



North Hobart Football Club – Hall of Fame

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The North Hobart Football Club (NHFC) has a long and unsurpassed history of service to the community and to the game of Australian Rules football in Tasmania, spanning three centuries. The Hall of Fame not only recognises NHFC's great players but also those officials, administrators and die-hard supporters who have provided outstanding and enduring service to the club, however defined.

Such service has been delivered since 1881 through the tireless and enduring efforts of so many "good North Hobart FC people", both on and off the field.

The inaugural inductions into the NHFC Hall of Fame occurred in 2003 with 15 awards bestowed. Since that time the total number of inductees has reached 32. Each respective inductee's name, photograph and a statement of their valued contribution to our great Club is displayed in the Commemorative Foyer at the NHFC Clubrooms.

The establishment of the NHFC Hall of Fame was celebrated with an induction ceremony and official dinner on Friday April 2nd 2004.

Inductee # 1 - John Devine (2004)



John Devine arrived at NHFC in 1967 following a distinguished career at VFL club Geelong where he had been Vice Captain in their 1963 premiership side. He was described by one Melbourne journalist as "a ferociously tough half back flanker", a reputation he enhanced in Tasmania. His "pep" talks had to be heard to be believed. "JD" or "Father" as he became known, coached North for eight seasons winning a premiership in his first, followed by two more.

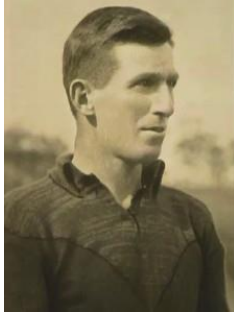
During his tenure John won two State titles and would have made a third in 1967 if not for the infamous stolen goal post incident. John also Captain Coached Tasmania to a memorable victory over Western Australia in 1970. He is truly a Club legend.

North Hobart career highlights – Player 1967-1971, 1974-1975 – 102 games; 1967-1971 Captain/Coach; 1974-1975 Playing Coach; 1981 Non-Playing Coach; 1967, 1969, 1974 Premiers; 1969, 1974 State Premiers; Life Member; 2000 NHFC Team of the Century Captain; TFL representative 1967-1971 – 8 games, seven as Captain; Tasmanian Representative 1967, 1968, 1969, Carnival 1970 – 6 games; 1968 – 1969 Captain; 1970 Captain/Coach; 1968 Lefroy medal; Tasmanian Football Hall of Fame inductee # 94; 2014 - Tasmanian Football Hall of Fame "Legend"; NHFC Senior Player (post-War) # 313.



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Inductee # 2 - Jack Dunn (2004)



Jack Dunn was a man who epitomised everything that NHFC stands for; a tough, never-say-die attitude to football. Jack Dunn was 18 when he played his first game for NHFC and 37 when he played his last. In between Jack became one of the best centre half backs and ruckmen of his time in Tasmania. His brothers Charlie and Frank also played for the Club with distinction. As a leader he had the distinction of

never losing a TFL representative game that he captained in intrastate matches. Jack Dunn captain/coached NHFC in his last two years and was an outstanding member of five premierships teams.

North Hobart career highlights – Player 1911-1926 & 1928-1929-187 games; 1920-1923 & 1925-1926 – Captain; 1928-1929 Captain/Coach; 1914, 1920, 1923, 1928, 1929 – Premiers; 1914, 1920, 1923, 1929 – State Premiers; 1920, 1921 – Club B&F; Life Member; 2000 - Vice-Captain of NHFC Team of the Century; TFL Representative 1912-1926, 1928-1929 – 32 games with 21 as Captain; Tasmanian Representative 1914 and 1927 Carnivals – 6 games; Tasmanian Football Hall of Fame inductee # 9; NHFC Senior Player (pre-War) # 285.

Inductee # 3 - Darrel Eaton (2004)



Darrel Eaton, known as “Dasher” was certainly aptly nicknamed. His contribution to NHFC is imposing both as a player and coach. As a player he participated in two titles and as a coach took out

Back-to-Back State Premierships. Darrel Eaton commenced with NHFC in 1946 winning the TFL Reserves George Watt medal. The next season, in a premiership year, he won NHFC’s Senior Best and Fairest medal. Darrel had an amazing leap, despite his lack of height. He was fast, tackled ferociously and kicked the ball long and accurately. Undoubtedly one of the greatest wingmen in Tasmanian football. He also contributed in many other significant ways to NHFC.

North Hobart career highlights – Player 1946-1951, 1955-1957 – 179 games; 1960-1964 Non-Playing Coach; 1947, 1957, 1961, 1962 Premiers; 1961-1962 – State Premiers; 1947 Club B&F; 1946 George Watt Medal; 2000 – NHFC Team of the Century; TFL Representative 1947-1951 – 15 games; Tasmanian Representative 1947, 1950 and 1953 and Carnivals, 1951 – 11 games; Tasmanian Football Hall of Fame inductee # 54; NHFC Senior Player (post-War) # 45.



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Inductee # 4 - Des Graham (2004)



Originally from Swansea, Des Graham was the youngest of four brothers, Tas, Lyle and Stan, who played for NHFC with great distinction. Des was a

courageous and highly skilled wingman who was never beaten in a contest. His value to NHFC is highlighted by his record equalling five B&F awards. He was also a prominent member of four TFL and two State Premiership teams. He was honoured with membership of the Team on the Century and Club Life Membership.

North Hobart career highlights –Player 1957-1970 – 228 games; 1967-1970 Vice-Captain; 1957, 1962, 1967 and 1969 Premiers; 1962, 1969 State Premiers; 1958, 1962, 1965, 1966, 1968 NHFC B&F; 1958 William Leitch Medal runner up; 1967-1970 Reserves Coach; Life Member; 2000 NHFC Team of the Century; TFL representative 1958-1966 - 8 games; Tasmanian Football Hall of Fame inductee # 218; NHFC Senior Player (post-War) # 185.

Inductee # 5 - Joan Johnson (2004)



Joan Johnson went to school in Bagdad. The family moved to Hobart in 1950. The NHFC Captain at that

time was Vern Rae, who came from the same township. This prompted her lifelong support for the Club. Joan began as an active worker for the Club in her teens and was a member of the Ladies Committee for 22 years, the Fundraising and the Social committee for over 30 years. Her late husband Arthur matched her support for the Club. He was Club Property Steward from 1967 until his death in 1988. Such was their enthusiasm that they extended their home to accommodate after match parties. Joan is best known however as the most charming, persuasive and successful raffle ticket seller in our Club's history. Her efforts on behalf of the Club were recognised when she became the first female Life Member in 2000. In 2001, along with Eric Wiggins, Joan was awarded the prestigious AFL Certificate of Merit for 50 years of voluntary service. She is indeed a worthy inaugural member of the NHFC Hall of Fame.



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Inductee # 6 - John Leedham (2004)



When All Australian John Leedham took over as Captain and Coach after the Club's worst season since 1926 and the longest premiership hiatus in its history, he turned it around quickly and during his coaching reign the Club didn't finish outside of the four. The Demons were runners up in 1956 and Premiers in 1957. "John L", as he became known, was a match winner who kicked, marked and handballed with uncanny skill. John was Captain/Coach of

Tasmania's Centenary carnival team which defeated South Australia and Western Australia. It was Tasmania's most successful carnival in the first division. Since the conclusion of his playing career John has had a close association with the Club. John served as the North Hobart Club president with great distinction from 1998 to 2009.

North Hobart career highlights – Player 1954-1959 – Captain/Coach – 114 games; 1953 – All Australian; 1956 Runners Up, 1957 Premiers; 1985 Life Member; 2000 Vice-Captain NHFC Team of the Century; 1998-2004 NHFC President; TFL representative 1954 – 1959 – 9 games; Tasmanian Representative 1947, 1953 and 1958 Carnivals, 1957 and 1959 – 14 games; 1958-1959 Captain/Coach Tasmania – 6 games; Tasmanian Football Hall of Fame inductee # 52, "Legend" in 2005 and "Icon" in 2014; NHFC Senior Player (post-War) # 152.

Inductee # 7- Dr Don McLeod (2004)



Dr. Don McLeod is North Hobart's games record holder who first played with the Club while attending the Friends School in 1972. He went on to become the dominant North Hobart player of his era.

An outstanding mark and a prodigious left foot kick he could play in any position. When Don retired after injury in 1986 he had amassed a total of 265 games. He was Club captain six times, won five Club B&Fs, and represented the State 17 times. He was also a member of a TFL and State premiership team and is a member of the Team of the Century. He also served in other capacities as Club Doctor and as a Team Selector.

North Hobart career highlights – Player 1972-1986 – 265 games; 1976, 1979-1983 – NHFC Captain; 1974 TFL and State Premiers; 1976, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1984, Club B&F; Life Member; 2000 NHFC Team of the Century; TFL Representative 1975-1977 – 6 games; Tasmanian Representative 1975-1983 – 17 games; Tasmanian Football Hall of Fame inductee # 206; NHFC Senior Player (post-War) # 382.



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Inductee # 8 - Jack Metherell (2004)



Jack Metherell arrived as coach of North Hobart via Subiaco and Geelong in 1938. It was to prove an inspired appointment. He was the catalyst for the most successful period in the Club's history. His impact was immediate; the Club took out the 1938 title, the first of five consecutive premierships. He

added another in 1947. The Club also won four State premierships. Jack Metherell was a highly skilled forward with an uncanny goal-sense but he is best remembered as a brilliant coach. His coaching career ended as non-playing coach of the first Tasmanian side ever to beat Victoria in 1960. He was named as the Coach of the North Hobart Football Club's Team of the Century.

North Hobart career highlights – 1938 and 1948 – non-playing Coach; 1939-1945 and 1947 Captain/Coach 74 games; 1938-1941, 1945, 1947 Premiers; 1939-1941, 1945 - State Premiers; 1939-1941 – Leading TFL Goal Kicker; Life Member; 2000 NHFC Team of the Century; TFL Representative 1939-1945 – 8 games; Tasmanian Representative 1960-1961 – 5 games; Tasmanian Football Hall of Fame inductee # 44; NHFC Senior player (post War) # 1.

Inductee # 9 - George Miller (2004)



George Miller is a name synonymous with the North Hobart Football Club. Commencing as a player in 1908 he served the Club with loyalty and dedication continuously in many capacities until his death in 1974. A staggering 68 years. He is honoured with the naming of the Ryde Street Stand and North Hobart's Best and Fairest medal. George, known as "Grumpy" played most of his football on the backline

and in the ruck playing a major role in three premierships. He also played in Tasmania's 1914 carnival team. As an administrator he occupied most positions for North Hobart and the TFL gaining many honours. His contribution to the Club and Tasmanian football are outstanding.

North Hobart career highlights –1908-1915; 1919-1921 Player; 1915 - Captain; 1908, 1914, 1920 – Premiers; 1914, 1920 – State Premiers; NHFC Life Member; TFL Representative 1912-1915 and 1921 – 14 games; Tasmanian Representative 1914 Carnival – 3 games; Administrative Highlights – 1962 to 1966 NHFC President; 30 years – Chairman; 34 years TFL Delegate; 1972 to 1974 TFL Chairman; 1934-1966 NHFC Committeeman; NHFC Life Member; ANFC – 1968 ANFC Merit Award; Tasmanian Football Hall of Fame inductee # 10; NHFC Senior player (pre-War) # 252.



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Inductee # 10 - David Omant (2004)



One wonders where North Hobart would be today if not for the selfless work ethic of David Omant. David began his foray into football administration with the Buckingham Under 19s from 1967-76 serving as a Committeeman, Secretary and Treasurer. He joined North Hobart in August 1976 and since then his name has become synonymous with football administration in southern Tasmania. David has served the Club he lives and breathes for in almost

every department of the Club's administration. Since 2002 he has been Director of Sponsorship and Marketing and this season marks his 38th year with North Hobart. Yet another North Hobart legend and a worthy inductee into the Hall of Fame.

North Hobart career highlights – 1976 and 1979 – Committee of Management; 1977-1978 – Treasurer; 1980-1986 and 1989-1993 Treasurer, Social and Fundraising Committee; 1994-1995 – Director Fundraising; 1979 – Publicity Officer; 1982 and 1988 – Director Membership; 1987 and 1992 – Secretary Building Committee; 1996 – Finance Committee; 1997-2001 – Chairperson Sponsorship sub-committee; 2002-2004 Director Sponsorship and Marketing; 1974 Life Member Buckingham FC; 1983 Life Member North Hobart FC; 1984 TFL Certificate of Merit; 2000 Football Tasmania Volunteer of the Year Award.

Inductee # 11 - Ian Parker (2004)



Ian Parker graduated from North Hobart's Under 19 side in 1964 and continued as a player until 1970. He was a player of flair and courage and along the way he won a number of awards. After his playing days were over, Ian became heavily involved in the administration of the Club. He also became a TANFL

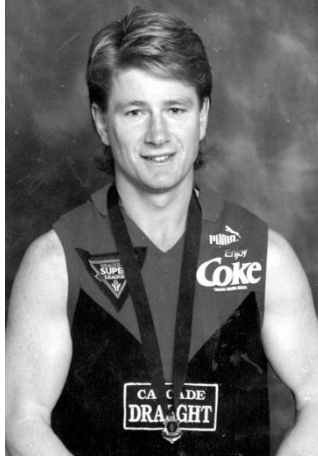
Director. Ian's involvement in Tasmanian football ceased in 1991 when he transferred in his employment to NSW. His loyal conscientious efforts for North Hobart during 30 years have been highly significant in the Club's history. He has been honoured with Club Life Membership.

North Hobart career highlights –1965-1971 – 78 senior and 39 reserve games; 1968 - Most Improved; 1969 - Best Clubman; 1969 - TFL Representative; 1972 - Social Committee; 1973 - General Committee; 1977-1981 – NH Players Committee; 1981-1985 – Building Sub Committee; 1982-1984 - Club President and Life Member; 1982-1989 TANFL/TFL Director; 1990 TFL Commissioner & Marketing Director; NHFC Senior player (post-War) # 286.



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Inductee #12 - Darryn Perry (2004)



Darryn Perry is a highly decorated rover who began with the Demons in 1982 and went on to play in four Statewide League premierships. He also represented the TFL and Tasmania with distinction. Darryn was a polished and talented player who is remembered for

his magnificent left foot kicking ability, amongst other attributes. Testament to his talent and consistency are his two Club Best and Fairest awards, Club captaincy and non-playing coach role. He has been honoured with membership of the Team of the Century and Club Life Membership. The Club salutes a brilliant playing career.

North Hobart career highlights –1982-1987 and 1989-1993 – 188 games, 1993 – Captain, 1999 – Non Playing Coach, 1987, 1989, 1991 and 1992 – Premiers, 1987 and 1991 – Club B&F, 1982 Darrel Baldock Medal, 1993 William Leitch Medal, Life Member, 2000 Team of the Century, TFL Representative 1985 and 1993 – 3 games Tasmanian Representation 1988-1989 – 4 games. Tasmanian Football Hall of Fame inductee # 266; NHFC Senior player (post-War) # 515.

Inductee # 13 - Don Reid (2004)



Don Reid is one of North Hobart's stalwarts who has given the Club continuous service since commencing as a player in 1946. Don retired as a player in 1952 after playing in over 90 senior and reserve games. This included playing in five Reserves Grand Finals with two Premierships. Don Reid became a highly valued member of North Hobart's training staff after his playing retirement. Season 2004 will be his 59th consecutive season of outstanding service, a truly remarkable achievement.

North Hobart career highlights – Player 1946-1952; 1947 and 1949 Premiers; 1948, 1950 and 1951 – Runners Up; 1953-2004 – Trainer; 1970 - Life Member; NHFC Senior player (post-War) # 55.



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Inductee # 14 - Noel Reid (2004)



Noel Reid, known as “Nogger”, is a North Hobart Club icon, winner of the first post war William Leitch Medal and runner up on two further occasions. He was also the first to play 200 senior games in district football. “Nogger” was a master of all facets of the game. He was quick, elusive, courageous and cool under pressure. Noel Reid played in TFL and State

Premiership teams. He represented the TFL on numerous occasions and played in carnival sides. He served the Club with distinction both on and off the field taking on the roles of Reserves coach, Club Treasurer and Committeeman. He was honoured with membership of the Team of the Century and Club Life Membership. Tasmanian Football Hall of Fame inductee # 139.

North Hobart career highlights – Player 1945-1957 – 213 games; 1950-1956 – Vice Captain; 1945, 1947 – Premiers; 1945 State Premiers; 1945 Club Best and Fairest, Reserves Coach; 1962-1973 - Club Treasurer; Life Member; 2000 NHFC Team of the Century; 1945 William Leitch Medal winner; 1946 and 1948 William Leitch Medal Runner-Up; 1954 - Mercury Trophy winner; TSL Representative 1945-1954 – 28 games; Tasmanian Representative 1947 and 1950 Carnivals, 1951 – 8 games; Tasmanian Football Hall of Fame inductee # 139; NHFC Senior player (post-War) # 9.

Inductee #15 - Eric Wiggins (2004)



Eric Wiggins began his 55 year loyal hard working service for the North Hobart Football Club initially as a player in the late 1940s. After his retirement as a player he took on every conceivable task in the Club from cleaning rooms to Match Manager to Chairman of Selectors to Chairman of the Board. An example of

his commitment was his return to the Club after heart problems to become the Reserves Property Custodian. Eric is known for his cool head and stabilising influence in the midst of match day hype. His wife Beryl and son Greg have also made outstanding contributions to the Club. His dedication and that of his family to the Club are inspirational.

North Hobart career highlights – Player 1947-1948; 1947-1955 – Kiosk, Social Committee, etc; 1956-1973 - General Committee, Deputy Chairman; 1960-1966 - Chairman; 1967-1973, 1974-1976 - Past Players and Officials Association; 1977-1993 – Match Manager, Senior Match Manager, Guernsey and Property Steward, Director; 1994-2000 – Purchasing, Maintenance and Match Staff Manager; 2003 - Reserves Property Custodian; 1972 - Life Member; 1980 - TANFL Certificate of Merit; 2000 - AFL 50 year Volunteer Medal and Certificate, Club Match Manager – 762 games.



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Inductee # 16 - Warren Brewer (2005)



Living within good dropkick distance of the North Hobart ground created a natural association between Warren Brewer and the Club. That relationship became a lifelong commitment. During the Metherell era he was Club “Boot Boy”. He was a member of the champion Hobart High School team of the late 1940s.

He played briefly with the highly successful Ulverstone side until an injury in 1956.

Over the next three decades he diverted his energies to the administration of the Club. He was a long serving member of the Board playing a key role in many areas including junior development.

As a key office bearer with “The Tridents” his input into the “Team of the Century” celebration and in the introduction of the Club’s Hall of Fame awards.

North Hobart career highlights - 3 Seasons – Player; 1953 – Reserves Premiership; 1953 – TFL Seconds representative; 1988 - Deputy President; 1987 onwards – Editor of the Yearbook; 1989 – Life Member; Building Committee Chairman for 6 years; 1995 – Editor & Author History Book; 2000 – 25 Year Volunteer Award, 2004 – AFL Merit Award; NHFC Senior player (post-War) # 146.

Inductee # 17 - Edwin Dunn (2005)



Edwin, better known as “Charlie” first played under the astute captaincy of Ted Russell in 1910. He was initially a forward line player who eventually became a ruckman.

Charlie was known for this outstanding marking ability and place kicking. His fifteen year-old brother,

Jack, was recruited and was an instant success. Subsequently the competition did not resume for three years as a consequence of enlistments in World War 1.

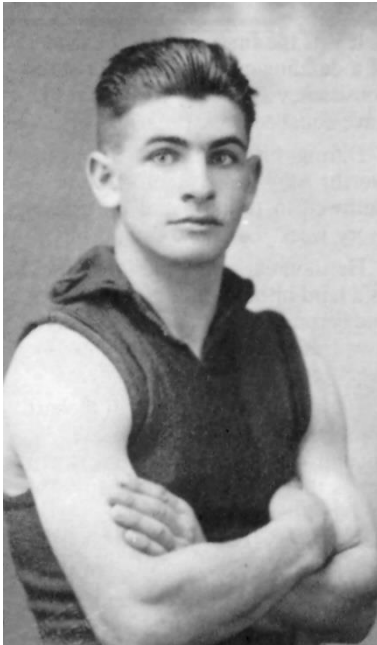
In 1919 Charlie sustained a career ending injury mid-season. That premiership winning year was unique in that three famous Dunn brothers featured prominently. Charles the Coach, Jack the Captain and brother Frank. During his Presidency the Club played in every grand final winning five premierships. The Club’s record during those golden years is unsurpassed.

North Hobart career highlights - 1913 - Vice-Captain; 1914 - Captain/Coach; 1914 – Premiership; 1915 – Vice Captain; 1919 – Captain & Coach; 1920 – First NHFC Life Member; 1928 – 1937 NHFC President; 1923 – helped to establish the Club at the North Hobart Oval. NHFC Senior player (pre-War) # 257.



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Inductee # 18 - Albert Goggins (2005)



In 1926, Bothwell School Football Captain, Alby Goggins was selected in the Tasmanian schoolboy carnival team as a rover and half forward in the following year at the ripe old age of 17, he made the Bothwell senior team. He had four seasons with Bothwell, including playing in the premiership teams of 1930 and 1931 in the Brighton Association. Alby won the best and fairest award in those seasons.

He joined the North Hobart Redlegs in 1932 and found his ideal position in the back pocket under the coaching and captaincy of the legendary Roy Cazaly. It was the beginning of a dazzling career, which for its sheer consistency as a courageous and reliable defender, few have equalled.

North Hobart career highlights - Player 170 games, 1932-1941 – 10 Grand Finals, 1932-1941 – 7 Premierships, 1939 – Best & Fairest 1936, 1939, 1940 & 1941 – State Premiership Team; NHFC Senior player (pre-War) # 516.

Inductee # 19 - Len Pye (2005)



Len Pye played with North Hobart during the years of the Great Depression. They were tough times and football was more than a sport. It was a means of survival for some. Len was a lean, mean, tall wiry ruckman and forward. He was an exceptional mark

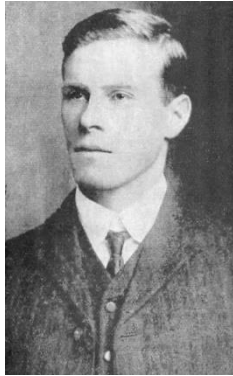
and long kick. Apart from his great skills and tenacity “The Pye” was a showman. He was dapper and fastidious with his gear in the style of Peter Pettiona. This style was sustained off the field. He was a popular and instantly recognised character around town with his pin striped suit and trade mark narrowed rimmed pork pie hat with a feather tipped at a rakish angle over the eye. His cockiness was rarely challenged in the bars. “The Pye” had quite a reputation as a hard man.

North Hobart career highlights – 1930 -1939 – 132 games; 1931, 1936, 1937 and 1938 – Best and Fairest; 1932 – William Leitch Medal; 1937 and 1938 – George Watt Medal; Played in 5 Premiership teams; Tasmanian representative; 2000 – North Hobart Team of the Century; Tasmanian Team of the Century; Tasmanian Football Hall of Fame inductee # 139; Tasmanian Football Hall of Fame Legend, 2012; NHFC Senior player (pre-War) # 495.



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Inductee # 20 - Edward Russell (2005)



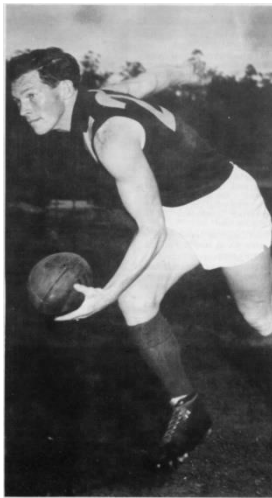
Eddie Russell's name first appears for the North Hobart Club among the few records of games played in the "junior" association early in the 20th Century. In 1985 the Club had joined the senior competition. The Club won its first senior premiership in 1902 and

Eddie Russell was instrumental in the Club achieving that historic goal.

He was a compact, strong, vigorous and skilled centreman in the style of the great Horrie Gorringe. The Tasmanian Mail of September 6th 1902 in its annual report on football noted that "the (North Hobart) Club's champion was undoubtedly Edward Russell". His name featured regularly among best players in football reports of those times. His leadership was legendary and his service to the Club and the game spanning two decades was invaluable.

North Hobart career highlights – Player 1901-1919; 1921 – Life Member; 1901-1913 – Captain & Coach; 1907-1913 – three Premierships & twice Runners up; 1905 and 1906 – Best and Fairest, 1919 – Captain; NHFC Senior player (pre-War) # 261.

Inductee # 21 - Trevor Best (2007)



Like many before him, Trevor Best came to North Hobart from the North-West team in the State School Old Boys Association. Beginning at just 14 he played a remarkable 4 years in that tough competition. Whilst Captain of the North-West in 1960 he was recruited straight into North Hobart's senior side. He immediately became a brilliant centreman for North with a complete set of outstanding skills. He earned a reputation as a fearless and hard competitor who was highly respected by opponents and team members alike. He went on to play 168 games for

North in the years 1960 to 1962 and 1966 to 1972, earning Player Life membership award.

He was a member of North Hobart's State Premiership teams in 1961, 1962, 1967 and 1969. During these years he represented the TFL on many occasions. He was Club Vice Captain in 1971. In the intervening years he was recruited to play with Carlton in the VFL from 1963 to 1964. He amassed a total of 22 games with the Blues before returning to Tasmania. In 1965 he was Captain and Coach of Franklin in the Huon Association plus association teams.

His love of the game led to him pursuing a continuing football career. He coached Buckingham in the SSOBA from 1968-1971; Huonville from 1972-1974 including premierships; and coached Kingston in 1978. He was a regular super-rules player in the 1980s. He continues to be an active North Hobart member. Trevor's son Darren was a successful reserve and senior player for the Club.; Trevor is Tasmanian Football Hall of Fame inductee # 298; NHFC Senior player (post-War) # 232.



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Inductee # 22 - David “Dickie” Collins (2007)



David Collins was recruited from the Friends School in 1960. His prodigious marking and goal kicking ability had earned him a huge reputation at school level and this continued virtually uninterrupted for an amazing fourteen seasons as a senior player with the North Hobart Club from 1960 until 1973. During this time he played 250 senior games and kicked 410 goals. He was the Club’s leading goal kicker in 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964 and 1967. He was the TFL’s leading goal

kicker in 1962 and 1967. He was a frequent TFL and Tasmanian representative player. His ability to kick exceptionally long distances made him a crowd favourite.

He was a member of two Premiership teams in 1962 and 1969. North were denied a certain State Premiership in 1967. David was the central figure in one of the most controversial games ever played in Australia. This was the famous goalpost removal incident at the end of the State Premiership game at West Park, Burnie. When the siren sounded after David had marked in the goal square any score would have won the match for North. The posts were removed by supporters and the game subsequently declared “incomplete”.

On completing his playing career David became a successful North Hobart Reserves Coach. He continues an active interest in the Club as a Member. NHFC Senior player (post-War) # 224.

Inductee # 23 - Bruce Felmingham (2007)



The Felmingham family connection has existed at North Hobart Club almost since its inception. George Patterson, Club Captain in 1899 is Bruce Felmingham’s great uncle and was Captain of the Club’s first premierships team in 1902.

Subsequently Bruce’s father Stan and uncle Max became legendary players in the highly successful North sides of the 1920s and early 1930s.

Bruce commenced his playing career in the red and blue with North West in the SSOBA in 1959 and 1960. He quickly earned a reputation as a courageous “tear-through” backman and the Felmingham tradition was resurrected.

He moved to the senior Club in 1960 and played 52 games as a Reserve and Senior player. He was Reserve’s Captain in 1962 also winning the George Watt Medal for Reserves competition Best and Fairest in that year.

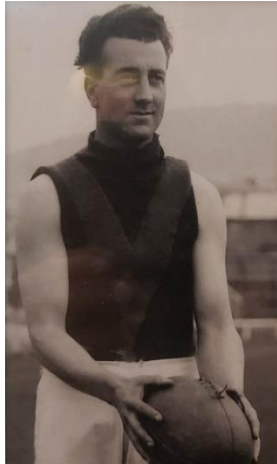
Bruce’s association with the Club as an administrator is highly significant. He was an influential and active Board Member including the role of Chairman during the difficult half decade of the 1990s that saw the demise of the Statewide League and the Club’s survival threatened. His leadership then was crucial and his active commitment to the Club has not diminished.

He continues to fulfil important advisory, support and leadership roles in the Club and the broader community. He is a prominent academic, economic researcher and commentator. He currently contributes to administration of the Club as Chairman of the Tridents Coterie Group. He has occupied this position since 2002, the year in which he was made a Life Member. NHFC Senior player (post-War) # 237.



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Inductee # 24 - Les Stevens (2007)



Les Stevens first played for the North Hobart Club seconds while still a schoolboy at the Trinity School. The great Horrie Gorrige was a member of the same team. Les Stevens went on to play a total of 161 senior games for the Club during the years 1913 to 1915 and after the World War. One competition recess from 1919 to 1927. He was an imposing physical presence on the ground. He was tall, strong

and substantial. His kicking earned him the nickname of “Stick in the mud” Stevens.

He was a member a two Premiership sides in 1920 and 1923 and played in three other grand finals. He was Coach of the Club for part of the 1924 season.

Les represented southern Tasmania on many occasions and was a key member of the famous State team that defeated South Australia in 1927. He was awarded Life Membership of the Club in 1927 whilst still a player.

After his playing career he became a prominent senior umpire. Les’ connection with the Club was sustained by his membership of the Club’s committee of management. He also served as an administrator with the North West Club in SSOBA team in 1953. Like his father before him he also served on the Club’s committee of management for many years. NHFC Senior player (pre-War) # 322.

Inductee # 25 - Peter Wells (2007)



When Peter Wells was transferred in his employment from Launceston to Hobart he decided to follow the football career of emerging ex-North Launceston champion, John Leedham. This led to him becoming

a member of the North Hobart Club in 1959 and more deeply involved as a member of the Fundraising Committee and the Social Committee in 1983. He sustained these positions continuously until his untimely death in 2006.

His involvement was “hands on”. He devoted an enormous amount of his time and resources in conducting Club events and providing services on match days. For almost a decade he took prime responsibility for the Club’s catering van. He was ever at the Club contributing and never seeking rewards or recognition. His courtesy, efficiency and good humour made him an invaluable support team member. In illness and adversity his commitment to the Club never wavered. In recognition of his service he was made a Life Member in 2000.



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Inductee # 26 - Russell Manning (2009)



Russell Manning's family have been supporters of the North Hobart Football Club almost since its inception. His grandfather was the great Eddie Russell, eight times Captain of the Club (1906-1913).

Russell Manning's name first emerges in the official records of the Office bearers in 1975 as Auditor then subsequently Treasurer of the former "Redlegs" Coterie group. His special abilities in monetary matters became recognised and highly valued.

He was immediately recruited to the Social and Fundraising committee and has served the Club in one capacity or another continually since then. He was a Board Director in the late 1970s and again

during the collapse of the first state-wide league, helping to stabilize the Club when its survival was threatened. More recently he has been the Club's Secretary (1999-2004) and subsequently its General Manager, a position he has held since 2005 and continues.

This central and sensitive role necessitates having a finger on the pulse of the Club. It involves a continuing daily personal presence at the Club, handling a multiplicity of tasks including, keeping financial and other records, interacting continually with a wide variety of groups and individuals, and managing just about anything, anywhere, anytime. The position makes extraordinary demands on his skills in communication, negotiation and on his general intellectual agility. In all matters he is stoical, analytical, unflappable and totally respected.

Concurrent with these official Club activities, for almost three decades he has worked diligently with the related organisations. When the Tridents replaced the previous supporters group Russell Manning became, firstly a committee member (1981) and eventually a highly effective Secretary of that organization, a position he has held since 2001 and continues.

gradually rebuilt and was soon ready to compete in finals. Mark took on the captancy in 1986 and with Gary Davidson as coach led the team to the first ever State-wide Premiership in 1987. Subsequently the team lost in a spiteful grand final against Burnie in 1988. He relinquished the captancy to Leigh Collidge in 1989 and was a key member of the premiership team in that year. In 1990 he took a break from state-wide football to coach Cygnet.

When he returned to North the next year he brought the Brereton brothers from Cygnet and the North Hobart team went on to win Back-to-Back premierships in 1991 and 1992. The power, courage and strength of that addition to the group made it a formidable team. Through this successful era Mark Devine was an inspirational leader.

Inductee # 27 - Mark Devine (2012)



Mark Devine will be forever associated with one of the golden eras of success for the North Hobart Football Club, namely the period spanning 1987 to 2002. During that time the Club won four State-wide Premierships in 1987, 1989, 1991 and 1992. Mark's career begun earlier in 1983. The Club was then at a low ebb but with some key recruits the team



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His natural talent, tenacity, his great upper body strength and his raking left foot kick made him feared opponent in the Devine family tradition. He played in almost any position as required by the game circumstances. He was chosen to play for the State in 1984 and 1985. He played eight very successful

seasons for the Club and was awarded Life Membership in 1991.

In retirement Mark has taken an active interest as a supporter and sponsor for the North Hobart Junior Football Club. NHFC Senior player (post-War) # 526.

Inductee # 28 - Mandy Jenkins (2012)



One of the most important reasons for NHFC's longevity and success spanning 3 centuries is the contribution of the Club's volunteers. Their role is embedded in the Club's culture and what it endures. Mandy Jenkins epitomizes this tradition. Her contribution spans more than a quarter of a century and it continues.

Her first memories are of her family and friends embracing the Ryde Street crew and despite freezing conditions, yelling support for her favorites, Darryn Perry and the McQueen brothers. Her first direct personal involvement was joining the Fundraising Committee as a teenager in 1983. She eventually became Secretary of functions.

that Committee for almost a decade and stretched her involvement to the Sponsorship Committee and eventually the Board.

In 2000 her work was recognized in receiving a Certificate of Merit. Her intelligence, extraordinary organizational skills, high motivation and energy make her an obvious leader and activator among her colleagues. Mandy became the first woman to become the Secretary of the Club in its 130 year history and still retains that key position. She is omnipresent around the Club and has interpersonal skills that earn her the respect of all those who work with her.

Mandy's current Board responsibility as Fundraising Director sees her organizing most Club functions, selling merchandise and managing the Club's weekly Bingo. She also finds time to run kiosks and player teas as a member of her dedicated volunteering team. Most recently she has re-instigated the operation of Bingo at the clubrooms and is instrumental in invigorating the regular past players. In recognition of her outstanding service she was made a Life Member of the Club in 2006.



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Inductee # 29 – Shane Arrol (2017)



Shane Arrol joined the North Hobart Football Club from Triabunna and initially played with the Under 17s in 1972; he made his senior debut in 1976. He played 116 games and was very talented wingman and half back. Shane has been a tremendous contributor and demonstrated strong Club loyalty for over forty years.

He was part of Gary Davidson's coaching staff which won the 1989 Premiership and he later coached the Club's Under 16s, Under 18s and Reserves over seven

seasons. Shane provided quality direction and solid football grounding for a number of future long serving senior players.

Shane has been an outstanding contributor in the organisation of numerous major Club events, such as Golf Days, hosting grand finals and rugby games, which have generated significant income for the Club. He has been the co-ordinator of the North Hobart Hill Bar for numerous years and a valued member of the North Hobart Tridents.

Shane's family has a long involvement with North Hobart Football Club. Shane's Dad, Gerry, first played with the Club in 1953 and brothers Jody (later played with St Kilda) and Paul, also played for North Hobart. His son Brett played in underage teams. Shane's wife, Lea, and daughter, Melissa, have willingly supported the Club in many Club activities and functions over many years.

NHFC Senior player (post-War) # 434.

Inductee # 30 & 31 - Lyn and Gordon Howells (2017)



Gordon and Lyn Howells have been involved with the Club for over forty years and have willingly made strong contributions to the Club in numerous roles.

Having diligently supporting the playing teams for numerous years they commenced volunteering in the Hill Kiosk and Kitchen kiosk in 1993 and in 2001 took on the ordering and management of stock for kiosks and Club bar for several years.

Gordon and Lyn have also been heavily involved with fund raising and have run Bingo sessions, Darts tournaments and sold raffle tickets at various outlets for many years.

In recent times Gordon was the interchange steward for Development League games and fills in behind the Club bar when required. Lyn continues to assist with Old Player lunches and special events.



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Inductee # 32 - Paul Curtain (2019)



Paul's involvement with the Club commenced as a supporter in 1999 when his son Luke commenced as a player in the Under 18s. He became Chairman in 2002 and led the Club out of a dire debt situation into an era of financial strength.

During his tenure as Chairman the Club won the 2003 Premiership under Brendan Bolton who was an inspired appointment.

Paul continued as Chairman until the end of 2009 with the Club making the grand final in 2008.

From 2009 until the present Paul has been a member of the Club's coterie group the Tridents that has raised tens of thousands of dollars for the Club. He was the driving force in securing funding for the floodlights to the ground in 2010 and project-managed the installation of the new lights and the new, upgraded, power supply at the ground.

Along with Wayne Peacock, Paul was also the driving force for the three Rugby matches staged at North Hobart Oval that raised considerable funding for the Club. Paul has been President of the Tridents for the past three years and became a key player in the Bring North Hobart Home movement in 2016-17.

Once the Club returned to being North Hobart, Paul once again played a key role, in conjunction with the new board, in getting the Club out of a very bad financial situation. The financial turnaround from significant deficit to profit took 12 months. From late 2017 when the Club became North Hobart again Paul has been the Club's General Manager. This has involved working countless unpaid hours on general administration and perhaps among many great achievements, his greatest achievement, of procuring funding for and project managing the major new infrastructure projects on the Rydges Hotel wing.

The new kiosk, cool room, bar serving area, terraced standing area and the new AFL-compliant coaches and media box are game changers for our footy club and will play a major role in the Club being financially sustainable in future.

Paul's contribution has been significant, profound and enduring. He is one of the great North Hobart people who has selflessly worked hard to make the Club successful.



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NHFC Defining Moments & Milestones

1881 – NHFC established, C Moore credited as the founder while AA Page is elected captain and VD Tregear is elected as VC and secretary. The club wins its first game in the Southern Football Association against Kingston.

1902 - The club wins its first premiership against Lefroy. The club champion was undoubtedly Eddie Russell.

1924 - The club establishes its home at the North Hobart Oval.

1936 – Charlie Dunn completes a record 9 years as President.

1928 – 1945 – the club plays in a record 15 Grand Finals (games suspended 1942-45), winning 10 TFL and 6 State grand finals. Seven times captain Jack Dunn featured prominently.

1932 – Len Pye wins club's first William Leitch medal and club best and fairest for a third successive year.

1938 – 41 Jack Metherell, club coach of the century, leads the club to 4 successive premierships

1947 - Noel Reid wins first post WWII William Leitch medal.

1955 – Col Moore wins club Best and Fairest and becomes the most capped player in representative games (24 games).

1957 – John Leedham, six times Captain/Coach and premiership captain becomes the club's first and only All Australian player.

1967 – Captain for 6 years, coach for 7 and 3 times premiership leader, John Devine was involved in famous goalpost removal incident in state-wide final against Wynyard.

1968 – George Miller, former player and chairman of the club for 30 years awarded AFL Certificate of Merit for services to Australian football.

1984 – Don McLeod ties with Des Graham in achieving 5 best and fairest awards.

1984 – Don McLeod, 5 times captain achieves club record of 268 games.

1984 – David Omant, administrator for 38 years presented with TFL Certificate of Merit and volunteer of the year award.

2000 - North Hobart Team of the Century announced in August 2000:

Ray Bailey, Matthew Brereton, Hector Brooks, Roy Cazaly (Assistant Coach), Noel Clarke, Jim Dalton, Garry Davidson (Assistant Coach), John Devine (Captain), Jack Dunn (co Vice-Captain), Darrel Eaton, Albert Goggins, Des Graham, Peter Jones, John Leedham (co Vice-Captain), Peter Marquis, Don McLeod, Jack Metherell (Coach), Colin Moore, John Noble, Darryn Perry, Leonard Powell, Leonard Pye, Vern Rae, Alan Rait, Noel Reid, Stan Ryan.

2001 – Robert Devine kicks 15 goals 5 behinds to break Alan Rait's longstanding 1936 goalkicking record.

2003 – Brendan Bolton in his first year as captain/coach leads the team to its 29th premiership, breaking all records for a winning premiership margin of 110 points.

2022 – North Hobart Women's senior team win the club's first SFLW Division 1 premiership on Sunday 28 August at North Hobart Oval, defeating Clarence FC, 8.7.55 to 3.4.22.



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2005 North Hobart Football Club*	GREAT CLUB	2012 Len Pye	LEGEND
2005 Roy Cazaly	LEGEND	2013 Peter Jones	LEGEND
2005 John Leedham	LEGEND	2014 John Devine	LEGEND
2007 Roy Cazaly	ICON	2014 John Leedham	ICON
2007 Paul Williams	LEGEND	2015 North Hobart Oval	SPECIAL INDUCTION
2007 Wynyard v NHFC 1967	GREAT GAME	2015 Peter Marquis	LEGEND

*First club to be accorded this honour

AFL’s Tasmanian Hall of Fame – NHFC Inductees*

9 Jack Dunn	101 Daryl Sutton	206 Don McLeod
10 George Millar	128 Darryn Cresswell	208 Darren Trevena
26 Roy Cazaly	129 Paul Williams	218 Des Graham
30 Len Pye	139 Noel Reid	241 Ricky Hanlon
40 Vern Rae	143 Noel Clarke	255 Simon Minton-Connell
44 Jack Metherell	155 Garry Davidson	266 Darryn Perry
52 John Leedham	161 Simon Atkins	272 Leigh McConnon
54 Darrel Eaton	162 Chris Bond	298 Trevor Best
60 Peter Marquis	180 Martin Flanagan	302 David Noble
65 Colin Moore	181 Chris Fagan	305 Brendon Bolton
94 John Devine	182 Andy Bennett	

*A number of these inductees have played and / or had roles at both NHFC and other clubs.

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