatherleigh have had many good runners, who are often abused unfairly, like our umpire's.

During 1984, the Mid S.E. football fraternity was introduced to the literary skills of John Luckhurst Smith or more commonly known as "Fred". J.L.Smith became a strong supporter of Hatherleigh, writing many articles for the S.E. Times and Mid S.E. Budget, for which he gained a great deal of exposure around the Mid S.E. Fred spent two years on both the football club committee and the H.S. & R.C.; and was an A Grade boundary umpire for seven years. In 1991 he was elected to the executive of the Mid S.E. and is currently Secretary of the Mid S.E.

The season seemed very long for the injured Noonan, but Hatherleigh did make the finals, after a very indifferent second half. Even after a poor second half, confidence was still high when they met Mt Burr in the

elimination final. Having defeated Mt Burr in both minor round games, Hatherleigh lost the one that counted by 16 points. The loss was a far cry from the win against the same club in round three, when Hatherleigh won by 18 goals.

The Seconds started 1984 in whirl-wind fashion with 5 wins and one loss after six weeks, but two wins for the remainder of the season sealed their fate and they were lucky to finish in seventh position. As coach of the Seconds for the three previous years, Ian Faulkner was described during 1984 by Darrel McKenzie as "The old fellow" — he is still playing in 1993, and one wonders what Darrel would call the 40-year-old Faulkner now!

The Senior Colts, in their second season with Steve Harvey as coach, finished the year in second place. Two members of this team are now regulars in Hatherleigh's A Grade team — Tim Leopold, who in 1984 was described as "Mr Versatility", and Darren (Bob) Jones. Winning their way to the 1984 grand final, where they met the undefeated and strong Robe side, was one step further than the previous year. In a valiant effort, the Hatherleigh boys were beaten 5 - 9 to 4 - 5, a margin of 10 points. The team played good football to come within 4 points, late in the last quarter, but Robe's strength held them together long enough to win the premiership. Umpired by former Hatherleigh player Greg Davis, the game was the last Senior Colts final umpired under the single umpire system.

The Mini Colts had to rebuild in 1984 after losing 14 players from the previous year to the Senior Colts. A new coach, Richard Bradley concentrated on teaching his charges the basic skills and to work at improving on those things they had learnt during the year. Although they finished in eighth place there was a good future for many of these Mini's.



Central Umpire Greg Davis preparing to umpire a final at Glencoe. Assisting were Mark Wilson and Robert Dyer (boundary umpires), Peter Guyett and Garry (Tug) Wilson (goal umpires).

Profile # — Richard(Dick)Bradley Career — 1960 to 1980
Other Clubs: Royal Australian Navy 1966 to 1972
Millicent 1978.

Club awards: Most improved 1964 — best backman 1970 & 1971.

Hardest opponent: They were all "Bloody" hard, always faster than me.

Footballer most admired: Geoff Southby — Carlton.

Best coach: Robert Jeffries — ex Hawthorn.

What makes a top footballer?: Dedication to all facets of the game.

During the year, Barry Jones was appointed coach of the Mid S.E. Under 15 Edwards Trophy team which included Hatherleigh's Darren Snook and Scott McArthur. Although losing both Inter-league games, Darren and Scott were selected in a combined South East team to play in the Samboy Cup in Adelaide.

In his first year of Mid S.E. football, Greg Cook displayed his natural skills, enabling him to finish third in the Mail Medal with 15 votes. It was a surprise to everyone when Greg failed to gain selection in the 1984 Team of the Year. However, the ever reliable Graham Loveday and Jim Noonan were selected. Another to poll well at league level was Darryl Smith, who, was runner-up in the Malseed Medal with 26 votes.

Best & Fairest, the R.W.Skeer Medal was won for the second time by Nigel Brooks, after playing only 8 games; the Len Watson Medal was won by Lindsay Duckworth; the G.W.Thompson Medal went to David Fabris; and winning his second Walker Medal was Brett Redden.

The C.M.T.Fitzgerald award was won by Garry Schulz; as team manager and on the social committee, he was appreciated by all.

The netball girls continued their fine record in 1984; with new lights erected during the year, the girls now had good facilities for both training and playing. The highlight of 1984 was a premiership to the A Reserve team of Bronwyn Clarke, Tricia Clapham, Anne-Marie Tenney, Janine Clarke, Carolyn Skeer, Kathy Cozzi, Wanda Irvine and Kathy Grant. The A Grade finished sixth; the B Grade, fifth; the C Grade finished top but lost both their finals games; and the D Grade finished ninth.

In Mid S.E. Best & Fairest awards, Hatherleigh again provided two more winners. The Mid S.E. B Grade Best & Fairest was won by Noeleen Sneath for the second time; and Kerry Hutchesson won the Mid S.E. C Grade award.



1984 C.M.T.Fitzgerald winner
— Garry Schulz

Goals Galore

1985

FROM a sense of loyalty, Hatherleigh re-appointed Jim Noonan for his third season as coach in 1985. Under a injury cloud from the old injury, Jim appreciated the help given to him by John Skeer and Barry Walker. "Their input into the club was what kept me going — how could I let them down?" Jim said. Noonan had enjoyed his time at Hatherleigh; playing well personally and teaching players the will to win had been his challenge. Although lack of discipline again reared its head, players like Graham Loveday always compensated for those who lacked discipline; in Noonan's opinion, Loveday was one of the easiest players to coach because he always gave a 100% effort.

One of the Mid South East League's biggest disappointments of 1985 was the demise of the Legacy Lightning Carnival. Held at Mt Burr in aid of Legacy, the annual carnival had provided many great tussles since its inception in 1959, but in latter years had lost support. Clubs had become unwilling to risk injuries prior to the start of a football season. It seemed a pity that football clubs had become so selfish and were prepared to support Legacy no longer.

Pre-season activity in 1985 netted several new players for the club. Darren Pretlove, Trevor Davidson, Jamie Nadebaum and Brenton Naughton were all valuable acquisitions, who, along with some impressive juniors, gave Hatherleigh their best start to a season for many years. A demolition job on Port MacDonnell in the first game, 33 - 18 to 6 - 13 gave the club early confidence. After round one, Hatherleigh were well placed, having won seven of nine games and were near the top of the premiership table; kicking in excess of twenty goals in five of those games showed what a powerful and in-form forward line the club possessed. The team un-earthed a new full-forward early in the second round, Jamie Nadebaum who had been playing well in the Seconds, made the most of his chance by kicking 11 goals against Mt Burr. Over ten years had passed since a Hatherleigh player had kicked a double figure number of goals.

The second half of the season is one best forgotten as the club threw away the opportunity to play in the finals by winning only three games; they finished sixth. In his end of season report, President John Skeer wrote that the club and supporters should feel proud of the results obtained in 1985 — John must have been referring to the results of the Seconds, Senior and Mini Colts as the A Grade certainly had lost the plot. Some

blamed injuries to senior players, others were not so kind, but the fact remains that Hatherleigh had every opportunity to play in these finals and didn't — finishing out of the finals or losing a grand final is no different; one should never be proud of second best.

During the year, a number of players gained recognition at Inter-league level, being Greg Cook, Nigel Brooks and Craig Skeer, who were part the winning Mid S.E. team to defeat Kowree Naracoorte, 12 - 14 to 11 - 15. Greg was named best on ground in this game. He later gained selection in the South Australian Country side to play Western Australia Country in Perth, becoming the first Hatherleigh player to gain selection at this level.

Coached by Brendan Maxwell, the Seconds had an excellent year finishing in second position at the end of the minor round. Brendan felt that a strong mateship existed amongst the players, and that the ex-



Greg Cook



1985 HATHERLEIGH RESERVES

Back Row: Darryl Smith, Phillip Bowman, Ian Slape, Ian Rothall, Brian Bowman, David Reilly, Robert Lesslie, Ian Faulkner. Middle Row: Brian Skeer(selector), David Delaporte, Russell Lang, Linc Gore, Tony Walker (captain), Michael Wilson, Stephen Gray, Drew Pegler, John Cavanagh, Steve Harvey, Trevor Rayson, Phillip Reilly (runner)

perience and enthusiasm of players like Robert Lesslie became infectious. After fourteen games, Hatherleigh had lost only one before two losses brought the team back to reality. Winning the qualifying final in convincing style, they met top side Tantanoola in the second semi final. With a win each during the season, both sides were determined to prove who was the best side. After a good display of Seconds football Hatherleigh, won the battle to play in the grand final by winning 10 - 12 to 7 - 4. Two weeks later, the same teams met, but this time there was no second chance. As reigning and minor premiers Tantanoola were tough and uncompromising on grand final day. They had done their homework and led Hatherleigh at half-time 7 - 6 to 2 - 7. Seven goals in the second quarter by the Tigers had sapped the confidence of the Eagles. Even though Hatherleigh out-scored their opponents in the second half by 3 - 1, that second quarter burst had given Tantanoola the break they needed; they finally won 12 - 8 to 10 - 10.

The Senior Colts were again the pace-setters in 1985, finishing minor premiers. Although restricted by the number of players for selection, they really put in a great effort to finish on top. Sometimes a difficult age to coach, the Under 17 boys seemed to respond to Steve Harvey, who was now in his third season as their coach. The finals series will be remembered as one of disappointment as Hatherleigh lost the second semi final to Mt Burr by two points and then lost the preliminary final to Robe by one point — this was the third time in as many years that Robe had eliminated Hatherleigh in this grade.

Coached for the second year in succession by Richard (Dick) Bradley, the Mini Colts lost eight players from 1984 but picked up many new ones from the Beachport area. The players of the last two years had matured into a very determined bunch of footballers under the guidance of Bradley. The Mini Colts also received the benefit of having the experienced Robert Lesslie as their skills coach. This added coaching proved worthwhile, as they finished minor premiers. After defeating Kongorong in the preliminary final, Hatherleigh went onto meet Mt Burr in the grand final. In one of the most even grand finals for many years, Hatherleigh led by a point at quarter time, scores were level at half time, Mt Burr led by a point at three quarter time, before they overpowered Hatherleigh in the last quarter winning 5 - 3 to 2 - 5. Unfortunately the boys lost the grand final but Coach Bradley described it as "One hell of a game!"

During the year, a number of Hatherleigh boys were selected in Mid S.E. Inter-league teams. Selected in the Under 17 team,



1985 Glenelg Trophy winners — Hatherleigh

coached by Hatherleigh's Steve Harvey, were James Green, Tim Leopold, Darren Snook, Darren Chambers, Peter and John Lang. The Under 15 team included Justin Sneath and Troy Riley, with Barry Jones as coach. Another to excell during the year was Michael Hamilton, who was rewarded with a position in the State SAPSASA training squad. Although not selected in the final team, it underlined his immense talent.

Hatherleigh may not have won any premier-ships in 1985 but they were the Champion Club of the Mid S.E., winning the prestigious Glenelg Trophy for the first time since 1978. In other highlights, Greg Cook finished third in the Mail Medal for the second year in succession, losing the runner-up Medal on a count-back. The experienced Robert Lesslie won the Carthew Medal with 16 votes, the first Hatherleigh player to win in this grade since Don Leopold in 1964. Club Best & Fairest awards were won by Brenton Naughton, R.W.Skeer Medal; Robert Lesslie, the Len Watson Medal; Tim Leopold, the G.W.Thompson Medal; and Tom Cooper the B.A.Walker Medal.



1985 Carthew Medal winner — Robert Lesslie

Profile # — Robert Lesslie

Career — 1979 to 1986

Other clubs: Millicent

Club awards: Millicent Seconds Best & Fairest.

Len Watson Medal 1985.

Hardest opponent: Michael Timms — Robe, (stood him once, that was enough).

Footballer most admired: Bob Tilby — Millicent/Mt Burr.

Best Coach: Phil Scanlon — Hatherleigh.

What makes a top footballer?: Dedication.

The club acquired a stuffed and mounted wedge-tailed eagle as a mascot during 1985, the Eagle is now displayed in a glass case above the bar in the clubrooms.

The winner of the 1985 C.M.T.Fitzgerald club award was J.L.(Fred) Smith. A great supporter of Hatherleigh, Fred won the award for his literary efforts in the S.E.Times and as A Grade boundary umpire. A school teacher in 1985, Fred became a full-time journalist at the S.E. Times in early 1993.

The netball girls were again setting the standard in the Mid S.E. All teams made the finals, allowing Hatherleigh to win the inaugural McCormick Premier Club Award.



1985 C.M.T. Fitzgerald winner — J.L. (Fred) Smith



1985 McCormick Premier Club Award winners — Hatherleigh Yvonne Rothall receives the trophy from Mr McCormick

The A & B Grade finished fourth, the C Grade finished third, and, after finishing minor premiers, the A Reserve and D Grade were both defeated in the grand final. But the hard luck story was with the A Reserve girls, who lost in extra time after being eight goals up at three quarter time. One small consolation was the win by the experienced Heather Seeborn in the Mid S.E. A Reserve Best & Fairest award. Heather polled 30 votes — made up of 10 first preference votes. Another to poll well was Noeleen Sneath, who finished runner-up in B Grade — during the four years of this grade, Noeleen had won the Best & Fairest twice and been runner-up twice.

1986

After three years at Hatherleigh, Jim Noonan retired from football; he was replaced as coach by Greg Cook. Coming to Hatherleigh in 1984, Greg had displayed the qualities to become a successful coach. He had set a fine example in his two years at the club and was rewarded last season by being selected in the State Country team.

Every year the loss of players is a disappointment and 1986 was no different. The loss of Noonan, Naughton and Pretlove was felt, but these losses were offset by capable replacements in Michael Bowley, Jeff Ollafsen and Brett Faehrmann. Club policy of not paying great amounts for players meant Cook had the challenge of bringing the best out of the talented locals. Early in 1986, Hatherleigh held a trial game against



1985 Mid S.E. Netball B Grade Best & Fairest — Heather Seeborn



Mid S.E. B Reserve Best & Fairest in 1982/83 Runner-up in 1984/85 — Noeleen Sneath



1986 A GRADE

Back Row: Dale Bateman, Kym Lovelock, Brett Faehrmann, Brett Skeer, David Koch, Doug Ferguson, Jon Prance (team manager). Middle Row: Darren Sneath (trainer), Linc Gore (runner), Terry Bell, Jeff Ollafsen, Phillip Smith, Michael Bowley, Mark Fabris, David Fabris, Wayne Jones, Jeff Simpson (trainer), Peter Reilly (trainer). Front Row: Richard Palmer, Trevor Rayson, Nigel Brooks (captain), Greg Cook (coach), Robert Lesslie, David Sapiatzer, Craig Skeer, J.L. (Fred) Smith (boundary umpire).

Mundulla. Although beaten by 26 points, coach Greg Cook was happy with the work-out. The greater physical strength of the runners-up in the Tatiara League was the difference between the two sides.

The 1986 season started in April with a good win over Mt Burr, followed by the club's first win over Kalangadoo since 1977. In both games, the team kicked in excess of twenty goals, proving that if you kick big enough scores you win more often than not. In a gutsy win against Tantanoola in round five, Hatherleigh supporters witnessed the improved form of full-forward Craig Skeer, the reliability of Nigel Brooks and the courage of Kym Lovelock. However, a three-goal win over the top side, Nangwarry was the club's best result from the first round. Playing without their inspirational leader Greg Cook, due to his commitments with the State Country side, Hatherleigh signalled they were a side to be taken seriously.

The form of Craig Skeer continued when he kicked 13 goals against Tarpeena early in June, and by July his tally was 66 for the season. In early August Glencoe's John Bron-



1986 Mid S.E. Leading Goal-kicker — Craig Skeer

ca kicked 19 goals against Tarpeena, to create a new Mid S.E. record, the question then asked, "Could Skeer break that record when Hatherleigh meet Tarpeena on August 9?" In one of the most memorable goal-kicking performances by a Hatherleigh player, Craig kicked his 100th goal of the season in the second quarter, and had kicked 11 of his team's 14 goals by half-time. After the long break, Craig continued on his merry way, kicking a further 13 goals, setting a new Mid S.E. goal scoring record of 24; the record still stands today.

After the game, which Hatherleigh won 38 - 14 to 2 - 6, Skeer thanked his coach and team-mates in a brief speech.

Then followed the presentation of the match ball, autographed by his team-mates and club officials. It was a humble response to a magnificent effort; no matter

whether he was fed the ball at the expense of everyone else or not, Craig Skeer still had to kick the goals. Moving Skeer to the full-forward didn't come until round four and since that time he had weekly tallies of 9, 6, 3, 6, 13, 7, 5, 7, 8, 5, 2, 10, 7 & 24. Skeer's form lifted the team performances enough to enable Hatherleigh to finish the minor round in third place.

On a more light-hearted note, Greg Cook remembers those whom he describes as "great characters". Some of them liked training, others didn't. One of those that didn't like training was Terry Bell. Two of his memorable excuses to avoid of training were: "I couldn't train because of a snake fright" and "I have to be home by 6pm to cook Dad's tea". A player who played both A Grade and Seconds during 1986, Terry had the potential to be a regular senior player but his dislike for training let him down; his excuses were endless and frustrated Cook as coach.

A highlight of qualifying final day was Hatherleigh's participation in all four football games. The club defeated Glencoe 17 - 9 to 12 - 10 in the A Grade game with Skeer again amongst the goals with 12. Confidence was high after they thrashed Tantanoola in the second semi final, 18 - 12 to 8 - 10, the grand final being a re-match between Tantanoola and Hatherleigh. In a tight defensive grand final Hatherleigh started as though they had reached their peak two weeks earlier; wasted use of the breeze in the first quarter cost them dearly, but by half-time,



1986 Mid S.E. Reserves Leading Goalkicker Brian Bowman receives the Glenelg Trophy from Mr John Oakley



P.C.Reilly

there was very little in it, Tantanoola led by 4 points. A good third quarter by the Tigers kept them in front by 4 points at the last change. Using the breeze well in the last quarter, Tantanoola finally gained the upper-hand and won 12 - 13 to 9 - 4. Another Hatherleigh premiership had gone begging, but that is football - it can be cruel!

Like the Seniors, the Seconds had a good year in 1986. Coached by Barry Jones, the team had a good blend of youth and experience. Their year began well with two wins in excess of 25 goals. This form continued until round seven, before a loss to Nangwarry by 8 points stopped their winning streak. Another six wins in succession had them in a strong position on the premiership table in second place. During this period Brian Bowman, Dean Ettridge and Richard Palmer were kicking goals regularly. By the end of the minor round, Hatherleigh held onto second position. After defeating Nangwarry in the qualifying final by ten goals, they met Tantanoola in the second semi final. The win against Nangwarry could have been better but for poor kicking by Brian Bowman, leading goalkicker the Seconds. Having kicked 58 goals during the



1986 SECONDS PREMIERS — HATHERLEIGH

Back Row: Steve Harvey, Dean Ettridge, Terry Bell, Chris Bowman, Phillip Bowman, David Delaporte, Lyndon Zobell. Middle Row: Graham Bowman, Tim Leopold, Ian Rothall, Tony Harrison, Brian Bowman, Darren Chambers, Graham Loveday. Front Row: Russell Lang, Tony Walker, David Reilly, Barry Jones (coach), Ian Faulkner (captain), Graham Watson, Richard Palmer.

season, Brian was off target in this game kicking 0 - 8. However, Brian remains the only Hatherleigh player to top the goalkicking in the Seconds competition since 1972. Also amongst the goals in 1986 was Dean Ettridge; Dean finished runner-up to Brian with 51 goals.

With two goal-kicking forwards, Hatherleigh always felt they had a good chance of winning a premiership. Both Bowman and Ettridge were kept quiet in the second semi final; Tantanoola won convincingly 8 - 6 to 3 - 10. After defeating Port MacDonnell 13 - 10 to 7 - 4 in the preliminary final, Hatherleigh again met their arch rival, Tantanoola in the grand final. The team selected was:

Full Back Line — Graham Watson, Graham Loveday, Tim Leopold

Half Back Line — Terry Bell, Ian Faulkner, Graham Bowman

Centre Line — Phillip Bowman, Chris Bowman, Russell Lang

Half Forward Line — Tony Walker, Brian Bowman, David Reilly

Full Forward Line — David Delaporte, Darren Chambers, Lyndon Zobel

Ruckman — Tony Harrison 19th Ian Rothall

Ruck Rover — Steve Harvey 20th Dean Ettridge

Rover — Richard Palmer

Coach: Barry Jones Manager: Garry Nilsson Runner: Philip Reilly



David Reilly

The game opened with both teams playing desperate but untidy football. By half-time, neither team had gained the upper-hand although Hatherleigh led by 10 points. The game was won in the third quarter when two early goals to Brian Bowman were followed by three from veteran David Reilly, who had been switched from half-back to half-forward. The surge in confidence and a 41-pts lead had given Hatherleigh a good break. An even last quarter meant Hatherleigh defeated the Tigers 14 - 10 to 7 - 2, winning their first premiership in Seconds since 1964. Jubilation abounded, even from Peter

(P.C.) Reilly, who spent much of the last half of this game strapping A Grade players prior to their match. Missing the excitement of seeing son David play a vital role in winning the



*Graham Loveday
enjoying premiership
success*

grand final, and son Philip who was the teams runner, is remembered with some disappointment by P.C., but knowing that his sons were part of a premiership helped; but P.C. can be proud of the fact that he fulfilled his role as a trainer in a professional way.

One of the highlights of the year came in the Seconds game against Tarpeena when one of the best shepherds ever seen was handed out by Garry (Stumpy) Nilsson — the only problem, "Stumpy" was the runner!



Ian Faulkner receiving the 1986 Premiership Shield

Profile # — David Reilly

Career — 1964 to 1993

Other Clubs: Millicent 1969 to 1976

Rovers (Port Headland, W.A.) 1978 & 1979.

Club Awards: Best team-man 3 times.

Hardest opponent: Michael Timms — Robe/Nangwarry.

Footballer most admired: Bill Brownless — Geelong.

Best coach: Brendan Maxwell — Hatherleigh.

What makes a top footballer ?: Discipline and commitment to achieve a goal.



1986 MINI COLTS PREMIERS

Back Row: Brendon Liddicoat, Robert Watt, Hayden Brook, Brett Johnson, Chris Snook, Paul Redden, Tim Scanlon, William Tedham, Daniel Johnson. **Middle Row:** Darren Sneath (trainer), David Koch (coach), Chris Lawrence, Nash Chambers, Damien Liddicoat, Justin McGregor, Sean McGregor, Stephen Coote, Mark Fennell, Shane Kemp, Kym Lovelock (coach), John Watt (team manager). **Front Row:** Steve Sutherland, Peter Kemp, Michael Hamilton, Phillip Tenney (captain), Jarrod Chambers, Justin Hamilton, Clint Sneath.

Profile # — Peter (P.C.) Reilly

Trainer — 1969 to 1989

Why did you become a trainer? Given a pair of over-alls by Bob Sapiatzer, enjoyed the work, so continued.

Did you have any formal training ? Attended training sessions twice yearly.

The worst injury you dealt with ? Left that to the head trainer.

Who was the most difficult player you had to contend with ? None.

What were your tools of trade ? Towel, smelling salts and the "Magical" wonder spray.



A questionable Netball Team J.L. (Fred) Smith, John Cavanagh, Kym Lovelock, Brett Faehrmann, Craig Skeer, Brett Skeer, Adrian Crowe.



1986 R.W. Skeer Medal winner Nigel Brooks presented by Trevor Skeer

The Senior Colts finished the season in second position, but not even their new coach, Craig Skeer could stop the run of defeats to Robe in finals. After losing to Glencoe in the qualifying final, they were eliminated by Robe for the fourth year in succession.

The Mini Colts were coached for the first time by two coaches; David Koch and Kym Lovelock. For the second successive year, the Mini Colts finished in the finals again, appearing in the grand final. Many of the players had memories of 1985, where they had been the best side all year but lost the grand final. Their opposition in this years grand final, Mt Burr had lost one game for the year. Leading all the way, Hatherleigh won easily 8 - 4 to 3 - 2. A number of players from this team are now regulars in the club's senior side — one of them Justin McGregor is Club Captain in 1992 & 1993.

Many other highlights from 1986 worth recording included another Champion Club Award for 1986. A very proud club President, Garry Schulz accepted the Glenelg Trophy for the second year in succession. Current club President Michael Bowley said, "So proud was he of the club's win, Garry smashed the original Glenelg Trophy and accordingly had to buy a new one for Glenelg to hand on to the next successful club." As told to the author, Garry said the success of the club

in 1986 brought all sections together — "Success breeds success, and it starts on the field. The year was a happy one off the field as well and much of the credit for this must go to the social committee led by Trevor Rayson!" The social committee raised in excess of \$7,000, keeping its members entertained with activities like the Pig on the spit day to a P Party fancy dress cabaret.

Another highlight occurred on May 31: Hatherleigh set a new Mid S.E. record when its four football sides kicked 92 goals between them in one day, 33, 25, 21 and 13 — this record still stands today.

Many individuals excelled in 1986; Greg Cook represented S.A. Country for the second year in succession against W.A. Country. He was also appointed assistant coach and vice captain of the Mid S.E. Inter-league team which included Hatherleigh players Nigel Brooks, Craig Skeer and Jeff Ollafsen.

The Mid S.E. team-of-the-year included Greg Cook, Nigel Brooks and Craig Skeer.

In the junior Inter-league carnival at Naracoorte, Hatherleigh were represented by Darren Jones, Stephen Telfer, Darren Snook and James



Raeleen Smith, Maree Jones, Jenny Skeer, Glenis Skeer, Kay Leopold



1986 C.M.T. Fitzgerald winner — Raeleen Smith. Raeleen receives her award from Mrs Fitzgerald

Green, who played in the Under 17 team. They were supported by Darren Sneath as trainer and Craig Skeer as runner. Coached for the third year in succession by Barry Jones, the Under 15 team had four Hatherleigh players — Phillip Tenney, Shane Bradley, Jamie Damhuis and Brett Redden. From this carnival, Brett Redden became one of four Mid S.E. players to gain selection in the successful South East Samboy Cup team; he then had the distinction of being selected in the State Country side.

As previously mentioned, Craig Skeer and Brian Bowman were the leading goal kickers in the A Grade and Seconds competitions, whilst



1986 C GRADE NETBALL — PREMIERS

Back Row: Karen Murch, Janita Grant, Kate Scanlon, Lecia Jones, Kerry Hutchesson (coach) Front Row: Michelle Dean, Melissa Harvey, Jodie Cabot, Lori Varcoe.

Phillip Tenney was runner-up in the 1986 Mansell Medal. Nigel Brooks had been the most consistent centre-half-back in the Mid S.E. and his form enabled him to win his third R.W.Skeer Medal. Only two players polled more than ten votes in the Len Watson Medal, the winner being Graham Bowman. The G.W.Thompson Medal was won by

The C.M.T.Fitzgerald award was won by Raeleen Smith. A tireless worker, Raeleen had an enormous impact on the netball club through coaching and umpiring, but she is best thought of as one of the five ladies responsible for the club's well known "Thursday night teas". As told by J.L.(Fred) Smith: "Thursday night teas with Rael's and the girls have become an institution. Roasts, stews, and grills have been eagerly and gratefully consumed by hungry players and supporters alike. Thousands of buckets of chips, hot dogs and cups of soup have gone down the little red lane. My favourite has always been the fillet mignon with a sauce made from fresh, home-grown mushrooms. You wouldn't taste better in the whole of the state! There maybe dozens of reasons why Hatherleigh teams have not enjoyed more success on the sporting arena.



*Lorraine Faulkner —
Hatherleigh Netball Club
Life Member*

Never-the-less, there can't be any accusing fingers pointed at Raeleen and her devoted team of Thursday night cooks."

During 1986, the H.S. & R.C. signed a new lease for 21 years with the Millicent District Council for the Hatherleigh Oval and surrounds. It was decided also that the club needed a Trophy Cabinet. Interestingly, the cabinet was built five years later, in 1991 — the question has been asked, "Why did the H.S. & R.C. dither around for five years before building it?"

Hatherleigh's netball club had an indifferent year, although the club still had three teams in the finals. In a very even A Grade competition, Hatherleigh finished fourth after losing to Nangwarry in the first semi final. The B Grade finished fifth and the B2 team sixth. The club's outstanding team of 1986, the C Grade lost one game during the year before defeating Tantanoola in the grand final by 7 goals. Kate Scanlon won the Mid S.E. C Grade Best & Fairest. The D Grade finished runner-up after losing their grand final by 3 goals.

The major highlight for the netball club in 1986 was the awarding of Lorraine Faulkner with Life Membership. The third Life Member of the club, Lorraine began her career at Hatherleigh in 1972 and since has been involved in 15 premierships as a player and coach. Her pride and joy now is the A Reserve which Lorraine has coached to five premierships in the past six years.

A Real Golden Eagle

1987

AFTER a very successful 1986 season, Hatherleigh had no hesitation in re-appointing Greg Cook as coach in 1987. The loss of some key players over the summer months made things a little harder, but not impossible. One of those players, Craig Skeer tried his luck at West Adelaide. Hatherleigh supporters were keen to see their goal kicking sensation of 1986 do well. Like many other country footballers, Craig found the transition tough but rewarding. To the surprise of locals, he played the majority of his games in the back-lines.

Low numbers at pre-season training resulted in selfish and undisciplined football in early games of 1987. Disappointing losses followed, meaning the team suffered a big drop in confidence from which they never recovered. Although there was a big difference in standard between the top four sides and other clubs, a final-five gave Hatherleigh the chance to play in the finals after finishing fifth. Many people in football circles didn't agree with a final-five, believing the fifth side was generally un-competitive. Hatherleigh confirmed that belief in the elimination final, when they were thrashed by Port MacDonnell 16 - 8 to 6 - 10; it was the last year of final-five in the Mid S.E.

It had been a disappointing year after the successes of 1986; nobody felt the disappointment more than Greg Cook. In his annual report in the 1987 year book, Greg was critical of the undisciplined attitude of players. He said they were selfish, broke rules and refused to ring if they couldn't make an appearance. This selfish attitude carried through to the finals, when there was a lack of senior players to help prepare the Seconds for their finals campaign.

In 1987, Ian Faulkner returned as Seconds coach. Starting with a strong blend of youth and experience, the Seconds lost their first two games before committing themselves to the task at hand. From that point, they lost only one more game for the year, finishing in second position. A big win in the qualifying final and a confidence boosting win over Tantanoola in the second semi final meant they were on track to take out back-to-back premierships.

At Hatherleigh, the grand final turned into another disappointment for the club. After defeating the same team in the second semi final, Hatherleigh were completely out-classed by Tantanoola, being defeated 12 - 11 to 2 - 3. The result confirmed Greg Cook's opinion, that lack of support from senior players affected the Seconds' preparation. Greg's idea was that

all players have a responsibility to help their club-mates win a premiership, whether it be Seconds, Senior Colts or Mini Colts — he said this didn't happen in 1987.

Under the control of Dale Bateman as coach, the Senior Colts finished seventh. A senior player for many years, Bateman found himself having to re-build, mistakes were made, but the young players would learn and would improve in years to come.

The Mini Colts were looked after by a support staff of 11, something not seen by many clubs. Continuing for their second year as joint coaches, David Koch and Kym Lovelock were joined by Terry Scanlon as assistant coach. This type of support had always been forth-coming; it was part of the reason why Hatherleigh had been successful in the Mini Colts competition for many years.

In 1987, the Mini Colts lost only three games, two of these to the powerful Robe combination. Finishing second at the end of the minor round, Hatherleigh disposed of Tarpeena in the qualifying final, before a big loss to Robe in the second semi final by 6 - 3. A win in the preliminary final had them lining up against their nemesis, Robe in the grand final. Hatherleigh played magnificent football in this game to lead by a point at three quarter time. In the last quarter, Hatherleigh appeared to be a spent force as Robe kicked three goals, keeping Hatherleigh score-less. Although losing, the team was proud of their effort of being within 17 points of the team that had defeated them in their last game by 39 points.

A number of players gained Inter-league selection in 1987, but their game against Broken Hill turned into a farce. The visitors' flight had become fog-bound at Mildura; arriving late, they were jaded and never recovered, to be defeated 20 - 8 to 9 - 13.

Another junior Inter-league carnival was held at Naracoorte in this year. Following this carnival, Phillip Tenney and Sean McGregor were selected in the S.E. Samboy Cup team. It is interesting to note that both these players are no longer at Hatherleigh, but Justin McGregor and Stephen Coote who also played, have remained.

The H.S. & R.C. continued to manage the club and make improvements when necessary. In 1987, they extended the kitchen facilities and re-surfaced two of the club's netball courts; the re-surfacing cost in excess of \$45,000. To help cover expenses, Hatherleigh was fortunate to conduct the 1987 Mid S.E. grand final which brought in a \$30,000 turn-over. For this most successful grand final day, we still remember the line-up at the main gate at 7am, which stretched along the highway for more than a kilometre.

In 1987, the club was headed by Michael Bowley as President. Retiring as a player in 1986, Bowley had taken the helm with a number of objectives. One of those was to make Hatherleigh Football Club an incorporated body and to adopt a new constitution. After much discussion the proposal was accepted by members. Mike warned that a constitution and incorporation were needed to safe-guard future decisions made on behalf of the club by its committee — the proposal was warranted

following structural changes within the H.S.& R.C. over the preceding years. Although spending only one year as President, Bowley has since returned, and in 1993 has taken on the role of President again. Mike has a number of visions which he says are important for the club's future — they include structural improvements to player facilities, including new changerooms with gymnasium, spa and sauna for both the football club and the public. The idea might seem unacceptable to some but, with forward planning and progressive thinking, ideas such as out-lined can be achieved. Mike Bowley is keen to see the club progress, to move with the times and to continue to improve the facilities provided by the Hatherleigh community.

One of the most successful committees in 1987 was the social committee, under the direction of Trevor Rayson. Among great memories were the 4-wheel drive trip from Beachport to Nora Creina, when Barry Jones' Hi-Lux caught fire and the precious "booze bus" lost its cargo for the pig-on-the-spit day at the base of a sand dune. A skit night and fancy dress show — "What you were wearing when the ship went down", were other successful social functions.

The club Best & Fairest award, the R.W.Skeer Medal was won by Kym Lovelock. Richard Palmer, who finished third in the Mid S.E. Carthew Medal won the Len Watson Medal; Sean McGregor, G.W.Thompson Medal and Chris Snook, B.A.Walker Medal.

Undoubtedly the highlight for the netball club in 1987 was the re-surfacing of two of their courts. With new surrounding fences their reconstruction gave Hatherleigh first class facilities. On-court successes this year were mixed, with the A Grade finishing third, after a six year run of finishing fourth. The B2 team finished a creditable fourth after losing one of their best players, Debbie Bowering towards the finals. The C Grade (U/17) finished second, losing the grand final by 2 goals and the D Grade (U/15) missed the finals, finishing eighth. The best performed team was the B1 team (now A Reserve), who took all before them — winning the premiership. Coached by Lorraine Faulkner, this marked the beginning of an amazing run of success over the next six years. Individually, a number of



*Barry Jones and
Dean Ettridge*



*Social leader Trevor
Rayson*



Bull & Bush



Bull & Bush Cabaret



1987 B1 (A RESERVE) NETBALL — PREMIERS

Back Row: Sara Delaporte, Kylie Kristensen, Lorraine Faulkner (coach), Wanda Irvine. Front Row: Alison Gibbins, Caroline Rayson, Jo Neindorf, Maree Bowley. Absent : Yvonne Rothall

Hatherleigh girls were represented in various teams at the Country Carnival held in Adelaide. Kylie Dean, Jodie Coote and Kim Croser were selected in the U/15 squad; Leanne Reilly and Chris Borgelt were part of the B Grade squad and Kerry Hutchesson was part of the A Grade squad. Both A & B Grade sides returned as Country Carnival Champions.

The 1987 C.M.T. Fitzgerald award was won by Sue Clifford. A member of the Ladies Committee, Sue was Secretary/Treasurer and a tireless worker in the catering area, especially in 1987 as the club had hosted the Mid S.E. grand final. Sue has been a member of the Ladies' Committee for twenty one years, including five years as Secretary and eight as Secretary/Treasurer.



*1987 C.M.T.
Fitzgerald winner
— Sue Clifford*

At the completion of 1987, the club proudly announced that John Skeer had been honoured with Life Membership. John had started his playing career in 1954, retiring in 1965. He had been

a member of the 1964 B Grade premiership team; had been a committee member for ten years of which three were served as Secretary, 1981 to 1983, and two as President, 1984 & 1985. John had also served on the H.S. & R.C. for a period of four years.

1988

After 16 years as Mid S.E. Secretary, Wilf Sprengel became President of the Mid S.E. in 1988. One major change adopted in 1988 was the return to a final four. The experiment of a final five in the past 5 seasons had created controversy; although the Mid S.E. may have gained some financial reward, rarely had the fifth placed team been competitive.

In his report to the 1988 grand final Budget, Wilf Sprengel announced his intention to resign at the Mid S.E. annual meeting in December from all positions he held within the league. For the past 34 years, Wilf Sprengel's contribution in south east football — as Mid S.E. Secretary, Budget Editor and this year as Mid S.E. President — had been enormous.

In 1988, Hatherleigh appointed the former league footballer, Craig Stanbridge as coach. Stanbridge came to the South East when he accepted the position of Chief Executive Officer at the Kingston Hospital in 1984. Craig played for Kingston in 1984 and 1985, coaching them in 1985 and non-playing coach in 1986. His appointment at Hatherleigh was as non-playing coach. A player who had been at seven other clubs prior to coming to Hatherleigh, Stanbridge was judged as the type of player who could use his experience to advantage. Playing his junior football on Kangaroo Island and for Campbelltown/Magill, Craig eventually moved to Norwood Football Club in 1976. He soon became a damaging forward, being leading goalkicker in 1976. In 1979 he topped the Norwood and S.A.N.F.L. reserves goalkicking. Another highlight of his four years at Norwood was being part of the Seconds premiership team in 1978. Being starved of opportunities at Norwood, he went to North Adelaide, where in 1980 he again was leading goalkicker. He was then given the opportunity to switch to centre-half-back by North Adelaide's coach Mike Nunan providing a broader appreciation of the game which helped him greatly as a coach.

Winning only three games, the 1988 season wasn't a successful one. Stanbridge worked hard for results but to no avail. However, the experience gained by the young players put them in good stead for 1989.

Coached by school teacher Bob Wildy, the Seconds were out-classed, under-manned and unsettled for much of the season; they finished in 7th position. Full-forward Dean Ettridge gave the side a focal



*John Skeer — Life
Member 1987*

point and, for the second time, finished runner-up in the Mid S.E. Seconds goal-kicking.

The Senior Colts were coached by Dale Bateman and Bruce Dean. Like their senior counterparts, they also finished well out of the finals in seventh position.

The one team to do well in 1988 was the Mini Colts; coached by Brian Webster and Graham Watson, the boys finished their year in top position with two losses. A close win against Nangwarry in the second semi final put Hatherleigh into their fourth grand final in succession. Meeting the



1988 MINI COLTS — PREMIERS

Back Row: Brett Domaschenz, Ian Atkins, James Fitzgerald, Matthew Bowman, John Gibson, Robert Watt, Nathan Collins, Dylan Weise, Travis Taylor, Hayden Dean. Middle Row: Bruce Tedham (trainer), Nick Clifford, Shaun Bradley, Daryl Webster, Aaron Leopold, Pat Egan, Tom Chambers, John Mole, Darren Sneath (trainer). Front Row: Jon Prance (president), Graham Watson (team manager), Clint Sneath, Ian Mitchell, Steve Sutherland, Tim Scanlon (captain), Mark Chambers, Nathan Corman, Anthony Tedham, Brian Webster (coach), Nola Kemp (trainer).

same team in the grand final, Hatherleigh was not expected to win as the game was played on their opponents home ground. After an even tussle in a steady drizzle, Hatherleigh kept their nose in front to come home as premiers, winning 4 - 4 to 4 - 1. One Mini Colt to excel during the season was Robert Watt; kicking 43 goals, Robert won the Mid S.E. goalkicking award.

Although Hatherleigh football sides had a quiet year, a number of players achieved milestones. In particular, Ian Faulkner and Nigel



*1988 Mid S.E. Mini
Colts Leading
Goalkicker — Robert
Watt*

Brooks played their 200th senior games; Phillip Smith was selected in the Mid S.E. Inter-league team that lost to the powerful Central Districts Football Association by 4 points. At junior level, Chris Snook and Michael Hamilton played in the successful South East Samboy Cup team.

At the annual prize giving night, the popular and talented Nigel Brooks won his fourth R.W.Skeer Medal, equalling Victor Bowman as the only player to win this medal on four occasions. The winner of the

Len Watson Medal was Ian Seebohm; the G.W.Thompson Medal winner was Chris Snook and Michael Corman won the B.A.Walker Medal.

The C.M.T.Fitzgerald award was won by Bruce Tedham. As a trainer, Bruce had continued to give willingly of his time and expertise to cater for the needs of players in all grades on training nights as well as all day on Saturday. Bruce is now head trainer for the Millicent Football Club.



*1988 C.M.T.Fitzgerald
winner — Bruce Ted-
ham*

Led again by Trevor Rayson, the social committee had another successful year. Hatherleigh participated in the annual 10 bird Mid S.E. Perpetual Shield shoot at the Millicent Gun Club. Other social events included the inaugural formal night and Golden Eagle awards. These nights have become a regular event on the social calendar since that time. The awards are given to a member who has been involved in a humorous event during the year. The first winners in the Golden Eagle awards were Trevor Johnson and Chris Borgelt. Both Trevor and Chris were part of the entertainment at a netball cabaret held at the Italian Club in Millicent. After making a fool of himself in a dance routine, Trevor suggested to the compere that he was more successful as a race-horse owner, having watched his horse, Birkhills Lane win at the Mt Gambier races earlier that day. This gave the compere the idea to re-create the race. Trevor, was the horse and Chris the jockey; a number of others joined in, and the race started. Trouble occurred when, Trevor as the horse, fell and twisted his knee. Everyone had a laugh at Trevor and Chris' expense not realising the damage he had done, in fact neither did Trevor. The next day, he was still suffering a lot of pain, so Trevor decided to seek medical attention; the diagnosis — a broken knee-cap!



1988 A RESERVE NETBALL. — PREMIERS

Back Row: Sara Delaporte, Lecia Jones, Lorraine Faulkner (coach), Merry Gabh. Front Row: Alison Gibbins, Kim Sullivan, Karen Blum, Kylie Schulz.

Over the years Hatherleigh Football Club has received great support from the Beachport community and during 1988, a past players' game was organised between the Beachport By-Gones and Gerry's Geriatrics from Robe. Many past Hatherleigh "Champions" participated, with some aptly described in the publication *The Bludget*. In the pre-match comments, the game was to be a tough encounter with the likes of John (AC/DC) Georgeson noted for his electric play, Trevor (Little white shark) Briggs for his elbowing and (Jumping) Joe Bradley for his one hand grabs. Other past Hatherleigh players to line up for this social (but serious) game, were Garry Nilsson, Barry Walker, Greg Skeer, Robert Morgan, Graham Loveday, Ian Faulkner, Barry Jones, Dick



*1988 A Reserve Netball Best & Fairest — Alison Gibbins
Alison receives her Trophy from Mid S.E. President Mr Wilf Sprengel*



1988 B RESERVE NETBALL — PREMIERS

Back Row: Debra Skeer, Debbie Bowering, Katrina Gibbs, Trina Irvine, Antonia Haselton (coach). Front Row: Kate Delaporte, Penny Harrison, Jackie Huppertz, Vanessa Berry.

Coote and David Dunsford. The game was watched by a large crowd, Robe winning by 5 goals. The game is remembered well by those who played, for they suffered sore spots for many weeks.

The H.S. & R.C. continued to make improvements to the football club and their surrounds. In 1988, the club built a gate-keeper's shed, two trainer or coach boxes and laid a cement apron across the front of the clubrooms. In addition to these improvements, they also put a metal roadway around the oval.

The netball club was again a power, with only one side missing the finals. The A Grade finished third for the second year in succession; the A Reserve lost one game for the year, defeating Kalangadoo in the grand final to become premiers for the second year in succession; the B Grade finished fourth; in the new B Reserve grade, Hatherleigh finished undefeated and premiers, defeating Port MacDonnell in the grand final; the Under 17 girls were fifth and the Under 15 girls finished third. A goal defence who often covered players much taller than herself, Alison Gibbins won the Mid S.E. A Reserve Best & Fairest. Alison has become a valuable and hard working A Grade netballer since that time.

Stanbridge Returns as a Player

1989

AT the end of 1988, Hatherleigh's President, Jon Prance announced that Craig Stanbridge would again coach the club in 1989. Their non-playing coach had had limited success in his first season.

The recruitment of Rex Whittaker, Kelvin McIntyre, Ron Schroeder, Craig Eddy and Robbie Walter, from Millicent, the return of David Scudds from Robe, as well as Craig Skeer, who returned after two years at West Adelaide, gave the club the depth they had lacked. The recruitment of Walter, a former Glenelg player, was a surprise; he had played the first few games of 1989 with Millicent, but found the rigors of Western Border Football too much for his injured knees. Stanbridge thought the recruitment of these players and the development of players like Darren (Bob) Jones, Nick Spehr and Tony Harrison would be enough for Hatherleigh to have a successful year.

With so many new players the side took a while to settle; after six games they had won two and lost four, not the start Stanbridge had expected. At this point, Stanbridge decided to return to the playing field; his presence during the second round was a large boost to the young Eagle side.

Placing himself at centre-half-back Craig became a dominating force in the resurgence of Hatherleigh in 1989. His clean marking and experience brought an amazing transformation to the side. Robbie Walter was like a traffic cop at centre-half-forward and Craig Skeer was a focal point at full-forward. The effect these three had in bringing others into the game was instrumental in Hatherleigh winning against all clubs in the second round, with the exception of Robe and Mt Burr.

As the season progressed, Hatherleigh played as a team; no-one dominated. In the game against Nangwarry in late July, Hatherleigh kicked 28 goals, eleven players scored goals and no player kicked more than 6. The win was a team effort. Even though Hatherleigh had defeated all but two clubs since round six, they only made it to the final four after defeating Kongorong in round 17; they maintained their position by defeating Kalangadoo in the final round.

The first semi final against Port MacDonnell was tough. Local football scribe J.L.(Fred) Smith had tipped the Bays so Hatherleigh set about proving him wrong. The first quarter was marred by indecision and fumbles; Port MacDonnell led 5 - 6 to 1 - 1 at quarter-time. An 8-goals



David Scudds, Stephen Telfer, Trevor Rayson, Craig Stanbridge and Robbie Walter celebrate another win

second quarter, dominated by Skeer, Whittaker and Walter, had Hatherleigh back in the game, leading 9 - 8 to 8 - 7 at half-time. Two goals each in the third quarter set the stage for a great final quarter. Hatherleigh showed a remarkable depth of character, and won by 15 points — a great win as they trailed by 29 points at quarter-time. Stanbridge was proud of their efforts and the players couldn't wait to tell Fred Smith not to tip against Hatherleigh without suffering the consequences!

After such a great second half to 1989, a win in the preliminary final was there for the taking. The first quarter was an even affair, both teams kicking 3 - 3 each. The second quarter was dominated by Robe's Michael Timms who piled on four goals to take his tally to six at the long break; Robe led at half-time by 17 points. The third quarter would be decisive for Hatherleigh's chances. After missing most of the year with a broken leg, Nigel Brooks provided the spark which Hatherleigh needed, kicking three goals in this quarter. Stanbridge tried anything to upset the opposition, even doing a



J. L. (Fred) Smith cops the flak from Craig Stanbridge and Rex Whittaker.

cartwheel while standing the mark; Hatherleigh trailed by 12 points at three quarter-time. With a grand final berth at stake, the last quarter proved to be a desperate affair. A goal to Chris Wright and another to Tony Harrison, put Hatherleigh in front for only the second time in the match, a grand final berth looked in touch for the Eagles — but Robe's Timms had other ideas; two more goals put Robe back in control by 12 points, a margin they held to the final siren.

Losing this game and not having the chance to win a premiership was a great disappointment, "I truly thought we would win the 1989 premiership," said Stanbridge. Writing in the grand final Budget, Fred Smith said Hatherleigh could look back on the year with some satisfaction, having improved from 9th in 1988 to within 12 points of a grand final berth

in 1989. But as previously stated, one should never be satisfied with second best — there is nothing better in football than a premiership.

The Seconds were coached by Chris Wright and at times they played well, but a lack of consistency in the forward lines eventually cost the side a place in the finals. They finished fifth, missing fourth position on percentage.

The Senior Colts won every minor round game with the exception of the first two, and were minor premiers. Apart from the first two games, the biggest score kicked against Hatherleigh was 8 - 1; it shows the effectiveness of their defence. In the second semi final, they met Glencoe, the only team

to defeat them all season. In an even game, Glencoe were able to keep their nose in front and win by 11 points. A ten goal win over Robe in the preliminary final gave them another chance at the premiership. The grand final, gave Glencoe a distinct home-ground advantage, which they used well to win by 61 points. It was a disappointing finish for coach Chris Bowman and his team. Many players from both sides have since played A Grade football. Glencoe tasted more premiership success, while Hatherleigh have slipped to the bottom half of the premiership table.



Veteran Nigel Brooks takes a screamer!



Trevor Rayson and Darren (Bob) Jones enjoy another win

The Mini Colts were coached by Paul Bellinger and Joe Bradley, and were back to their brilliant best, going through 1989 undefeated. They were so dominant that their opposition didn't score a goal on ten occasions. Hatherleigh finished the minor round scoring an amazing 1440 points to 116 against. Only Port MacDonnell was competitive against them and they were soundly defeated by the Eagles in the finals. A 15 point victory in the second semi final was followed up by a 7 - 5 to 2 - 3 win in the grand final. James



1989 MINI COLTS — PREMIERS

Back Row: Anthony Tedham, Nathan Bellinger, John Mole, Tate McGregor, Ben Gulbin, Matthew Bowman, James Fitzgerald, Brett Domaschenz, Michael Corman. Middle Row: Chad Atkins (manager), Bruce Tedham (runner/trainer), Rohan Briggs, Shaun Bradley, Pat Egan, Chris Gilbertson, Todd Holyoak, Jon Prance (president), Trevor Aberle (goal umpire), Darren Sneath (trainer). Front Row: Ian Atkins, Nathan Corman, Scott Stihec, Joe Bradley (assistant coach), Tom Chambers (captain), Paul Bellinger (coach), Clint Sneath, Hayden Dean, Jeremy Hales.



1989 Mid S.E. Mini Colts leading goalkicker Todd Holyoak received his trophy from Peter Copping. 1989 Mid S.E. Senior Colts leading goalkicker Michael Hamilton received his trophy from Bob Seaman

Fitzgerald was named as inaugural winner of the John Seeborn Trophy as best player in the grand final.

The Mid S.E. Inter-league team this year defeated the River Murray League 12 - 14 to 11 - 7. Selected in this team were Craig Skeer and Kelvin McIntyre. The Mid S.E. Under 17 team included Justin McGregor, Stephen Coote and Shane Webster. Hatherleigh was represented in the Mid S.E. Under 15 team by Aaron Leopold, Mark Chambers, Tim Scanlon, Robert Watt and Darryl Webster. Following this carnival, again held at Naracoorte, Robert Watt and Mark Chambers were selected in the South East Samboy Cup side that played in Adelaide.

Hatherleigh players topped the Mid S.E. goalkicking list in Senior Colts and Mini Colts. In the Senior Colts, Michael Hamilton continued to display his immense talent by kicking 89 goals and Todd Holyoak led the Mini Colts with 61 goals.

The winner of the R.W.Skeer Medal was Craig Skeer; the Len Watson Medal was won by Ian Seeborn; the G.W.Thompson Medal, Michael Hamilton; and the B.A.Walker Medal, Shaun Bradley.

The club was kept to the fore by continuous articles in the S.E.Times by J.L.(Fred) Smith, whose work was complimented by the Budget scribe of 1989, Grant Humphries alias Eddie the Eagle. Hatherleigh have been blessed with many good Budget scribes over the years, including Nan Sapiatzer, Darren McKenzie, Trevor Rayson and others. Grant can be proud that he has continued the tradition.

In 1989, the H.S.& R.C. submitted a plan to place a verandah in front



1989 UNDER 15 — PREMIERS

Back Row: Kelly Watson, Linda Gregurke, Tracy Chambers, Belinda Harvy, Tammy Varcoe, Emma Mole, Angela Snook, Linda Mansell (coach). Front Row: Leah Hamilton, Emily Clifford, Meg Watson, Kerry Bowman, Emma Bellinger.

of the netball clubrooms, but the project was abandoned when they and Millicent District Council couldn't agree on its style.

The netball girls continued to be formidable opponents in all grades. The only team to miss a finals berth was the A Grade, who finished fifth. The A Reserve team were premiers, defeating Port MacDonnell in the grand final 35 goals to 24, for their third premiership in succession. The B Grade finished the minor round in second position; lost the second semi final by 3 goals, and lost the preliminary final to Nangwarry by 13. The B Reserve girls finished third, but lost the first semi final to Tantanoola by 2 goals. The Under 17 girls gradually improved as the season progressed, completing the minor round in second position before losing to the physically stronger Kalangadoo side in the grand final 21 goals to 36. The Under 15 side



Debbie Walker Mid S.E. A Reserve Best & Fairest runner-up



1989 C.M.T. Fitzgerald joint winners Darren & Noeleen Sneath

were dominant all the season, finishing undefeated, and winning the grand final by 14 goals, 24 goals to Kongorong's 10. A number of girls represented the Mid S.E. at the Country Carnival. Sara Delaporte and Nadine Chambers in the B Grade squad; Jodie Coote, Kylie Dean and Raquel Sneath the Under 17 squad; Emma Mole and Leah Hamilton the Under 15 squad. Another to do well during 1989 was Debbie Walker who finished runner-up in the Mid S.E. Best & Fairest award

The C.M.T. Fitzgerald award was won jointly by Noeleen and Darren Sneath. During the year, Noeleen had been Treasurer of the football club, a position she still holds, and assisted the netball club as an umpire and junior coach. Noeleen also acted as time-keeper and collator for pre-season football and served on the ladies committee kitchen rosters. Darren held the positions of Hatherleigh Football Club Vice-President and delegate to the Mid S.E., but his greatest in-put was in his capacity of head trainer for the football club. Darren continually up-dates his studies and is regarded by many as one of the best trainers in the Mid S.E.

In 1989, John Bowman was honoured with Life Membership for his active support over the past 40 years. John began his playing days at the age of 15 when there were only A & B Grades, but unfortunately he retired at the young age of 26. After retirement, he took the field as a goal umpire for many years. He then supported the juniors as team manager and junior delegate on the Mid S.E. Junior Committee. John is still seen at Hatherleigh as a loyal supporter of the football club and a keen member of the Hatherleigh Golf Club.



John Bowman — Life Member 1989

Profile # — Darren Sneath

Trainer — 11 years

Why did you become a trainer? I was asked to be a trainer when the previous one left the district.

Did you have any formal training? Only a First Aid certificate — I have since joined the Australian Sports Trainers' Association where I have studied Ultra Sound, Electrical Modality and Physiotherapy; I continue to up-date each year.

The worst injury you have treated? A kidney injury.

Who has been the most difficult player you have treated? Ron Schroeder — the bandages are always too tight or too loose!

What are your tools of trade? In football today, there are many; long gone are the days of a towel, magical spray and water bottle.



Tony Walker 1990 joint winner of the Mid S.E. Carthew Medal

1990

In 1990, Hatherleigh appointed Rex Whittaker as coach in his second year. Rex had been a much-travelled footballer, having played at several other clubs — Tumby Bay, Cleve, Rosewater, Waikerie, Port Adelaide and Pints Football Club in Darwin. He had played for Millicent, from where he was recruited for 3 seasons. Rex was an elusive half-forward and a player who enjoyed taking the high mark (a speckie). He was a typical half-forward, well balanced and a player who could turn a game in a short space of time.

The 1990 season started with a win against Tantanoola, which was a game

well remembered by Whittaker, "To win my first game as coach was a big thrill," but the excitement was short-lived as four consecutive losses followed. The blood-ing of young players like Adam Weise, Michael Hamilton and Brendon Liddicoat came in 1990, and Rex was impressed by their responsibility and willingness to listen and learn. He said, "Liddicoat would often hide his injuries, so keen was he to play." These attributes gave the side the confidence to win four of the next five games, leaving Hatherleigh with five wins and five losses after ten games. At this stage of the season Hatherleigh went backwards and Whittaker's football future was clouded following a head knock. His on-field leadership was sadly missed in the second half of the year. Rex was critical of



I'm not just a pretty face?

some senior players, who seemed reluctant to accept the challenge of leadership, by not becoming more aggressive in protecting the juniors. Two wins and a draw in the last 8 games left Hatherleigh well out of contention for the finals; they finished sixth.

Again coached by Chris Wright, the Seconds had similar success to the seniors but the team never settled as they often were called on to supply replacements for injured A Graders. Their finals chances were lost when they often defeated the top sides, but lost too many games to teams below them; they finished sixth. One player who showed the way for the Seconds was Tony Walker: a player who had been around for some years. Tony always gave 100%, whether he was in the mud or providing a strong focal point at centre-half-forward. Playing in eight games in 1990, his efforts were rewarded when he was announced as joint winner of the 1990 Mid S.E. Carthew Medal with 18 votes. In what was to be his last game for Hatherleigh, team-mates suggesting he had a chance of winning the Carthew Medal, Tony decided to tape himself up to catch the umpires' attention. Tony is not sure if it made any difference, but said, "At least it was fun." Tony joined Don Leopold and Robert Lesslie as the only Hatherleigh players to win the Mid S.E. Seconds Best & Fairest.

Profile # — Tony Walker

Career — 1979 to 1990

Other clubs: Nil

Club awards: 1980 Len Watson Medal — runner-up 4 times

Hardest opponent: Peter Guyett — Mt Burr

Footballer most admired: Alex Jesaulenko — Carlton

Best Coach: Brendan Maxwell

What makes a top footballer?: To always give 100% effort.



1990 SENIOR COLTS — PREMIERS

Back Row: Rohan Briggs, David Wright, Daryl Webster, Todd Tarrant, Matthew Nettle, Pat Lawlor, Mark Chambers. Middle Row: Brian Webster (president), Brett Keatley (runner), Tom Chambers, Pat Egan, Shaun Bradley, Michael Hamilton, Owen Williams, Aaron Leopold, Matthew Scanlon, Owen Cummings, Darren Sneath (trainer), Tate McGregor, Shane Webster (team manager). Front Row: Clint Sneath, Ben Pettingill, Brett Johnson (captain), Kelvin McIntyre (coach), Brendon Liddicoat, Michael Corman, Nick Clifford. Absent: James Fitzgerald, Nash Chambers.



1990 A RESERVE NETBALL — PREMIERS

Back Row: Lecia Jones, Alison Varcoe, Justine Crabtree, Michele Smith, Sara Delaporte. Front Row: Linda Mansell, Lorraine Faulkner (coach), Angela Whittaker, Kylie Dean.



1990 B GRADE NETBALL — PREMIERS

Back Row: Yvonne Duckworth (coach), Kylie Schulz, Fioan McDonald, Margaret Bowman. Front Row: Danielle Webster, Jodie Coote, Caroline Rayson, Maree Hage. Absent : Kim Sullivan & Yvonne Rothall.



1990 UNDER 15 NETBALL — PREMIERS

Back Row: Linda Mansell (coach), Angela Snook, Tammy Watson, Felicity Heinrich, Leah Hamilton. Front Row: Kerry Bowman, Carla Sutherland, Kelly Watson, Rachel Tucker.

The Senior Colts were coached by Kelvin McIntyre. This team followed on the good form of the Mini Colts from the previous year with some huge wins. It was indicative of their immense talent that 10 players have since played A Grade football. They finished the minor round in second position knowing they hadn't defeated the top side, Port MacDonnell and would need to do so if they wanted a premiership. The loss of the talented Mark Chambers during the season with the loss of a kidney, helped to spur his teammates to great heights during the finals. Their first win over Port MacDonnell for the year came in the second semi final. This 29-pt win put them in the grand final for the second year in succession. The grand final was a repeat meeting with Port MacDonnell. Hatherleigh opened in devastating form with three goals in the first five minutes, continuing the onslaught and leading by 29 points at quarter-time. After playing many A Grade games during 1990, Michael Hamilton was displaying confidence and experience. Dominating at centre-half-forward he led Hatherleigh to a 51-pt lead at half-time. Port MacDonnell reduced the margin to 35 points at three quarter-time but a further 7 goals in the final quarter gave Hatherleigh a resounding win 19 - 7 to 5 - 9. Michael Hamilton with 10 goals was announced as winner of the Allan Jenkin Trophy as best player; the winning margin was the biggest on record for a Hatherleigh side in a grand final.

The Mini Colts were again coached by Paul Bellinger, but their loss of players to the Senior Colts meant they had to re-build in 1990. In a creditable effort, these boys won seven games and drew one, to finish in sixth position.

This year, the Best & Fairest winners were Craig Skeer, his second R.W.Skeer Medal in succession; Brian Palmer, the Len Watson Medal; Brett Johnson, the G.W.Thompson Medal; and Scott Stihec, the B.A.Walker Medal.



Michelle Skeer and Chris Brooks with the 1990 Mid S.E.Nunang goal throwing and McCormick Premier Club awards.

Profile # — Craig Skeer

Career — 1971 to 1990

Other clubs: West Adelaide 1987 & 1988 — Flinders Park (S.A.F.A.) 1988

Millicent 1991 to 1993.

Club awards: R.W.Skeer Medal 1989 & 1990, runner-up in 1986.

West Adelaide Seconds

Best & Fairest runner-up in 1987.

Others included goalkicking, best team-man & Best Under 21.

Hardest opponent: Michael Wallis — Mt Burr.

Footballer most admired: Malcolm Blight — Woodville/North Melbourne.

Best Coach: Geoff Morris — West Adelaide ; Greg Cook/Craig Stanbridge — Hatherleigh.

What makes a top footballer ? : Dedication and playing because you want to.



1990 B GRADE COUNTRY CHAMPIONS — MID SOUTH EAST

Back Row: Rachael Wight, Hatherleigh; Lisa Taylor, Kongorong; Michelle Skeer, Hatherleigh (coach); Treena Brennan, Nangwarry; Chris Borgelt, Hatherleigh; Cheryl Martin (manageress). Front Row: Kerry Faulkner, Hatherleigh; Sue Thompson, Nangwarry (captain); Bronwyne McCallum, Kongorong; Lana Baker, Kongorong.

The H.S. & R.C. found themselves in trouble when the future of the Golf Course was put in doubt because the water bore ended its useful life. In an article in the S.E. Times on May 24, the Secretary, Antonia Haselton wrote of the need to obtain financial help or the Golf Course would close. Fortunately a new pump and bore were installed and the life of the Golf Course continued.

The netball club continued to be a power with all sides making the finals. A loss and a draw to Kalangadoo helped the A Grade girls to top position after the minor round. It was then everything went wrong; a loss to

Kalangadoo in the second semi final and a one-goal loss to Kongorong a week later had Hatherleigh bundled out of the finals, again losing the opportunity to win that elusive premiership. The A Reserve again finished minor premiers and won another premiership by defeating Kalangadoo 42 to 32 in the grand final. This brought their successes in grand finals to four in succession, with three members, Sara Delaporte, Alison Varcoe (nee Gibbins) and coach Lorraine Faulkner involved in all four. The B Grade girls lost one game for the year, defeating Tantanoola 44 to 42 in the grand final to win Hatherleigh's first premiership in this grade since the formation of the A Reserve. The B Reserve finished in second place but were defeated in the preliminary final by 4 goals. The Under 17 team made the finals but lost to Nangwarry in the first semi final. The Under 15 girls finished in second spot, lost to the undefeated Mt Burr side in the second semi final before winning their preliminary final against Tantanoola by 17 goals. Their performance in the grand final was amazing, playing as a well-oiled unit, they outclassed Mt Burr 34 to 23 to win their second premiership in succession.



*Eileen Brooks — Life
Member 1990*

The performances of all netball teams ensured the club won the Mid S.E. McCormick Premier Club award, for the first time since 1985, and the Nunan Perpetual Goal Throwing Trophy for the club throwing the most goals in one season.

The Mid S.E. joined with the Western Border to form a South East team to compete in the Dairy Vale Cup competition, Hatherleigh's Leanne Schirmer was one of four Mid S.E. players in that squad. At the Country Carnival, the Mid S.E. B Grade team, with six wins, two draws and two losses finished in fourth place after the minor rounds. A win over Mid West and Gawler & Districts in the finals meant they were B Grade Country Champions. The team was well represented by Michelle Skeer, coach; Rachael Wight, Chris Borgelt and Kerry Faulkner.

In 1990, the club didn't recognise any person for the C.M.T.Fitzgerald award, but did honour Mrs Eileen Brooks as the latest Life Member. Mrs Brooks had a long association with Hatherleigh, she had been President of the Ladies Committee and netball club for 3 years each, and a member of those committees on many other occasions. Mrs Brooks had seen her four children; Margaret, Phillip, Kevin and Nigel all play at Hatherleigh, and had the rare honour of having them all participate at Inter-league level on the same day. Mrs Brooks has remained a loyal supporter and has been a valued member of the committee responsible for the launching of this book.

Pride and Success

1991

IN 1991, Hatherleigh appointed a Kingston fisherman, Robert Scott as coach. A successful full-forward for many years in the Kowree Naracoorte League, Scott at 34 years, was seen as the type of player who could pass on his knowledge and provide a good avenue to score goals.

The season would be a tough baptism for Scott who was trying coaching for the first time, and Scott found the task hard. Lacking depth and height, his team also was young and inexperienced after six senior players were cleared to Millicent and elsewhere. These losses gave the young players their chance to prove themselves. Robert Scott was impressed by Brendon Liddicoat, Stephen Coote, Nick Clifford, David Wright, Pat Lawlor and Aaron Leopold, who would only improve with more experience. Only four games were won for the year; this could have been better had it not been for three losses by less than a goal. Robert Scott maintains that, if the club had finished with seven wins and not four, this would have been a good effort for a team so young.

After a career spanning 21 years and more than 250 A Grade games, Nigel Brooks retired at the end of this season. A player who never tried his luck outside the Mid S.E., Nigel became a key player for Hatherleigh. A person who shunned the limelight, Nigel had enormous football talent. He often appeared casual but played his best football when the pressure was on. Nigel played Colts football in the 1970's, being one of many footballers to play in numerous premierships sides; he played his first A Grade game in 1975.

Profile # — Nigel Brooks

Career — 1971 to 1991

Other clubs: Nil

Club awards: R.W.Skeer Medal 1979, 1984, 1986 & 1988 — runner-up 3 times.

G.W.Thompson Medal 1975

Hardest opponent: Lyn Higgins — Robe. ("He always kept me laughing!")

Footballer most admired: Russell Ebert — Port Adelaide.

Best Coach: Kym Smith — Mid S.E. Inter-league coach.

What makes a top footballer?: Natural ability and commitment.

In 1991, one amusing incident occurred during Hatherleigh's match against Kongorong. Being carried off before half-time with an ankle



*Nigel Brooks
retires after 250 A
Grade.*

injury, Ron Schroeder was in obvious pain when his team-mates arrived at half-time to see his ankle wrapped in the bag only used for those with breaks. His team-mates felt sorry for him; the trainers suspected he had a broken ankle and would require hospital treatment. A number of players decided they would visit Ron in hospital, Coach Scott apologising because of the distance from Kingston. Over the weekend Scott worried for his team-mate, hoping that he would recover quickly. Ron recovered at an alarming rate, and you can imagine the surprised look on Scott's face when one of the first on the track for the next training session was Ron Schroeder — Ron explained, "I only twisted it, Scotty!" Not convinced, Scott has always thought Ron was only looking for sympathy.

Coached by Kevin (Spud) Murphy, the Seconds suffered like the A Grade because of a lack of depth, finishing their year well out of the finals, in 8th place.

The Senior Colts were coached by Stephen Telfer in 1991. With many of the old team still eligible, Hatherleigh were able to finish the minor round in second position. After soundly defeating Nangwarry in the second semi final, another premiership was imminent. Hatherleigh dominated this game and many thought their finals experience would win them another flag. The grand final was played in wet conditions, and right from the start Hatherleigh were under intense pressure. With Mansell Medal winner Simon Burdon playing a great game, Nangwarry managed to shut out the Hatherleigh play-makers, going on to record a surprise win. It was a timely reminder that grand finals are hard to win.

The Mini Colts started on a re-building program under a new coach, Dean Ettridge; trying hard all the season and having five wins, they finished eighth.

At the end of the season the Best & Fairest winners were announced. The winner of the R.W.Skeer Medal was Brendon Liddicoat; the Len Watson Medal, James Green; the G.W.Thompson Medal, Nick Clifford; the B.A.Walker Medal, Aaron Atkinson.

The C.M.T.Fitzgerald award was won by Lindsay Duckworth. A tireless worker



*1991 C.M.T.Fitzgerald
winner — Lindsay
Duckworth.*

who did those thankless behind-the-scenes jobs, Lindsay had been an active committee member for the last four years, the past two as Secretary. In 1992 he took on the position of Club President but did not seek re-election in 1993.

One of the highlights on the social calendar was a football match between the Somerset Hotel All-stars and the Grand Hotel All-stars. Made



The All-Stars

up of past players from the surrounding districts, the game was a great success. The game produced good skills and more importantly provided some good laughs. Whilst the match was announced as a draw, most people acknowledged that the Grand Hotel won by a small margin.

The H.S. & R.C. made more significant improvements during 1991. After approving the plans in 1990, extensions to the netball changerooms and a shelter shed on the grounds were built. Hatherleigh netballers now have an excellent changerooms and a shelter shed to keep spectators dry on wet days. Another major improvement was the mounding around the oval, for which the gravel was donated by SAGASCO, who were drilling for gas on Max Skeer's near-by property. Also, a trophy cabinet was erected in 1991 to display club trophies — five years after it had been approved as a required item.

The netball club had its best year on record. Since the sixth grade of competition was introduced in 1988, Hatherleigh became the first club in the Mid S.E. to have all teams participating on grand final day. After complet-

ing the minor round, the A Reserve and Under 17 girls had finished top; all other teams finished in second position. In an amazing effort, all teams were successful in making it to the grand final. But as can happen, jubilation became despair on grand final day. In miserable wet conditions, only the Under 17 girls became premiers. One premiership from six teams



*Trevor Medhurst and Ian
Faulkner with the All-Stars
Trophy*

may not seem great, but the fact that all sides were in a grand final was something to be proud about. Looking back, the A Reserve team had lost their first grand final in five years. Hatherleigh Netball Club had dominated proceedings and consequently won the Mid S.E. McCormick Premier Club award for 1991, their second in succession. Individually, Michelle Dean won the Mid S.E. Betty Nunan Best Under 21 A Grade



1991 UNDER 17 — PREMIERS

Back Row: Emma Bellinger, Tracy Chambers, Felicity Heinrich, Tammy Varcoe, Leah Hamilton, Linda Gregurke. Front Row: Mardi Walker (coach), Belinda Harvy, Kerry Bowman, Emily Clifford, Meg Watson.

player award, Justine Crabtree had an excellent year by finishing runner-up in the Mid S.E. B Grade Best & Fairest award and Leah Hamilton finished third in the Under 17 award.

1992

Hatherleigh found themselves looking for another coach when Robert Scott returned to Robe. The search was difficult, as few footballers are prepared to take on a bottom side, but by November 1991, the club announced the appointment of a former Hatherleigh player, Greg Reilly. Having little coaching experience, Greg accepted



1991 Mid S.E. Best Under 21 Netballer Michelle Dean is pictured with Mr & Mrs Nunan



At the unveiling of Premiership Photograph's were Greg Reilly, Neil Zander, Bruce Dean, Garry Clifford, Barry Walker.

the position as a challenge, explaining, "My coach at Millicent was Richard Hill; he taught us to be thinkers on the football field. I also have a great respect for my coach at Mt Burr, Robert Halliday; he was a great disciplinarian." Greg believed the knowledge he had gained at Millicent and Mt Burr would be an asset to him.

At the annual meeting in December 1991, Greg Reilly made a statement about what he described as a lack of pride in the successes of the Hatherleigh Football Club. He stated, "I have come from the Mt Burr Football Club — a club that is driven by the pride of being successful! Many photographs of past football teams are displayed and I am disappointed to see that Hatherleigh has few photographs on display, apart from tennis teams." He asked, "Can something be done about it, as it can have a big bearing on a football side's success if they have something to look up to?" The committee accepted his comments, and on May 5, the club unveiled many of the premiership team photographs. By the end of 1992 all but four premiership sides were on display — the display also includes Hatherleigh players who have won a Mid S.E. Best & Fairest Medal. The arrival of the photographs led to the writing of this book.

The football season was a hard slog for Greg Reilly and his young team. The club had few experienced footballers and the team suffered some bad losses. Hatherleigh found themselves leading on many occasions only to be over-run in the last few minutes to lose games they should have won — the situation occurred in eight games in the season. The team's only win in 1992 came in round 16 against Tarpeena — it was like winning a grand final!

In his annual report, President Lindsay Duckworth said, "History may say the club had a poor year but many positives have come from

season 1992. History will not record the competitiveness of our side nor will it record the camaraderie and team spirit developed." These attributes were due to the leadership of Greg Reilly and is something he has continued to foster in the early part of 1993.

The Seconds were coached by Chris Wright and their results suffered because of the lack of depth in the A Grade. The Seconds enjoyed more success than the senior side, winning 6 games and drawing one. The team often enjoyed their football, although, in one game not many enjoyed seeing Darryl Smith miss kicking a goal from one metre out — but in a typical reaction, the incident was laughed about after the game. The Seconds finished 1992 in seventh position.

The Senior Colts had a disruptive season with coaching. They had three different coaches, finishing the year under Alan Weise. Their performances therefore were good, as they finished in fourth position. Their first semi final game was lost when they were out-played by a bigger and stronger Port MacDonnell side.

The Mini Colts were again coached by Dean Ettridge and finished their year in eighth position. This team was young and inexperienced and Dean who is again coaching them in 1993, is hopeful their development will continue.

During 1992 there were limited social functions, but a second retirees' game at Hatherleigh between the Somerset Hotel Allstars and the Grand Hotel Allstars was a resounding success. The game was umpired by Nigel Brooks and Wayne Jones, and although some rule interpretations were a bit confusing, one player complaining, he got pinged for "Holding the ball" when it was five metres away! — everyone enjoyed themselves.

The 1992 R.W.Skeer Medal was won by Justin McGregor; Ian Faulkner won his second Len Watson Medal, 10 years after his first. Ian, at 40 years, proved he could still show the young ones how to play; the G.W.Thompson Medal was won by Rohan Briggs and the B.A.Walker Medal by Daniel Gregurke.

The C.M.T.Fitzgerald award was won by Ron Cowin. A great clubman, Ron had taken on the role of Secretary in 1992 and provided great support to the club — most of which was behind-the-scenes work, un-noticed by many.

In 1992, the Hatherleigh Netball Club were again successful in winning the McCormick Premier Club award



*1992 C.M.T.Fitzgerald winner —
Ron Cowin.*



1992 A RESERVE NETBALL — PREMIERS

Back Row: Lorraine Faulkner (coach), Tammy Varcoe, Linda Mansell, Justine Crabtree, Jill Sutcliffe. Front Row: Kerry Harris, Kylie Dean, Sara Delaporte, Maree Hage.

and the Nunan Perpetual Goal Throwing award in the Mid S.E. competitions. This was their third win in succession and fourth since its inception eight years ago. To earn this award, all teams finished in the top four. The A Grade finished third at the end of the minor round and their loss to Nangwarry in the first semi final was disappointing for coach Michelle Skeer, who by now was getting used to frustrating losses at vital stages of the year. The A Reserve completed the year in top spot and remembering their loss in 1991, returned to the winning track to be premiers again — their fifth win in six years. Captain of the A Reserve, Sara Delaporte had played in all premiership sides. The B Grade



Kalangadoo Gala Day — Hatherleigh runner-up. Tammy Varcoe, Carla Sutherland, Felicity Heinrich, Sam Uotila, Angela Snook, Heather Davis, Leah Hamilton.

finished second after losing their grand final to Kongorong. The B Reserve finished in fourth position at the end of the minor round and, playing inspired finals netball, were surprise premiers. The win proved the determination and never-say-die attitude of these girls. The Under 17 girls finished in third but were never able to overcome the top two sides, losing their preliminary final to Mt Burr. The Under 15 went through the season undefeated and completed their year as premiers. There are many girls from these two junior teams who have an excellent future in netball.

Profile # — Michelle Skeer

Netballer

Player: 1979 to 1993

Coaching: 1991 Mid S.E. B Grade Country Carnival Squad
Hatherleigh A Grade 1990 to 1993

Who has been your best coach ? None stand out as the best.

Your hardest opponent ? Karen McManus — Kalangadoo

What netballer do you admire ? Michelle Fielke — Australian Captain.

What is needed to become a top netballer ? Commitment, good skills and a desire to be successful.

Why is Hatherleigh a successful Netball Club ? A sound administration, good numbers and good coaching at junior level have helped us retain players.



1992 B RESERVE — PREMIERS

Back Row: Tracy Chambers, Belinda Harvy, Jenny McAuliffe, Catherine Bell, Kylie Higgins, Kim Sullivan (coach). *Front Row:* Meg Watson, Angela Telfer, Katie Rapp, Penny Gray.



1992 UNDER 15 PREMIERS

Back Row: Tricia Bowman, Angela Loveday, Sally Sims, April Martin, Cindy Atkinson, Chris Brooks (coach). Front Row: Jess Hales, Stacey Walters, Kate Hamilton, Jodie Clifford, Kelly Jones.

During the season the Mid S.E. netballers participated in another Country Carnival in Adelaide. Hatherleigh players were represented in the Under 15, Under 17, C Grade and B Grade teams. The best performed team was the B Grade. Captained by Michelle Skeer they came away as S.A. B Grade Country Champions. Other Hatherleigh representatives were Mardi Walker, Chris Brooks and scorer Cheryl Chambers.

Hatherleigh had many good netballers in 1992 and it is often unusual that top sides provide Best & Fairest winners. However, Angela Loveday dominated to win the Mid S.E. Under 15 Best & Fairest award. Another to excel during the year was Leah Hamilton who was selected in the S.A. Country Under 17 development team — unfortunately, illness robbed her of the chance to play in the Under 17 combined Country Touring side played at Warrnambool in Victoria.



1992 Under 15 Mid S.E. Best & Fairest winner Angela Loveday

1993

After some disappointing results on the football field in 1992, Hatherleigh ad-

ministrators, coaches and players vowed to improve their performances in 1993. As soon as the 1992 season finished, the preparations started with the re-appointment of Greg Reilly as coach and the appointment of Peter Mur as his assistant. The experience of someone like Peter Mur is something the club lacked, using that experience, Peter ran a much varied pre-season training in 1993.

Early in November Michael Bowley returned to Hatherleigh as Club President, a position he had held previously; the intensity started to build. Over the next three months, the club recruited a number of new players. Enlisting of Michael Kain, Dwayne Crowe, Nick Forster, Trevor Reilly, Bill Ashby, Damien Ross, and others had sparked a new enthusiasm. More importantly, the loss of few players from the previous season boosted numbers and depth within players' ranks. For the supporters the club now seemed on a much better footing. In 1992, Reilly had few players with experience, not so in 1993 — and supporters will be hoping Reilly can mould his team into a winning unit and expecting a finals berth at the end of the season.

The players confidence and the camaraderie Greg Reilly had attained as coach had not been seen for sometime. One player who had become good friends with Reilly was Aaron Leopold. Often both would go fishing, weight training or just laze around the Reilly home, talking football. Aaron was spending so much time at the Reilly's that his father, Don said, "Why don't you give Greg and Donna a break, son? You are there so often he's like a second father to you!" to which Aaron replied, "Well, that's okay! — I do call him Dad." If this type of camaraderie is common in a club, players will often achieve more. Aaron has probably started a trend, where Greg Reilly will be known as "Dad" from now on. If that brings success to the Hatherleigh Football Club, Greg Reilly and the club's supporters won't mind!

With record numbers attending early training, the Hatherleigh Netball Club will continue to be a power within the Mid S.E. and, like their footballer counterparts, they will soon win another senior premiership.

The Hatherleigh Golf Course will continue to provide supporters with a variation of activities. A successful night golf evening was one of the football club's early social functions for 1993.



*Leah Hamilton S.A.
Under 17 Country
squad member.*



President Michael Bowley presenting 1992 R.W.Skeer Medal winner Justin McGregor with his new Eagles jumper in early 1993

The Hatherleigh Sport & Recreation Committee will continue to support all sporting groups within the sports complex although the financial burden is far greater today than in 1976, when this committee first formed.

Now adopted in 1993, one major change is the Hatherleigh Football Club's jumper. At a meeting in January, the committee decided to accept



Hatherleigh start 1993 in new jumpers

the golden yellow and royal blue colours of the West Coast Eagles with its team affiliated in the Australian Football League. The decision to change was an expensive one, and no doubt the footballers appreciated the Ladies Committee contribution that paid for them. It is the first change in club jumpers since 1961. The design may have changed but Hatherleigh will remain the Eagles —

The Mighty Flying Eagles.

Coaches and Best and Fairest Winners

A GRADE

Year	Coach	Best & Fairest (R.W.Skeer Medal began in 1958)
1947	Bernie Donlan	Eric Parsons
1948	Bernie Donlon	Dick Walker
1949	Eric Parsons	Bernie Donlon
1950	John Lugg	
1951	John Lugg	
	Max Thompson	
1952	Max Thompson	Fred Bateman
	Fred Bateman	
1953	Noel Lafsky	Noel Lafsky
1954	Noel Lafsky	Max Thompson
1955	Fred Bolton	Fred Bolton
1956	Stan White	Victor Bowman
1957	Clive Stevens	Clive Stevens
1958	Clive Stevens	Clive Stevens
1959	Ken Roberts	Alan Thompson
1960	Brian Potter	Lance Skeer
1961	Brian Potter	Victor Bowman
1962	Ivan Alderson	Victor Bowman
1963	Brian Potter	Ivan Alderson
1964	Phil Walker	Victor Bowman
1965	Phil Walker	Don Leopold
1966	Phil Walker	Bob Crowe
1967	Barry Walker	Garry Clifford
1968	Barry Walker	Herb (Nimmy) Rigney
1969	Barry Walker	Trevor Kelly
1970	Ian Rowarth	Barry Walker
1971	Wayne Johnson	Greg Skeer
1972	Jeff Arthur	Trevor Kelly
1973	Jeff Arthur	Barry Walker
1974	David Bertelsmeier	Jeff Arthur
1975	David Bertelsmeier	Robert Halliday
1976	Robert Halliday	Greg Thiele
1977	Robert Halliday	Phillip Brooks
1978	Phil Walker	Greg Thiele
1979	Phil Scanlon	Nigel Brooks

1980	Phil Scanlon	Phil Scanlon
1981	David Maczkowiack	David Maczkowiack
1982	David Maczkowiack	David Maczkowiack
1983	Jim Noonan	Jim Noonan
1984	Jim Noonan	Nigel Brooks
1985	Jim Noonan	Brenton Naughton
1986	Greg Cook	Nigel Brooks
1987	Greg Cook	Kym Lovelock
1988	Craig Stanbridge	Nigel Brooks
1989	Craig Stanbridge	Craig Skeer
1990	Rex Whittaker	Craig Skeer
1991	Robert Scott	Brendon Liddicoat
1992	Greg Reilly	Justin McGregor
1993	Greg Reilly	

B GRADE

Year	Coach	Best & Fairest (Len Watson Medal began in 1965)
1950	Reg Wallis	
1951	Reg Wallis	
1952	Reg Wallis	
1953	Reg Wallis	Morrie Bell
1954	Reg Wallis	
1955	Reg Wallis	Neil Skeer
1956		Morrie Bell
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1962	Bert Whennen	Bert Whennen
1963	Bert Whennen	Bert Whennen
1964	Bert Whennen	Don Leopold
1965	Lance Skeer	Peter Bell
1966	Phil Walker	Bert Whennen
1967	Steve Lynch	Tom Irvine
1968	Trevor Kelly	Andy Wills
1969	Garry Clifford	Don Leopold
1970	Garry Clifford	John Cook
1971	Bob Edmonds	Michael Bradley
1972	Bob Edmonds	Terry Mole
	Barry Walker	
1973	Steve Rothall	Terry Mole
1974	Jeff Arthur	Terry Mole
1975	Robert Halliday	Greg Davis
1976	Phil Walker	Greg Davis
1977	Phil Walker	Trevor Briggs

1978	David Redan	Trevor Kelly
1979	Kevin Coulter	Barry Walker
1980	Kevin Coulter	Tony Walker
1981	Ian Faulkner	Bill Agnew
1982	Ian Faulkner	Ian Faulkner
1983	Ian Faulkner	Stephen Irvine
1984	Robert Lesslie	Lindsay Duckworth
1985	Brendan Maxwell	Robert Lesslie
1986	Barry Jones	Graham Bowman
1987	Ian Faulkner	Richard Palmer
1988	Bob Wildy	Ian Seebohm
1989	Chris Wright	Ian Seebohm
1990	Chris Wright	Brian Palmer
1991	Kevin Murphy	James Green
1992	Chris Wright	Ian Faulkner
1993	Chris Wright	

SENIOR COLTS

Year	Coach	Best & Fairest (now the G.W.Thompson Medal)
1959	Eric Parsons	
1960	Eric Parsons	
1961	Eric Parsons	Anthony Brown
1962	Eric Parsons	Garry Clifford
1963	Roger Webb	Charlie Ramsey
1964	Rex Hosking	
1965	Rex Hosking	Dennis Manhood
1966	Brian Skeer	
1967	Garry Clifford	Don Clark
1968	Steve Lynch	Greg Skeer
1969	Steve Lynch	Phillip Bell
1970	Steve Lynch	Lance Chambers
1971	Garry Clifford	Phillip Brooks
1972	Warren Mills	Phillip Brooks
1973	Warren Mills	Trevor McIntyre
1974	John Welfare	David Dunsford
1975	John Welfare	Nigel Brooks
1976	John Welfare	Andrew Tilley
1977	Rob Carthew	Michael McCourt
1978	Barry Jones	Brian Bowman
1979	Mark Bailey	Gary Blum
1980	Robert Lesslie	Stephen Hampel
1981	Robert Lesslie	Wayne Jones
1982	Robert Lesslie	Richard Palmer
1983	Steve Harvey	Peter Lang

1984	Steve Harvey	David Fabris
1985	Steve Harvey	Tim Leopold
1986	Craig Skeer	Darren Jones
1987	Dale Bateman	Sean McGregor
1988	Dale Bateman	Chris Snook
1989	Chris Bowman	Michael Hamilton
1990	Kelvin McIntyre	Brett Johnson
1991	Stephen Telfer	Nick Clifford
1992	Shane Webster	Rohan Briggs
	Chris Bowman	
	Alan Weise	
1993	Ian Faulkner	

MINI COLTS

Year	Coach	Best & Fairest (B.A. Walker Medal)
1969	Eric Snook	
1970	Barry Walker	
1971	Barry Walker	Leon Slake
1972	Barry Walker	Robert Major
1973	Barry Walker	Brian Bowman
1974	Barry Walker	
1975	Barry Walker	
1976	Barry Walker	
1977	Barry Walker	
1978	Barry Walker	Richard Palmer
1979	Barry Walker	Richard Palmer
1980	Barry Jones	Phillip Whitehead
1981	Ken Peek	John Lang
1982	Barry Jones	John Lang
1983	Barry Jones	Brett Redden
1984	Richard Bradley	Brett Redden
1985	Richard Bradley	Tom Cooper
1986	David Koch	Jarrold Chambers
	Kym Lovelock	
1987	David Koch	Chris Snook
	Kym Lovelock	
1988	Brian Webster	Michael Corman
	Graham Watson	
1989	Paul Bellinger	Shaun Bradley
1990	Paul Bellinger	Scott Stihec
1991	Dean Ettridge	Aaron Atkinson
1992	Dean Ettridge	Daniel Gregurke
1993	Dean Ettridge	

HATHERLEIGH FOOTBALL CLUB

Length of service on the Football Club Committee

Years service	Name	Years service	Name
1	Alderson Ivan	2	Mole Terry
2	Altschwager Bob	4	McArthur Ian
6	Allen Don	2	McGregor Justin
1	Bateman Fred	3	Nilsson Garry
10	Bell Frank	3	Parsons Eric
2	Bell Keith	1	Potter Brian
5	Bell Noel	4	Prance Jon
6	Bell Peter	4	Rankin Keith
1	Bell Stewart	3	Rayson Trevor
1	Best Tom	7	Reilly David
1	Blum Norm	3	Roney Don
2	Bowley Michael	2	Rowe Lloyd
2	Bowman Brian	2	Sapiatzer Bob
4	Bowman Victor	5	Schulz Colin
2	Bradley Dick	5	Schulz Garry
3	Brooks Curley	9	Skeer Arthur
6	Brooks Nigel	14	Skeer Brian
1	Buhlmann Barry	8	Skeer Cecil
7	Burdon Colin	5	Skeer Chris
1	Butterworth Bill	9	Skeer Ellis
9	Clifford Garry	5	Skeer Greg
1	Cook Pam	10	Skeer John
1	Coote Robert	11	Skeer Lance
5	Copping Bruce	17	Skeer Max
3	Coulter Kevin	2	Skeer Neil
4	Cowin Ron	8	Skeer Norman
1	Davis Greg	3	Skeer Peter
1	Dean Bruce	1	Skeer Ray
4	Donlan Bernie	1	Skeer Ron
4	Downs Bob	20	Skeer Trevor
5	Duckworth Lindsay	8	Smith Barrie
2	Fitzgerald Con	2	Smith Fred
2	Fitzgerald Len	7	Smith Ian
3	Flatman Laurie	2	Smith Trevor
4	Galwey Alec	7	Sneath Darren
2	Gard Kevin	7	Sneath Noeleen
2	Gibbins Warren	3	Snook David
10	Hamilton Reg	4	Tenney John

Years service	Name	Years service	Name
3	Howe Jack	10	Thompson Alan
1	Humphries Gran	4	Thompson George
1	Irvine Tom	1	Thompson Max
1	Johnson Brett	6	Walker Bill
1	Johnson Trevor	14	Walker Barry
6	Jones Barry	1	Walker Phil
2	Kay Robert	1	Waples Bob
7	Keatley Bruce	5	Watson Graham
2	Kelly Trevor	16	Watson Ken
4	Lang David	4	Watson Les
4	Leopold King	2	Webb Roger
2	Leopold Peter	5	Webster Brian
6	Loveday Graham	2	Whennen Bert
2	Lugg John	1	Winderbank Cleve
2	Madden John	4	Witmitz Kevin
5	Manhood Bob	10	Witmitz Les
4	Martin Roger		

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Length of service on the Sport & Recreation Committee

Years service	Name	Years service	Name
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16	Fitzgerald Con	3	Sapiatzer Nan
7	Gibbins Warren	1	Skeer Brian
3	Gilbertson Don	4	Skeer John
5	Haselton Antonia	5	Skeer Neil
1	Hentschke Brenton	3	Skeer Peter
4	Johnson Trevor	3	Skeer Trevor
18	Keatley Bruce	10	Smith Barrie
1	Kemp John	2	Smith Fred
2	Koch David	2	Sullivan Pat
4	Leopold Don	7	Watson Robert
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