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## THE 1960'S



## 1961 VFL AWARDS



The 1961 VFL Premiership team was Hawthorn.

The VFL's leading goalkicker was Tom Carroll of Carlton who kicked 54 goals.

The winner of the 1961 Brownlow Medal was John James of Carlton with 21 votes.

North Melbourne took the "wooden spoon" in 1961.



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## PART ONE

In the 1950's and early 1960's, this area was largely farmland, predominantly market gardeners, a few small businesses and a sprinkling of private residences.

The local watering hole, the Wheelers Hill Hotel, was where the hard working locals rewarded themselves with a cold drink at the end of a long hard day.

The publican of the Wheelers, Mr George Dixon, was liberal in his interpretation of the rules regarding 6 o'clock closing until a new licensing inspector caused a change of attitude.

Being unable to acquire drinks after 6 o'clock was considered to be most unsatisfactory and it was suggested that the group establish a club and thus more liberal drinking arrangements.

A meeting, attended by 18 hardworking and thirsty gentlemen, was held on the 14th December 1960 where Les Allen was appointed Acting President and John Boucher appointed Acting Secretary/Treasurer.

The meeting proposed the formation of a non-profit club for social and recreation entertainment and the purchase of approximately 5 acres of land, on which a clubhouse and 'say' bowling greens, tennis courts etc. could be erected.

Finance would come from subscriptions and debentures.

The club was to be called the Mulgrave Country Club, an unincorporated body, with a view to arranging for a non-profit company with limited liability, to take over the affairs of the unincorporated body in due course.

During the following three months, meetings were held and it was agreed that an entrance fee of 10/- per member would be levied.

A land committee was formed to explore the avenues of obtaining a suitable site for the club establishment.

A large number of sites were examined, including the land in Jells Road near Columbia Park where remnants of the original house can still be seen.

The choice was narrowed down to two properties and these were to be submitted to the members for a decision.

A rules committee was also formed and with legal assistance, a memo and articles of the proposed company was drawn up to be submitted for adoption.

It should be noted that a number of the original 18 members wanted the club to be a "men's only" club. (Names available but not included here!)

A finance committee authorized the secretary to submit budget and cash flow particulars, regarding property purchase, building costs, members contributions etc. to a meeting to be held in April 1961.



HMAS Anzac Crew



Mulgrave Country Club in the 60's



On the 6th April 1961, a letter was circulated inviting members and prospective members to a meeting to be held in Dunscombe Hall, Glen Waverley on Tuesday 18th April 1961.

Matters to be considered included purchase of property, club rules (memo and articles/by laws), members contributions, clubhouse building, facilities, finance etc.

The letter of invitation included a paragraph which reflects the foresight of our founders and we think it's worthy of being reproduced in full here:-

"After all, there is no reason why our proposed Club cannot enjoy the financial success other similar clubs do. At this early stage we have amongst our members capably, solid citizens of the community in rural and other pursuits and on the administration side we have members from the legal fraternity, an architect, a public accountant, men in high executive positions, a banker and those versed in Municipal affairs, to single out but a few, and in years to come we feel our decision to proceed on the broad lines of the foregoing, will earn we foundation members gratitude of those following in our footsteps in years to come."

At the meeting on the 18th April 1961, decisions were made which formed the basis of the club we have today.

To be continued ...

PETER MANNIX, *Director*

## QUIZ

**What was purchased by the club in July 1975 at a cost of \$24,000?**

**Answers to reception in an envelope including name and membership number.**

**First correct entry drawn receives a \$50 Bistro Voucher and a Bottle of Wine.**

**Drawn Friday 4th June 2010.**



## THE 3RD ANNUAL TV WEEK LOGIE AWARDS (1961)

DATE: Saturday, March 18, 1961

VENUE: Chevron-Hilton Hotel, Sydney

GUEST PRESENTER: Jimmy Edwards (UK star of Whack-O!)

### GOLD LOGIE:

Most Popular Personality: Bob Dyer (Pick-A-Box, Seven Network)

### Victoria

Most Popular Male: Graham Kennedy (Nine Network)

Most Popular Female: Panda Lisner (Nine Network)

Most Popular Program: In Melbourne Tonight (Nine Network)

### NSW

Most Popular Male: Digby Wolfe (Seven Network)

Most Popular Female: Tanya Halesworth (ABC)

Most Popular Program: The Bobby Limb Show (Nine Network)

### Queensland

Most Popular Male: Brian Tait (Seven Network)

Most Popular Female: Nancy Knudsen (Seven Network)

Most Popular Program: The Late Show (Seven Network)

### South Australia

Most Popular Male: Ian Fairweather (Nine Network)

Most Popular Female: Maree Tomasetti (Seven Network)

Most Popular Program: Adelaide Tonight (Nine Network)

### National

Best Actor: Brian James (Stormy Petrel, ABC)

Best Drama: Shadow Of A Pale Horse (Seven Network)

Best Variety Production: Curtain Call (Seven Network)

Best Comedians: Bobby Limb and Buster Fiddess

(In Melbourne Tonight, Nine Network)

Best Singer: Elaine McKenna (The Tarax Happy Show, Nine Network)

Best Sporting Coverage: The Davis Cup (ABC)

Special Logie For Best Drama: Stormy Petrel (ABC)



1960 Ford XK Falcon sedan





## IMAGES FROM THE 1960'S



**Who won the Melbourne Cup in 1960?**  
In 2011, the Melbourne Cup will be 150 years old ...



Corner of Bourke & Swanston Sts in the 60's

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### PART TWO

The Meeting was duly held on 18th April 1961 and the following matters were resolved:

- (1) The Memorandum & Articles or rules were adopted and a Company was to be Incorporated to take over the temporary body established in December 1960.  
The subscribers to the New Club documents were fifty four (54) innumber and their names are listed on the wall adjacent to the bistro.
- (2) The first Club President was Mr. Les Allen.
- (3) Club finance was to be provided by way of Member Subscriptions and compulsory debentures of £50 each, additional finance would come from voluntary debentures as well as Annual subscriptions paid in advance. It was hoped no monies would need to be borrowed from banks or other institutions.  
Interest was payable on the Debentures and these would all be redeemed in due course.
- (4) The property to be purchased was our current site and the vendor, Mr Doug Belcher agreed to sell it to the Club for £10,000. The terms were 10% deposit and the balance in 5yrs (interest @ 6½% p.a.).

Such generous terms would enable the building of the clubhouse as soon as permits were issued.

Les Allen said of the property: "The land was a bit flat for vegetables but the largest trees were apple box, a sign of good soil".

Thus the Club, as an entity, was off and running. We had Members, Money, Property and Club Rules (same as today).

Mr Morduant Mitchell, a local home builder and member was appointed to build the Clubhouse and would be assisted, where appropriate, by voluntary labour from various members & donations of materials (Percy Childs supplied the steel).

Mr Jim Gardner was appointed to lead a group of members to attend to clearing and fencing of the property in preparation for the new Clubhouse.

As previously stated, one of the main reasons for establishing the club was for the members to avail themselves of more liberal drinking hours.

With this in mind the liquor control commission was approached to establish what needed to be done to obtain a liquor licence.

We are told by a couple of foundation members that the discussion went something like this:

"We've formed a club and are going to build a clubhouse and we would like to be granted a liquor licence".

"Why do you want a liquor licence?"

"Because we'd like to have a drink after normal trading hours".

"You can't be granted a licence just because you like a drink. You need to be a sporting body or the like. What do you members do for a living?"

"Many of them are farmers or market gardeners"

"Well, they should be able to grow grass then. Put in a bowling green and then make your submission as a sporting club!"



A preliminary sketch was prepared showing the proposed clubhouse with two tennis courts and a putting green in front of the clubhouse (on the Wellington Road side) and a bowling green on the north side of the clubhouse.

This sketch was not proceeded with, but, permits having been issued, work commenced on the clubhouse and sports facilities would be established by members' voluntary labour and, where possible, donated materials.

Working bees were well attended, trees were gel ignited (one large limb nearly destroyed a member's Humber Super Snipe), fencing erected and Jim Gardner supervised the levelling and drainage for the new bowling green (all by hand).

The removal of trees and undergrowth disturbed a family of foxes (not the ones currently in Saturn Court) and the non-farmers proposed the implementation of a relocation programme (must have been a politician amongst them).

The farmers had a more immediate and permanent solution and all the non-farmers had to do was dig a deep hole.

We are told twenty to thirty men attended each working bee and free beer and sandwiches was provided for the workers in Doug Belcher's shed behind his house (which became Perc Burdeau's property and then the club's property) after the day's work was completed.

Apparently a few members suggested that the club was becoming short of funds because of the "free grog" and interest on debentures could be affected. "Free grog" and working bees attracted three or four members and progress almost came to a standstill.

BYO drinks and sandwiches prepared by the ladies revived the social aspect of the working bees and the enthusiasm returned when the workers could see the significant progress being made.

As with all projects, there was the occasional hiccup. For example, we are told that one of the members "borrowed" a large impact roller (used in road making) to level the site for the bowling green.

Jim Gardner had men working in front of the roller shifting soil and the result was a level area so compacted that water couldn't penetrate it and grass wouldn't grown on it. Of course the site was simply "dug up and redone".

And so the clubhouse was constructed, fences erected, bowling green established and landscaping commenced.

Let the games begin! To be continued....

PETER MANNIX, *Director*



Open air entertainment in Australia in the 60's

### 1960: The Melbourne Cup

1960 was the 100th Melbourne Cup race at Flemington. The Centenary Melbourne Cup was won by five year old Hi Jinx. Hi Jinx was the sentimental favourite with 50/1 odds, and took home a prize money that was raised by £25,750 (raised from £15,500 from the previous year), much to the crowd's amazement.

### 1961: Four Corners on TV

The ABC weekly current affairs program Four Corners (1961–present) was first broadcast from Sydney at 10 pm on Saturday 19th August 1961. It was hosted by Michael Charlton and modelled on the BBC Panorama (1953–current) program.

Not long after it went on air, Prime Minister Robert Menzies told producer Clement Semmler "Young man, I know you and your Four Corners and I want you to know that I know, and my ministers know, that the sole reason for that wretched program on the ABC is to discredit me and the Government". Four Corners is the longest running program on Australian television.



## QUIZ

The answer to the last quiz was "the repurchase of the subdivided block on the south east corner of the current site – previously sold to Esso Standard Oil for a service station".

The only correct entry was from Joe Gately of Narooma. He is entitled to be correct as he is a past auditor of the club accounts from 1976 to 1996 and was instrumental in negotiating the repurchase of the land.

The month's questions:-

1. Name the two entities that made separate offers to buy/merge with the club in order to obtain our assets and or licences.
2. Name the two clubs who played the first match at VFL park.

Entries at downstairs reception with Name and Membership number.



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Harvesting in the 60's

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### PART THREE

The first annual general meeting was held on 25th May 1962 including the election of office bearers.

The results of the election were as follows:

#### Executive Committee:

President	Mr Les Allen
Senior Vice President	Mr. Jim Gardner
Junior Vice President	Mr. Dave Lancaster
Secretary	Mr. John Boucher
Treasurer	Mr. K. Coleman

**Committee:** Mr. Colin Williams, Mr Frank Allen, Mr Alan Jager, Mr M. McKay, Mr. Howard Rogers.

A new membership category of Contributing Life Member was created to be granted on payment in advance of 12 years annual subscriptions.

To continue to preserve a Mulgrave identity, the club adopted the navy blue and maroon of the Mulgrave football Club as its club colours.

In October 1962 the Articles of Association were amended to bring them into line with the licencing acts, so the club could apply for a liquor licence and also to make provision for the admission of 100 females as Associate Members.

Twenty ladies were admitted the following month, the majority joining as bowling members however, the younger members found it difficult sometimes as children were not allowed in the clubhouse. In December 1962 the clubhouse was extended to include additional toilets and locker rooms for the associates and a committee room at the western end of the club.

On 22nd March 1963 the club was incorporated as a public company limited by guarantee.

The official opening of the club took place on 22nd of June 1963 in the form of a barbeque tea with "ladies to bring a plate and members to bring liquid refreshments".





The function was attended by 140 members and friends. The President, Les Allen, commended Doug Belcher on selling the land to the club on generous terms, John Boucher for his work as Club Secretary, and Jim Gardner as head of the building committee. The first 7 rink green had been regularly used for two months prior to the official opening for club games. In July 1963 the inaugural meeting of associates was held and Mrs. Lottie Gardner was elected first Associate President. September 1963 saw the official opening of the bowling green.

At the Annual General Meeting in May 1964, it was decided that it was time to provide sporting facilities to cater for non-bowling members and to attract new members. Billiards, squash and tennis were suggested and an offer was received to provide a billiard table.

August 1964 saw the commencement of bar trading with limited hours and voluntary helpers. The block of land was subdivided separating a corner block subsequently sold to Esso Standard Oil.

The bowling members entered their first RVBA Pennant team of sixteen for the 1964/65 seasons. The Associates also entered a 12 member team to compete in the 1964/65 VLBA Pennant season.

The first Christmas tea was arranged and catered for the Associates in December 1965.

In 1966 approval was granted to build a squash court. Jim Gardner was of the opinion that the members were too old to play squash but was convinced, in no uncertain terms, but foundation member Geoff Davidson that this was not the case.

In 1967 the lady bowlers won their first pennant flag and the victors and their cheer squad celebrated at the Notting hill Hotel. The reason for the celebrations not being at the club was because a curtain had been installed at the western end of the club to separate the ladies and "protect them from colourful language at the bar after 4.30pm". The ladies were not allowed to be served drinks after 4.30pm and further, only ten single females were allowed as club members at any one time. Both of these discriminatory rules were later removed.

Also in 1967 the first squash court was built by voluntary labour and bricks and steel girders supplied by Jim Gardner although he was originally not in favour of a court being built.

In May 1968, a second bowling green was approved and in 1969 approval was granted to extend the clubhouse incorporating new toilets, locker rooms and squash court gallery.

In 1969 the Kel Kelsey Memorial drinking fountain donated by Mrs Lorna Kelsey was erected.

In 1970 the first game of Aussie Rules was played at VFL Park between Geelong & Fitzroy. (A huge bonus for our club in terms of patronage, not in terms of car parking). Also in 1970 the Sunday Liquor licence was extended.

The minute books from the same period revealed the following particulars:-

1. A male club member resigned from the club but his wife wished to continue as an "associate". This was only possible if the maximum number of unattached associates in the club was not exceeded.
2. The social subcommittee organized an event featuring TV entertain June Hamilton — her fee was \$40. Entry fee — "\$1 men, ladies bring a plate". A sheet of songs was provided for each table for a sing-along.
3. The squash subcommittee suggested that the associates were remiss in not using the squash court during the day (apparently only the men worked during the day!)
4. Approval was granted to purchase two new squash racquets at a cost of \$12 for hire to members.

In August 1970 John Dobbee, RVBA Bowls Coach, gave a talk and film presentation, Bob Mann was appointed as permanent club "Staff Steward".

In October 1970, the first internal squash competition was won by:

Ron Colston, Alan Brown, Robert Allen and Neville Talbot

In November membership stood at 215 men and 130 ladies and in April 1971:

Bowls championship won by Geoff Fleming  
Snooker championship won by Terry Lofts.

In the years 1971 and 1972 a second squash court was built, gas heating installed and carpet laid in the club house. The first edition of the MCC newsletter was produced.

The first squash pennant team was formed in 1972 and won the pennant. The team members were Paul Lofts, Mike Worrall, Peter Blake, Geoff Davidson and Robert Allen.

TO BE CONTINUED... Peter Mannix, Director



Two Girls by Charles Blackman, Circa 1960

## QUIZ

The answers to the last quiz were:

1. VFL & Hawthorn FC
2. Geelong vs Fitzroy

The Winner was Mik Tuz  
Congratulations Mik!

## THIS MONTH'S QUIZ

Where is/was the location of Dunscombe Hall — The site of the first meeting of the Mulgrave Country Club?

Entries at downstairs reception with Name and Membership number.

First correct entry opened receives a \$50 meal voucher and a bottle of wine.



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### PART FOUR

As at 6/7/72 our club consisted of 295 'Financial Members' and 141 'Financial Associates'.

The minutes of 12/4/73 records the following:—

'That payment of the account for the purchase of shoes for the green keeper be approved'. On 25/6/73 the Greenkeeper's salary was increased to \$100 per week and the bar steward's salary was increased to \$115 per week.

In May 1975, when considering the cost of building extensions, the following recommendations were made:—

- Membership be capped at 350 members
- 'Clear out never come members and replace them with Active Members'.
- Beer increased to 19c per glass

1975 saw the completion of the extensions to the eastern end of the clubhouse, including a new kitchen, cool room, carpet and furniture at a cost of \$85,000. Also in 1975 the club repurchased the land on the southeast corner previously sold to Esso to establish a service station (not proceeded with).

The club continued to expand in both facilities and membership, particularly as we had a liquor licence allowing consumption on premise 24 hours per day (Buy provisions on site before bar closed!).

In 1977 the squash section achieved the maximum number of 20 teams for 2 courts and won nine premierships as well as overall club champion of southeast Division. The men bowlers also won their first major pennant flag in RVBA Division 3. A new car park was constructed.

In 1978 the first full time club manager was appointed and the squash section joined club circuit competition (previously a south east division).

In 1979, a 'Sportsman's Breakfast' was held on VFL Preliminary Final Day and held annually while football was played at VFL Park. The annual children's Christmas party was held for the first time. In September, 1979, Rover Hotels Ltd was granted a permit

to build a hotel in the northeast corner of Wellington & Jells Road (directly opposite the club). Our club objected to the Liquor Control Commission and Rover Hotels Ltd withdrew their application.

1981 saw the Mulgrave bowlers, Howard Dyer and Geoff Maskell win the prestigious Annual Legacy Pairs. The Victorian Football League expressed interest in entering into an arrangement to build a lounge/bar at the east end of the club in exchange for membership rights. The offer was rejected.

In 1982, the second building extension to the east end of the clubhouse was commenced.

1983 was the year the golf section was created, the first outing held at Patterson River Golf Club on 1/5/83. The Chairman, John Davies, was also the winner of the event (Joe Gately was handicapper!).

Bingo as a major fund raiser for the club commenced with Tom Kennedy being the prime motivator for it's establishment. Perc Burdeu was the first president of the bingo sub-committee and it is fair to say that bingo profits (averaging \$30,000 p.a. until 1993 when pokies were introduced), provided the necessary funds to continue development of our club. Many members were involved in making bingo a success but Noel Champ and Molly Simpson were singled out for their efforts.

1984-1986 saw the annual Melbourne High School Old Boys Bowls tournament commence.

Two tennis courts were constructed and a third bowling green was established. The men bowlers won their second division flag and were promoted to Division 1 for the first time. The tennis courts were opened for playing on 24/2/84 and the winner of the first tennis club championship was Dennis Gleeson, who defeated Barry Little. Don Tozer donated the trophy for this event.

A far reaching change was created through the introduction of equal opportunity legislation. Ladies were finally eligible for full membership of the club as well as full voting rights. The tennis section won its first premiership flag and the ladies bowls section hosted the Women's Bowls World

### IMAGES FROM THE 1960'S



David Strachan "Landscape, Hill End" 1961. Purchased 1962 Art Gallery NSW





The Deltones in the '60s

Championships. All club debentures held by members were repaid.

1987 saw Jean White presented with her award for Meritorious Services to the club. Further club extensions were carried out at a cost of \$225,000 and a membership drive was conducted to help finance the project. The first mixed bowls committee was formed and sponsors sought. A third squash court was constructed and Alan Adams won the Victorian Masters Championship. Perc Burdeu's property, on the north boundary of the club was offered to the club on a 'first refusal' basis should the property come on the market.

As at 28/6/88 membership was :-

Male: 519, female: 138, total: 657

Hawthorn Football Club expressed interest in entering into an arrangement between clubs to benefit both entities.

In 1989 speed humps were installed and members complained immediately. Heaters were installed in the squash gallery, a watering system was installed in the gardens and sky channel was introduced.

The club indicated it's support for the introduction of poker machines into Victoria. Gaming machines were to change the complete nature of our club in later years.

TO BE CONTINUED... Peter Mannix, Director

## QUIZ

The answer to the last quiz was:  
Waverley Road, Glen Waverley  
Winner: No correct entry

### THIS MONTH'S QUIZ

The land on which the main building now stands was purchased by the club in 1961. Name the Vendor??

## Celebrating 50 Years

& Thanking our Community for 50 Years' Support

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## HUGE FAMILY DAY:

**Sunday 20th March 2011, 11 am to 3 pm**

Bring your family, friends and neighbours to MCC's 50th Anniversary Celebration Family Day. **All amusements are FREE.** Lots to do and see and a great family day out!



## Ronald McDonald & his Special Magic Show



**Appearing on stage here between 12 and 1.00**



### PLUS:

- Giant Inflatable Shark Slide
- Supa Go-Karts
- Miniature Steam Train Rides
- Syndal Baton Twirlers
- Farm Yard Animals
- Handball Contest with Footballers in Attendance
- Fairy Floss
- Snow Cones
- Kids' Tattoos
- Kiddiepillar Jumping Castle
- Balloon Bender Clown
- FREE Show Bags to first 250 Kids under 10





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### PART FIVE

The long awaited tennis shelter was completed. A trophy cabinet erected in the main entrance but was later moved to the western wall of the members room in 1995.

The request from Hawthorn Football Club re: a business association was rejected by the board.

The club continued to trade profitably with no major capital expenditure incurred for the period from 1990 to 1992.

Funds were placed on term deposit in preparation for the likely introduction of poker machines.

During 1991 Jean White was elevated to a Life Member – the first female life member. The contract with Tabcorp for poker machines was signed on the 19th March 1992.

At a board meeting on the 15/9/1992 it was agreed to apply for a bank loan of \$850,000 to fund building extensions to house the poker machines: the Wellington room was built for this purpose.

As at October 1992 the club had 801 members. The gaming room was completed in 1993 and contained eighty (80) machines. The poker machines continued to provide additional income to the club and various capital improvements were able to be carried out. As at April 1994 gaming members totalled 925.

Club Keno was introduced in April 1994.

June 1994 – Squash court gallery refurbished and club attained a new computer system at a cost of \$30,000. An application was lodged with the licensing commission to extend trading hours to 3am.

A report to the general meeting in October 1994 showed a profit of \$352,000 for 6 months ended 30/9/1994 (\$2,100 for 6 months to 30/9/93) almost entirely from gaming machines.

The club continued to trade profitably and in February 1995 squash and snooker meters were removed so that members could play for free.

November 1995 saw the opening of the new tennis court.



*Young & Jackson's Hotel. Source: [www.cv.vic.gov.au/stories/young-and-jackson-hotel/4999/young-and-jacksons-hotel-1960/](http://www.cv.vic.gov.au/stories/young-and-jackson-hotel/4999/young-and-jacksons-hotel-1960/)*

In 1997 the gaming area was enlarged to accommodate 15 additional machines and a TAB agency was created.

The club continued to grow, new members, gaming room refurbishment, car park sealed and landscaped, various buildings extended or moved, bollard lighting and barbeque area built. A courtesy bus was purchased for the benefit of members.

In 1998 the property in Yardley Drive was purchased and an agreement was reached on the acquisition of Perc Burdeau's property adjacent to the club.

The club income figures stagnated through 2000 and 2001 and although trading profitably the club business needed to develop to be successful.

It was decided that a further development be carried out in two stages: Stage 1 commenced in late 2002 and completed in December 2004. The total cost of the stage one development was \$9.4 million financed by club funds and a bank loan of \$5.6 million. The bank loan will be fully repaid by the end of this year (2011).

Trading figures suffered during the building project but soon the club was producing record results and for the year ended 31/3/2006 disclosed a net profit of \$909,914.

It is pertinent to note that the club in order to retain its reputation as the 'Premier Club', is about to embark on a further development (Stage 2) similar to the one undertaken in 2002/03.

TO BE CONTINUED...

Peter Mannix, *Director*



### QUIZ

Answer : The club property was purchased by Mr Doug Belcher.  
Winner: For the 2nd time – Mik Tuz has won – Congratulations Mik!



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### PART SIX – FINAL

Club operations continued with no significant matters to report.

Net Profit for year ended 31/3/2007 was \$517,000.

The Club Manager, Michael Silcock, resigned in April, 2007 to take up employment in Thailand. Michael was replaced by our current General Manager, Kerry Scarlett.

In May, 2007 the terrace area was completed and the TAB area renovated (The umbrella shelters on the terrace being leased).

TAB coverage was available on new terrace area.

In August, 2007 the club residential property in Yardley Drive was sold, settlement in November, 2007 with the proceeds to be used to reduce club debt.

September, 2007 membership figures showed:

Full Members	1868
Wellington Members	2241

October, 2007, the squash courts were renovated. Water tanks were installed in February, 2008 because of the drought conditions at the time and the need for guaranteed water for the greens (currently flooded).

Clubs were advised in July 2008 of the government's intention to alter poker machine entitlement rules.

Also in August 2008 it was approved that green three be sown with "tift dwarf" at the cost of \$21,300.

The payment for poker machine entitlements (the licence) was estimated by experts in gaming/government to cost our club approximately \$4.5 million (February 2009).

The member's swipecard was installed in April 2009.

In December 2009 the club advised the government that Mulgrave Country Club would be bidding for the licence for gaming machine entitlement. Club operations continued as usual but an extraordinary amount of time was being spent on matters related to "gaming post 2012" being implemented by State Government.



**B**ecause of the uncertainty created by the licensing matters, the stage 2 development ( building ) was largely on hold.

In April 2010, Ken Waymouth was granted life membership of the club in recognition of his services.

May 2010 saw the refurbishment of the kidzone playroom.

A significant moment for our club occurred on 10/5/10 when our president and vice president (attended the bidding for gaming machines and were able to secure the entitlement for machines for \$5500 each (the amount bid).

The original advice was \$40,000 - \$45,000 per machine. – a great result for our club (not so great for the state government).

August 2010 saw the commencement of the refurbishment of the gaming room, reception and bistro.

The licensing matter, having been resolved extremely well, meant that the stage 2 building development was resurrected, new architects, project managers and quantity surveyors were appointed as was a revamped building committee.

March 2011 Membership figures:

Full Members	2283
Wellington Members	4639

The club is now committed to the stage two building development and we are entering an extremely interesting period of club expansion.

We will have interruptions to trading

caused by the building programme.

We will have uncertainty surrounding the bill for mandatory pre-commitment and the possible effects on revenue etc.

We will have the change from Tabcorp/ Tatts duopoly in August 2012.

We will have the costs associated with procuring 105 gaming machines.

I won't go into the GFC, the Euro, Greece, Italy and Spanish economies, interest rates etc – enough is enough!

As this is the final edition of the retrospective I think it would be worthwhile to reproduce the words of a foundation member some 50 years ago:

"We feel that our decision to proceed on the broadness of the foregoing, will earn we foundation members the gratitude of those following in our footsteps in years to come".

I wonder if, in 50 year's time, someone will be expressing words of appreciation for the decisions currently being made.

I hope you enjoyed this and previous articles.

Peter Mannix, *Director*

## THAT'S GOOD FOR FOOTY PANEL SHOW

We'll tell you all about it so you'll know ... Who, What, Where & When.

### FREE EVENT

That's Good for Footy Panel Show  
Featuring: Dale Weightman, Andrew Startin, Brad Johnston & Jason Richardson

FRIDAY 16th SEPTEMBER  
FREE EVENT from 12 noon

### Board of Management & Staff

President:	Leon Ross
Vice President:	Geoff Collins
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Directors:	Jim Saunders Peter Mannix Mark Edwards Peter Delaney
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Membership & Administration	
Co-ordinator:	Robyn James



# THE NEXT 50 YEARS ...

We are building  
a **Bigger** and **Better**  
Mulgrave Country Club

*Works  
include:*

- Extending the underground car park creating an additional 68 spaces
- Bowling green to be put back on top
- Four state of the art glass back squash courts
- Amenities including steam rooms
- TAB extension
- Refurbished Members Lounge
- Additional meeting rooms
- Panorama Room doubling in size and includes built in bar
- Mulgrave room bar addition
- Construction of additional cool room

*Expected time of completion is May 2012*



Due to renovations there  
will be NO Children's  
Christmas Party this year.