

# Barwon Football Club

## Details

Known as :  
The Bulldogs

Established :  
1856 (A Barwon team competed with Geelong, Kardinia and Corio in the late 1860s)

Club Colours:

In 1877 a Blue and White striped jersey with red sash. Blue knickerbockers. Blue cap with a whitecross. Later light blue with red and white vee.

Home ground :

In 1877 alongside the Communn-na-fienne Hotel. In 1921 Kardinia Park. They played at the Belmont Common before relocating to the Highton ground in 1959

Competitions participated in :

1877 Victorian Football Association

1919-1923 Geelong District Football League

1924-1932 Geelong Junior Football Association

1933-1938 Geelong District Football League

1949-1978 Geelong District football League

1979-1989 Geelong Football League

## Brief History

It is claimed that the Barwon Football Club was founded in late 1859, shortly after the Geelong Football Club which was founded in July 1859. Other records indicate that the club was established in 1856.

Barwon Football Club was supported by local manufacturers and was identified as a working-class club. Geelong Football Club was supported by pastoralists and private schools.

Barwon originally played on the common ground below the Geelong Grammar School which was located on the east side of McKillop St near Moorabool St.

Barwon Football Club played many Melbourne Clubs, including Carlton, Essendon and Melbourne Football Clubs. In 1874 Carlton defeated Barwon by three goals to nil at Princess Park. In a return match the same year in Geelong, Barwon won by one goal to nil.

Barwon Football Club and Geelong Football Club matches were generally controversial. A silver cup donated by a supporter of the game for competition amongst Geelong, Ballarat and Western Districts Football Clubs were bitter battles.

In one match between Barwon and Geelong for the silver cup, Barwon claimed victory, the Geelong players were incensed over particular incidents during the game, especially kicking of the ball into Vilamanta St, Geelong refused to admit defeat.

Relations were strained between the two clubs for two years, with Geelong declining during this period to play Barwon. By 1878 peacemaking prevailed and the teams played a game on neutral ground at Corio. Geelong won that game two goals to one.

The rivalry between Barwon and Geelong spurred Geelong to become a much more professional organisation, which eventually led to that club's dominance of football in the Victorian colony over the next decade.

Barwon was a founding member of the VFA in 1877.

The club played at Kardinia Park until it disbanded in 1938

Barwon reformed under Vic Buchanan and Jack Finn after WWII, initially as an under 18 team.

Seniors commenced in 1953.

## Premierships

Senior 1886-1888-1901-1906-1921-1924-1926-1928-1957-1961-1967

1886 Grand Final Barwon 4-5 d Geelong West 3-1

1888 Grand Final Barwon 8-9 d Geelong West 6-10

1901 Grand Final Barwon United 8-11 d Chillwell 4-3

1906 Grand Final Barwon 2-10 drew with Ashby 3-4 (Barwon awarded premiership

because they were top of the ladder prior to finals)

1921 Grand Final Barwon 13-11-89 d Queenscliff 5-6-36

Best (Barwon) Albert Topping, Armstrong, Harrison, Pelly

Goals (Barwon) Binch 4, Topping 4, Darrah 2, Kelly 2, Perkins

1924 Grand Final Barwon 8-7-55 d Geelong West 6-5-41

1926 Grand Final Barwon 9-11-65 d Geelong West 9-9-63

1928 Grand Final Barwon 7-6-48 d Geelong West 6-10-46

1957 Grand Final Barwon 8-14-62 d St Marys 6-11-47

Best (Barwon) Paul Vinar, Ken Romanis, Brian Hope, Dennis Cherry, Laurie Ford, Roy Matthews

Goals (Barwon) Laurie Ford 3, Dennis Cherry, Paul Vinar, Hugh Woods, Bill Allan, Ken Romanis

1961 Grand Final Barwon 14-7-91 d Newtown & Chilwell 5-9-39

Best (Barwon) Ricka Jennings, Gordon Jennings, Brian Shelley, Hugh Wood, Ron Simmonds, Bill Allen

Goals (Barwon) Ron Simmonds 3, John Cutler 2, Ray Matthews 2, Bill Allen 2, Dennis Cherry 2,

Brian Shelley, Gary Jennings, Hugh Wood

1967 Grand Final Barwon 11-5-71 d St Marys 6-11-47

Best (Barwon) Ian Bartlett, Graeme Blackney, Paul Roberts, John Plumridge, John Nankervis

Neville Behrens, Ray Russell

Goals (Barwon) Graeme Blackney 3, Ian Hovey, Meredith, Ian Bartlett, Hick, Neville Behrens, Ray Russell

## **Reserves 1978**

1978 Grand Final Barwon 14-11-95 d North Shore 9-6-60

Best(Barwon) Robert Pell, John Murdoch, Robert Allen, Peter Thompson, Paul Jamieson

Goals(Barwon) Paul Jamieson 6, Peter Mahon 3, Peter Thompson 2, Con Grapsas, Robert Allan,  
Charlie Ardenetto

Under 18 1951-1963-1964-1966-1967-1968-1972-1973

1951 Grand Final Barwon d

1963 Grand Final Barwon 8-7-55 d Geelong Amateurs 6-4-40

Best(Barwon) Ian Nankervis, John Nankervis, Ray Taylor, Bill Cusworth

Goals(Barwon) Not Recorded

1964 Grand Final Barwon 11-10-76 d East Geelong 6-9-45

Best(Barwon) Ron Mawson, Doug Burge, Trevor Taylor, John Nankervis, Ian Nankervis, David Self

Goals(Barwon) David Self 4, Ron Mawson 2, Ian Nankervis, Tony Bowles, Trevor Taylor, Graham  
Behrens, Bernie Walker

1966 Grand Final Barwon 3-3-21 d St Josephs 1-6-12

Best(Barwon) Bernie Walker, Gary Plumridge, Colin Anderson, Rod Beasley, Bert Freeman

Goals(Barwon) Barry Beales, Bruce Nankervis, Tom Bowles

1967 Grand Final Barwon 7-10-52 d Geelong Amatuer 6-5-41

Best(Barwon) Trevor Taylor, Dean Hall, Jeff Oxley, Neil Brown, Bruce Nankervis

Goals(Barwon) Bruce Nankervis 3, Dennis Morrison 2, Rod Beasley, Trevor Taylor

1972 Grand Final Barwon 7-11-53 d St Josephs 6-8-44

Best(Barwon) Peter Tomkins, Peter Ferguson, Shane Dowling, Connie Grapsas, Craig Golding,  
Graeme Forsythe

Goals(Barwon) Randall Whitten 2, Wayne Jefferies, Philip Huber, Richard Holz, Peter Tomkins, Shane  
Dowling

1973 Grand Final Barwon 8-6-54 d St Josephs 6-14-50

Best(Barwon) Stephen Jackson, Peter Forsythe, Peter Jamieson, David Smith, Kevin Roberts

Goals(Barwon) Stephen Jackson 2, Paul Rettke 2, Malcolm Biddle, Peter Forsythe, Ian Gillett, David Clarke

### **Under 17 1980**

1980 Grand Final Barwon 16-19-115 d North Shore 4-7-31

Best(Barwon) Bowden, Gary Johns, Brett Goddard Lewis, Gary Watson

Goals(Barwon) Bowden 6, Dickson 2, Brendan Sexton 2, Darren Sexton 2, Scott Grover, Craig Harrison, Gary Watson,

### **Under 16 1974-1987**

1974 Grand Final Barwon 5-6-36 d St Josephs 4-5-29

Best(Barwon) Dale Moorfoot, David Clarke, Peter Steven, Andrew Balaam, Stephen Pink, Robert Pell

Goals(Barwon) Dale Moorfoot 2, Robert Pell, Robert Allen, Allan Frigerio

1987 Grand Final Barwon 10-10-70 d Grovedale 4-6-30

Best(Barwon) Mitchell Povey, Craig McGough, C Boseley, J Kaberry, Travis Closter, T Griffiths, David Goddard

Goals(Barwon) Craig McGough 5, Travis Closter 2, C Ross 2, J Parrish

### **Under 15 1965-1966-1967(A&B)- 1972-1978**

1965 Grand Final Barwon 9-7-61 d St Josephs 5-3-33

Best(Barwon) Jokic, Major, Lingford, Creighton, Oxley, Condren

Goals(Barwon) Lingford 3, Jokic 2, Major, Allan, Nankervis

1966 Grand Final Barwon 3-3-21 d St Josephs 1-6-12

Best(Barwon) D Walker, Gary Plumridge, C Anderson, Rod Beasley, Barry Freeman

Goals(Barwon) Neales, Tom Bowles, Bruce Nankervis

1967 Grand Final(A) Barwon 7-10-52 d Geelong Amatuer 6-5-41

Best(Barwon) Trevor Taylor, David Hall, Jeff Oxley, Neil Brown, Bruce Nankervis

Goals(Barwon) Rod Beasley 3, Trevor Taylor, Jeff Oxley, Bruce Nankervis

1967 Grand Final(B) Barwon 5-6-36 d Geelong Amatuer 1-1-7

Best(Barwon) Keith McTaggart, Joseph Thomas, David Dougherty, Mark Browne, Graig Golding

Goals(Barwon) Warwick Foster 2, Craig Newman, Gary Golding, David Dougherty

1972 Grand Final Barwon 14-6-90 d North Geelong 10-5-65

Best(Barwon) Not recorded

Goals(Barwon) Not recorded

1978 Grand Final Barwon 8-8-56 d Bell Park 4-10-34

Best(Barwon) Johns, Zen, D Walker, Grace, Watson

Goals(Barwon) Mahon 2, WATson 2, Phillips, Sexton, Brett Goddard

**Under 14 1983**

1983 Grand Final Barwon 6-7-43 d St Josephs 4-3-27

Best(Barwon) Not recorded

Goals(Barwon) Not recorded

**Under 13 1982**

1982 Grand Final Barwon 4-10-34 d North Shore 2-2-14

Best(Barwon) Not recorded

Goals(Barwon) Not recorded

## Senior Coaches

1910 J Horman

1949 Vic Buchanan

1950 H Doherty

1954 Stan Lakey

1957 Bill Allan

1959 Gordon Reid

1961 Geoff Walker

1962 Geoff Walker

1963 Ray Matthews

1964 Hugh Wood

1965 Hugh Wood

1966 Ricka Jennings

1967 Ricka Jennings

1968 Jim Abbott

1969 Paddy McMahan

1970 Paddy McMahan

1971 John Farrell

1972 John Farrell

1973 Mick Hickey

1974 James Abbott

1975 James Abbott

1976 Gordon "Butch" Reid

1977 Garry Hamer

1978 Glen Bow

1979 Gary Hamer

1980 Ray Russell

1981 Robert "Boo" Allan

1982 Robert "Boo" Allan

1983 Trevor "Twiggy" McLean

1984 Trevor McLean

1985 Mark Hall

1986 Mark Hall

1987 Ray Powley

1988 Ray Powley

1989 Ray Powley

## Senior Captains

1874 A Ricketts	1975 James Abbott
1877 John Cunningham	1976 Gordon "Butch" Reid
1878 John Cunningham	1977 Kevin McPoyle
1879 T Harding	1978 Kevin McPoyle
1907 J Fedley	1979 Gary Hamer
1910 J Horman	1980 Ray Russell
1957 Bill Allen	1981 Robert Allen
1964 Rick Jennings	1982 Grant Rau
1965 Rick Jennings	1983 Trevor McLean
1966 Rick Jennings	1984 Trevor McLean
1967 Rick Jennings	1985 Mark Hall
1971 John Farrell	1986 Mark Hall
1972 John Farrell	1987 Geoff Boothroyd
1973 John Farrell	1988 Geoff Boothroyd
1974 John Farrell	1989 Geoff Boothroyd

## Best & Fairest Winners

### Seniors

1935 Joe Tucker	1959 Bill Allen
1951 Ray Matthews & Hugh Wood	1960 Bill Allen
1953 Ray Butcher	1961 Bill Allen
1954 Ray Matthews & Hugh Wood	1962 Ron Cotter
1956 Bill Allen	1963 Brian Hope
1957 Ken Romanis	1964 Rick Jennings
1958 Bill Allen	1965 Clive Smith



1966 Clive Smith

1967 Clive Smith also Evelyn Hurst( Seniors)  
Best and Fairest for the Geelong League

1968 John Nankervis

1969 John Nankervis

1970 John Nankervis

1971 Robert "Boo" Allen

1972 Geoff Grayling

1973 Ian Hovey

1974 Gordon Reid

1975 Ron Steven

1976 Gordon Reid

1977 Stephen Jackson

### **Reserves**

1961 Ken Romanis

1962 Mark Kavanagh

1963 Graeme Mousley

1965 Ron Cotter

1966 Gordon Scorgie

1967 Doug Robinson

1968 Doug Burge

1969 Pat Gray

1970 Craig Townsend

1971 Geoff Ridgeway

1972 Milan Jokic

1973 John Murdoch

1978 Paul Jamieson

1979 Rocco Villarossa

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1981 David Goddard

1982 Dick Roscoe

1983 Dick Roscoe

1984 Dick Roscoe

1985 John Williams

1986 Geoff Boothroyd

1987 Mick Keenan

1988 Geoff Boothroyd

1989 Geoff Boothroyd

1974 Geoff Ridgeway

1975 Con Grapsas

1976 Con Grapsas

1977 Greg Keane

1978 John Murdoch

1979 John Burrhop

1980 Robert "Boo" Allan

1981 John Murdoch

1982 Richard Condie

1983 Peter Jackson

1984 D Walker

1985 Brenton Carnell

1986 Brett Gear

1988 M Liversay

1987 John Murray

1989 John Guiffre

### **Under 18**

1954 Ian Jennings

1982 Brett Goddard

1960 Eric Fairbank

1983 Scott Edwards

1961 Jeff Wright

1984 David Gorman

1962 Ken Robinson

1985 Mark Williams

1967 Trevor Taylor

1986 David Laherty

1972 Randall Whitten

1987 Brad Mawson

1973 Stephen Jackson & Peter Jackson

1989 Todd Griffiths

### **Under 17**

1979 (A) Craig Goddard

1984 D Allen

(B) Chuck Gladman

1985 Wayne Reid

1980 G Watson

1986 Travis Closter

Under 16

1987 Travis Closter

1983 (A) M Williams

1989 Simon Dandy

(B) M Tompkins

### **Under 15**

1953 Rick Jennings

(B) Brett Walters

1955 Geoff Burge

1980 (A) Scott Edwards

1958 Jeff wright

(B) Peter Clingan

1967 David Dougherty

1982 D Oemcke

1976 Darren Kerby

1983 David Goddard

1979 (A) Brett Goddard

### **Under 14**

1983 (A) G Hosking

(B) R Beyer

1984 B Young

1985 Travis Closter & Dean Goddard

1986 Dean Goddard

1987 Haami Williams

1988 Simon Dandy

1989 Carl Ward

### **Under 13**

1982 Peter Whyte

### [Committee](#)

#### **Presidents :**

1878 W Murray

1891 J Galbraith

1907 J Hambly

1949 Vic Buchanan

1950 Vic Buchanan

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1957 Cliff Cherry

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1961 Jack"Floater" Flynn

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1969 Gordon Scorgie

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1976 Russell Pink

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1978 Russell Pink	1984 Cr Ross Stephens
1979 Russell Pink	1985 Cr Ross Stephens
1980 Ken Wylie	1986 Cr Ross Stephens
1981 Ken Wylie	1987 Darrell Parrott
1982 Ken Wylie	1988 Basil Grapsas
1983 Cr Ross Stephens	1989 Basil Grapsas

**Secretaries :**

1877 CW Dickens	1961 Jim Cooper
1878 D Longden	1962 Jim Cooper
1891 T Hardiman	1963 Jim Cooper
1906 John Cunningham	1964 Jim Cooper
1907 G Bell	1965 Jim Cooper
1921 H Napier	1966 Jim Cooper
1949 Jim Cooper	1967 Jim Cooper
1950 Jim Cooper	1968 Jim Cooper
1951 Jim Cooper	1973 John Allan
1952 Jim Cooper	1974 John Allan
1953 Jim Cooper	1975 John Allan
1954 Jack Finn	1976 John Allan
1955 Jack Finn	1977 John Allan
1956 Jack Finn	1978 Darrell Parrott
1957 Bill Murray	1979 Darrell Parrott
1958 Gordon Cravem	1980 Darrell Parrott
1959 Gordon Craven	1981 Darrell Parrot
1960 Gordon Craven	1982 Darrell Parrott

1983 Ken Wylie

1984 Ken Wylie

1985 Barry Cashmore

1986 Barry Cashmore

Treasurer's:

1877 William Murray

1878 CN Dickens

1982 Don Dixon

1983 Don Dixon

1984 Don Dixon

1985 Don Dixon

1986 Don Dixon

1987 Bruce McDonald

1988 Bruce McDonald

1987 Barry Cashmore

1988 Geoff Walker

1989 Geoff Walker