

SOUTH-EAST SUBURBAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

1963 -1991

The South-East Suburban F.L. was formally instituted in October 1963. The Age newspaper article of Friday November 2nd. reports of the merger of the Caulfield-Oakleigh District F.L. and the Eastern Suburban F.L. with Mr.W.Jeffreys elected as President and Mr.W.J.Wilde as Secretary of the new League.

The following clubs formed the new competition:
A Grade: Ashburton, Glen Iris, Balwyn, Burwood, Canterbury, North Kew, Tooronga, Burnley, (E.S.F.L. clubs) East Brighton, Mt.Waverley, Murrumbeena, Noble Park-Harrisfield, Oakleigh District, Sandown and Beaumaris, (C.O.D.F.L. clubs).

Note: Burnley were admitted into the new League. However, as a result of poor behaviour on and off the ground during a pre-season game they were expelled. One of Burnleys officials had threatened to inflict severe physical damage upon every member of the S.E.S.F.L. tribunal when a number of the Burnley players were suspended as a result of a brawl during a practice match against East Brighton. It was rumoured as well that at the end of the game East Brightons Captain Coach and the Team Manager entered the Burnley rooms with the intention of inviting them in to the home rooms for a little refreshment. The Team Manager could not help but notice a very large revolver in a Gladstone bag. The player who owned the bag gave the official a deadly glare upon receiving which made a very quick retreat. The S.E.S.F.L. were advised unofficially of the incident. To avoid a bye being created Beaumaris were elevated from the Reserve Open grade to take Burnleys place, however as a first season club agreed to play the season for no premiership points. All clubs playing them would receive four points win, lose or draw with no percentage alteration.

All of the Reserve Open clubs were approached with the same or similar arrangement. Only Beaumaris accepted which, for a first season club with only one senior team was courageous. I have not found any results in the papers for the games they played.

Murrumbeena was a merger of the Murrumbeena Rovers, Murrumbeena Juniors and Murrumbeena from the V.A.F.A.

Reserve Open Grade: Caulfield Amateurs, South Murrumbeena, Glen Iris District, Carnegie, R.A.A.F. Cadets, Highett West, Dingley, Bennettswood, Chadstone, Hawthorn Amateurs and Beaumaris (promoted).

B Grade Reserves: Ashburton, Balwyn, Burwood, Canterbury, East Brighton, Glen Iris, Mt.Waverley, Murrumbeena, Glen Iris District, Noble Park-Harrisfield, Oakleigh District, Sandown, Tooronga and Burnley(expelled)

C Grade Under 17, Division One: Canterbury, Burwood, East Brighton, Glen Iris, Mt.Waverley, Murrumbeena, Sandown, Noble Park-Harrisfield, Oakleigh District and Ashburton.

Division Two: East Sandringham, Highett West, Dingley, Oakleigh 4ths., Mordialloc Y.C., Murrumbeena District, Beaumaris and Caulfield Amateurs.

D Grade Under 15: Beaumaris, Oakleigh District, East Brighton, Mt.Waverley, Mordialloc Y.C., East Sandringham, Noble Park-Harrisfield, Murrumbeena District, Highett West Y.C. and Oakleigh 5ths.

E Grade Under13: Oakleigh District, East Brighton, East Sandringham, Oakleigh 6ths., Murrumbeena District, Noble Park-Harrisfield, Mordialloc Y.C. and Beaumaris.

To field a team in the first division under 17 section the senior team had to be in A Grade. This did not apply to the Under 15 or 13 grades. At the time the S.E.S.F.L. was by far the largest Melbourne suburban competition catering for both senior and junior grades.

Much to the surprise of many clubs Burnley were readmitted for the 1964 season with only one Senior A grade team for most of the season as their reserves were withdrawn very early into the season. Tooronga were cleared to the Amateurs, Noble Park-Harrisfield and Oakleigh District went into the Federal League and Caulfield Amateurs were promoted after winning the Reserve Open premiership. Nobody was surprised in 1965 when Burnley folded. A club called Jolimont entered the Reserve Open section playing at the same ground and were actually the Adult Deaf Jolimont F.C. Sandown were struggling to field two senior teams and opted to drop to the Reserve Open grade leaving a ten team A Grade. The reserves had a full compliment except for Caulfield Amateurs which

created a bye in that grade. Into the Reserve Open came St.Kilda City from the Metropolitan Football League and East Malvern Amateurs from the Amateurs.

Beaumaris defeated Carnegie for the 1965 Reserve Open flag and were promoted to A Grade for the 1966 season with Caulfield Amateurs being relegated. It was to be East Brightons year in 1966 as they were premiers in four out of the five grades with only the under 13s missing out.

Kooyong Amateurs and St.Bedes Mentone Old Collegians joined the Reserve Open section with Kooyong defeating Carnegie, winning the premiership in its first season.

The 1967 season saw A grade increased to twelve clubs with the inclusion of Hawthorn Amateurs (third in 1966) and Kooyong Amateurs from the Reserve Open. Carnegie, who were runners-up were not able to field a Reserve grade team and were overlooked for promotion. As the precedent had been already set by the Caulfield Amateur and North Kew clubs in not having a reserves and playing in A Grade, Carnegie felt somewhat aggrieved at not being offered promotion.

Following their promotion Kooyong made it back-to-back flags by defeating East Brighton at Mordialloc by one point. The three quarter time scores were Kooyong 8.10.58 to East 8.9.57. In what was an amazing final quarter both sides managed only two points each. With seconds remaining the ball was kicked into Easts forward line. The Kooyong Captain/Coach Max McColl and an East forward were chasing and closing in on the bouncing ball at the edge of the ten yard square and as luck would have it the ball bounced favorably for Max who was able to punch it clear and over the boundary adjacent to the point post. As the ball was being thrown in the siren sounded with Kooyong 8.12.60 defeating East Brighton 8.11.59.

In the Reserve Open Carnegie, for the third year in succession were runners-up this time to Sandown. The disappointment was washed away as both Sandown and Carnegie were promoted to A Grade for 1968 making fourteen teams. The Reserve Open had eight clubs with two being promoted and Glen Iris District folding. The 1968 A Grade draw was shuffled to allow for the bottom four teams, two from 1967 and the two promoted teams to only play the top four teams from 1967 once.

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East Brighton were runners-up for the second year in a row this time to Burwood. Mt.Waverley won their second reserves flag in succession and St.Bedes Old Collegians won the 1968 Reserve Open defeating Dingley.

Canterbury defeated Burwood for the 1969 A Grade premiership. St.Bedes did not wish to be elevated into A Grade, instead Dingley as runners-up accepted promotion at Ashburtons expense.

Hawthorn Amateurs had been in some trouble during the season with many players becoming regular attendees at Tribunal hearings. A clean out of certain types of players was promised and a change of name to Hawthorn Districts would see a new club emerge for 1969. Mt.Waverley made it three in a row in the Reserves whilst East Malvern Amateurs won their first Premiership in the Reserve Open by defeating St.Kilda City.

The S.E.S.F.L. had been keen for a number of seasons to create a first and second division incorporating seniors and reserves with a promotion and relegation system.

By increasing the number of clubs over the early years in A Grade from ten to twelve then fourteen, all clubs were given a fair chance to prepare themselves for the 1970 season when the new scheme would commence. All clubs were agreeable to this new 'Divisional Football' and were advised that the scheme should be implemented as soon as possible, that is the League put the clubs on notice that all clubs would need to become 'consolidated' within three to four years.

What it meant was that all clubs would initially be required to field as a minimum seniors, reserves and under 17s. This minimum applied directly to A Grade clubs as there had been some rumblings that the clubs that fielded teams in the five grades, A,B,C,D and E were at a disadvantage compared to those that only fielded two open age sides. It was the Leagues plan to have all clubs equal with teams in all grades. Further, the League was also keen to have those clubs which only fielded juniors grade sides field two senior teams also. Most clubs agreed with this on principal and a time frame of five to six years was mooted.

The long term effect of this was that a large number of the junior grade clubs found it difficult to

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instigate or maintain five levels and were not aware that they would not be permitted to stay in the competition if they were not 'consolidated'.

Final four in final order 1963 to 1969:

1963:

A Grade:

Murrumbeena, Oakleigh Districts, Noble Park-Harrisfield, Glen Iris.

B Grade:

Noble Park-Harrisfield, Oakleigh Districts, Murrumbeena, East Brighton.

Reserve Open:

Caulfield Amateurs, Hawthorn Amateurs, South Murrumbeena, Glen Iris Districts.

C Grade Div.One:

East Brighton, Noble Park-Harrisfield, Ashburton, Oakleigh Districts

C Grade Div.Two:

East Sandringham, Mordialloc Y.C.

D Grade:

East Sandringham, Oakleigh 5ths., East Brighton, Oakleigh Districts

E Grade:

East Sandringham, Mordialloc Y.C., East Brighton, Oakleigh 6ths.

1964:

A Grade:

Mt.Waverley, East Brighton, Canterbury, Murrumbeena

B Grade:

East Brighton, Murrumbeena, Glen Iris, Mt.Waverley

Reserve Open:

Hawthorn Amateurs, Beaumaris, Carnegie, Bennettswood

C Grade Div. One:

East Brighton, Murrumbeena, Ashburton, Sandown

C Grade Div.Two:

East Sandringham, Murrumbeena Districts.

D Grade:

East Sandringham, Oakleigh 5ths., East Brighton, Murrumbeena Districts

E Grade:

Oakleigh 6ths., Murrumbeena Districts, East Brighton, East Sandringham

1965:

A Grade:

Glen Iris, Murrumbeena, Mt.Waverley, East Brighton

B Grade:

Canterbury, Mt.Waverley, East Brighton, Murrumbeena

Reserve Open:

Beaumaris, Carnegie, Sandown, Hawthorn Amateurs

C Grade:

Oakleigh 4ths., East Sandringham, East Brighton, Murrumbeena Districts

D Grade:

East Sandringham, East Brighton, Oakleigh 5ths., Murrumbeena Districts

E Grade:

East Sandringham, Oakleigh 6ths., Mordialloc Reds, Murrumbeena Districts

1966:

A Grade:

East Brighton, Murrumbeena, Mt.Waverley, Glen Iris

B Grade:

East Brighton, Murrumbeena, Mt.Waverley, Beaumaris

Reserve Open:

Kooyong Amateurs, Carnegie, Hawthorn Amateurs, Sandown

C Grade:

East Brighton, Oakleigh 4ths., East Sandringham, Mt.Waverley

D Grade:

East Brighton, East Sandringham, Oakleigh 5ths., Mt.Waverley

E Grade:

East Sandringham, Mt.Waverley, North Kew, Oakleigh 6ths.

A Grade:

Kooyong Amateurs, East Brighton, Murrumbeena, Burwood

B Grade:

Mt.Waverley, Murrumbeena, East Brighton, Burwood

Reserve Open:

Sandown, Carnegie, Chadstone, St.Bedes O.C.

C Grade:

East Sandringham, East Brighton, Beaumaris, Murrumbeena Districts

D Grade:

Beaumaris, East Brighton, East Sandringham, Chadstone

E Grade:

East Sandringham, Mt.Waverley, Bennettswood, Oakleigh 6ths.

1968:

A Grade:

Burwood, East Brighton, Murrumbeena, Balwyn

B Grade:

Mt.Waverley, Balwyn, Murrumbeena, East Brighton

Reserve Open:

St.Bedes O.C.,Dingley, Chadstone, Caulfield

Amateurs

C Grade:

East Brighton, Ormond Amateurs, Mt.Waverley,
East Sandringham

D Grade:

East Sandringham, Mt.Waverley, Oakleigh 5ths.
Murrumbeena

E Grade:

Mt.Waverley, East Brighton, East Sandringham,
Murrumbeena Districts

1969:

A Grade:

Canterbury, Burwood, Hawthorn Districts, Glen
Iris

B Grade:

Mt.Waverley, Murrumbeena, Hawthorn Districts,
Burwood

Reserve Open:

East Malvern Amateurs, St.Kilda City, Caulfield
Amateurs, Ashburton

C Grade Div. One:

East Brighton, East Sandringham, Oakleigh 4ths.,
Ormond Amateurs

C Grade Div. Two:

Murrumbeena Districts, Murrumbeena, St.Kilda
City, North Kew

D Grade:

East Sandringham, Mt.Waverley, East Brighton,
St.Kilda City

E Grade:

Beaumaris, St.Kilda City, East Brighton,
Mt.Waverley

Note. From 1970 to 1977 the A B C D E system was
used to identify each grade. It was not until 1978
that First Division, Second Division and so on was
brought in. For example, the system that was used
was A1, First Division Seniors, A2, Second Division
Seniors, B 1 First Division Reserves, B 2 Second
Division Reserves and this continued down
through the C D and E grades.

To keep this simple I have used 'First and Second'
division from 1970 as it is much easier to follow.
Checking the scores in the newspapers can be all
over the place with A1, C2, E1, B 2 etc. and allowed
for many errors.

The following clubs made up the first year of
divisional football, in Premiership order:

First Division Seniors & Reserves:

Burwood, Balwyn, Mt.Waverley,
Canterbury.....East Brighton, Chadstone, North
Kew, Murrumbeena, Glen Iris, Hawthorn Districts

Second Division Seniors:

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Beaumaris, Dingley, Ashburton (no resvs.) St.Kilda
City.....Sandown, Carnegie, East Malvern
Amateurs (no resvs.), Caulfield Amateurs(no
resvs.),

Second Division Reserves:

Carnegie, Beaumaris, Essex Heights,
Dingley,.....St.Kilda City, Sandown

The Under 17s. was split into two divisions with
only first division clubs in the top grade except for
Burwood who were replaced by Bennettswood. The
under 15s. had fifteen teams and the under 13s.
sixteen.

Chadstone were relegated to second division for
1971 to be replaced by Beaumaris. Caulfield
Amateurs were struggling to survive and could not
field a reserve team, the gap being filled by Essex
Heights who were yet to field a senior team.
Hawthorn Districts won their first premiership in
the top grade by defeating Burwood at Oakleigh.
St.Kilda City beat Dingley in the second division.

Beaumaris had struggled in first division in 1971
and were replaced by St.Kilda City for 1972 who
were runners-up to Canterbury in their first season.
Caulfield Amateurs folded and were replaced by
Essex Heights who were able to field both seniors
and reserves. Sandown won the second division
flag by defeating Ashburton but neither club were
allowed promotion as they were not 'consolidated'.

East Malvern Amateurs dropped the 'Amateur'
from its name in 1972 following a rather stern
request from the V.A.F.A.

As the promotion and relegation system was
developing a small problem arose in that whatever
club was involved it was not only the seniors and
reserves who went up or down, their junior side(s)
were treated the same. This tended at times to make
the under age grades a little lopsided in strength.

East Brighton, with fourteen players out of the
twenty that took the field in the grand final from
the junior ranks defeated Canterbury to win the
1973 premiership. Tooronga had played for one
season in 1963, then went to the Amateurs in 1964
combining with Malvern Amateurs to form
the 'Combine' Tooronga-Malvern. Returning in 1973
in second division they were runners-up to
Ashburton.

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Two of the strongest junior clubs Murrumbeena Districts and East Sandringham as well as Highett West Y.C. were put on notice that if they were to continue in the S.E.S.F.L. they would be required to field senior and reserve grade teams a.s.a.p. A number of clubs that had been fielding only junior teams had already been forced to leave amongst them Oakleigh(V.F.A.), Ormond Amateurs, Mordialloc Y.C., Mordialloc(V.F.A.), and Bennettswood who had already gone to the E.D.F.L.

When the decision was made back in 1970 to introduce divisional football and have only 'consolidated' clubs in the League all clubs were generally in support of the scheme. The Leagues by-laws however were not clear cut. There seemed to be a number of anomalies and clubs were creating ways to get around the rules. Hawthorn Districts under 17s was actually part of Hawthorn F.C., Essex Heights, Richmond 4ths. plus other clubs were entering junior teams, particularly under 17 then withdrawing them early in the season.

In 1974 Murrumbeena defeated Hawthorn Districts in first division. Ashburton were promoted and Glen Iris who had been relegated were runner-up to Carnegie in second division. South Melbourne District entered division two having transferred from the struggling Metropolitan F.L. There were now ten teams in first division, nine in second, fifteen under 17, eighteen under 15 and 18 in the under 13s. East Sandringham and Highett West Y.C. were the only remaining non 'consolidated' clubs.

Carnegie had won its first premiership in the C.O.D.F.L. in 1939 then again in 1948. They were then runners-up in 1950,1951,1952 and 1953 in A Grade, then in 1965, 1966 and 1967 in the second division S.E.S.F.L. Both Carnegie and Glen Iris were promoted in 1975 increasing the number of teams to twelve. In second division three new clubs, Highett West, East Hawthorn and Port Colts brought the number to ten. The latter two clubs transferring from the now defunct M.F.L. Carnegie made it back to back flags by defeating Mt.Waverley by three points and Port Colts belted East Hawthorn in division two.

The junior grades were revamped with two divisions in each of the three grades. As not all

clubs had teams in all the grades the draw created a few problems for both the League and the clubs. Carnegie had initially entered junior teams in the three grades for 1975, it turned out however that they would withdraw the under 17 team before the start of the season due to a lack of numbers.

The League administration had seen this before and were very keen to put a halt to this practice. As the season progressed a strong rumour was being circulated that no matter how the season panned out Carnegie was going to be relegated. The rumour gained strength as Carnegie were becoming hot favourite to be premiers. All clubs were keen to see just how the League would react especially after they did win the premiership.

The League advised Carnegie that in accordance with its rules the club would be relegated for the 1976 season. The timing was poor as it became common knowledge prior to the competition Presentation Night. Upon accepting the Premiers trophy and Flag the clubs representative proceeded to give the Leagues executive one almighty 'spray'. His timing was probably poor also as his and the clubs attitude toward the matter could have been handled better and the coaches outburst really got under the skin of some of the executive. No matter what the club did, said or wrote in an effort to stay in Division one they were dead in the water. I have no doubt that as it turned out Carnegie were used as a warning to other clubs not to mess with the Leagues rules or its administration. It was the general feeling from all the clubs (except Murrumbeena) that all things considered Carnegie were hard done by.

East Brighton won both the seniors and reserves premierships in 1976 defeating Hawthorn Citizens (formerly Districts) and Chadstone respectively. Hawthorn Citizens were now aligned with the Hawthorn Citizens Youth Club which was virtually at their doorstep. They did rid themselves of a few bad eggs and the whole club spent far less time at the tribunal. Canterbury were relegated along with Glen Iris who were both struggling for players throughout the grades. Carnegies place was taken by Port Colts and East Hawthorn and Chadstone took the two remaining places. South Melbourne District defeated Carnegie in the second division Grand Final.

Dingley transferred to the S.W.G.F.L. in 1977, Sandown moved to the E.D.F.L. and Carnegie went into recession. South Melbourne District were

promoted replacing Chadstone in first division which was dominated by Ashburton who won both senior and reserve premierships.

In 1978 the competition was divided into two ten team divisions. St.Kilda City, Port Colts and East Hawthorn were all relegated with Beaumaris being elevated having won the division two flag in 1977. Although the promotion and relegation system was working as far as the senior grades were concerned the junior grades virtually had their own system which did not necessarily follow the higher grades which at times caused fixturing problems. For many years the home club would play under 13s then under 17s then the senior grade. The under 15s would play before the reserves at their opponents home ground. With there being a system within a system for promotion and relegation some clubs from time to time would only have one senior game being it either home or away. Ashburton won back to back flags with their reserves just missing out to Mt.Waverley and Tooronga-Malvern easily accounted for Port Colts in second division.

By 1979 both Burwood and Ashburton had picked up a number of players from the Federal League clubs that were one by one falling over.

Burwood beat Tooronga-Malvern, promoted in lieu of South Melbourne District by eleven goals to take the flag in division one whilst Glen Iris won its first flag for many years in Division two.

In 1977 the St.Kilda F.C. sponsored a new junior competition open to all clubs in its area called the St.Kilda F.C.Junior F.L. commencing with under 11s. St.Kilda pulled out in 1985 and the name changed to the Chelsea District Junior F.L. with most clubs transferring. In 1989 the Moorabbin Saints Junior F.L. was formed and as before most clubs transferred. These junior competitions developed rapidly and consisted of age groups from under 9 to under 17 in yearly jumps. The major concern was that eventually all games were played on Sundays and all clubs and the S.E.S.F.L. were faced with losing teams and grades to the junior league.

After winning the Premiership Burwood was forced into recession for financial reasons before the start of the 1980 season returning to division two in 1981. Their place was taken by Glen Iris. Hawthorn Citizens were relegated allowing South Melbourne District to return to division one. As runners-up in second division to Glen Iris, Chadstone were

offered promotion first but declined which caused a rift within the club that took a number of years to heal as some members wanted the club to be promoted and others not. As a result Carnegie reformed as Carnegie-Chadstone playing at the East Caulfield Reserve for one season then reverted back to Carnegie the following year.

Ashburton won its third premiership in four years in the top grade. The St.Kilda City vs. Port Colts grand final in second division turned into an embarrassing debacle for both clubs and the League. The first quarter took fifty seven minutes to complete as both clubs brawled continually. City eventually won by eight points. There were numerous reports and suspensions handed out to players from both sides. St.Kilda City were fined heavily and placed on a bond. Port Colts were also heavily fined and suspended from the League, lost a subsequent appeal and were cleared to the Western Suburbs F.L.

As 1981 came around the rumours regarding the future of the now nine club Federal League were abounding. Noble Park, Springvale and Moorabbin each wanted to go to the V.F.A., Mentone, Parkdale, Highett and Cheltenham were financially strapped. Oakleigh Districts and Clayton were going along well enough but must have been concerned with their own future as well as that of the F.D.L. The South-East clubs were also anxious about the possibility of some if not all of the Federal clubs transferring as these clubs were much larger, most had far better facilities on and particularly off the field and probably most importantly had their grounds enclosed which enabled them to charge admission to games. The then Secretary and President of the South-East were assuring clubs that as far as they were concerned any club, Federal or otherwise who came to the League would pass through the divisions as required under the Leagues rules.

They were very outspoken on this point as they were keen to protect the South-East's existing clubs from any possibility of a takeover by the Federal, which also had been rumoured. Further should the rules be ignored or changed they would resign from the League under protest. Assurances were freely given by a number of the South-East executive also that its member clubs had nothing to concern themselves with. A subtle change was made to the junior grades. The under 17,15 and 13 became

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Under 18,16,14 and under 12. The Federal League had under 18 and 16.

Ashburton made it four out of five managing by holding off a determined Tooronga-Malvern in the the 1981 grand final and East Hawthorn beat Canterbury in division two.

S.E.S.F.L.clubs for 1981 were:

First Division, Seniors and Reserves:

Ashburton, Tooronga-Malvern, Beaumaris, Balwyn,..... Mt.Waverley, East Brighton, North Kew, Murrumbeena, St.Kilda City, South Melbourne District

Second Division, Seniors and Reserves:

East Hawthorn, Canterbury.....Carnegie, Glen Iris, Burwood, Highett West, East Malvern, Essex Heights, Chadstone, Hawthorn Citizens

The under age grades were: under 18 two divisions, under 16 two divisions, under 14 two divisions and one division in the under 12s. Most clubs were fully 'consolidated'. It came as no surprise that at the end on 1981 the Federal League was forced into recession. Not disband as many people thought.

The fact that the entry of these new and a couple of former clubs was going to improve the standard of the League was accepted. What annoyed all the existing S.E.S.F.L. clubs was that despite all of the promises that had been made six of the eight clubs transferring were going straight into division one. Parkdale and Mentone opted for second division and Springvale had been accepted into the V.F.A. To make matters worse it was not announced until early in 1982 that first division would consist of sixteen teams and that at the end of the season the bottom six would be relegated to division two making a ten team competition. Similarly division two would consist of twelve clubs with the bottom eight relegated leaving ten teams also. A new third division would be started with the eight relegated clubs plus two new ones who had already applied for entry into the League. Trying to recruit players in January or February is very difficult which made it almost impossible for clubs to strengthen their senior team to avoid relegation. The promotion and relegation for 1981 was not used St.Kilda City staying in division one and East Hawthorn remained in division two.

Clubs for 1982 were:

First Division, Seniors and Reserves;

Beaumaris, East Brighton, Cheltenham, Ashburton, South Melbourne District, Clayton, Noble Park, Okleigh Districts, North Kew, Tooronga-Malvern, Highett, Moorabbin, Mt.Waverley, St.Kilda City, Balwyn, Murrumbeena

Second Division, Seniors and Reserves;

Carnegie, East Hawthorn, Burwood, Highett West, East Malvern, Essex Heights, Glen Iris, Chadstone, Parkdale, Hawthorn Citizens, Canterbury, Mentone
The under age grades consisted of : Under 18 two divisions, under 16 two divisions and under 14 one division. The warning signs were clear that the St.Kilda junior league was making inroads into the South-East juniors.

First division for 1982 was won by Clayton defeating Asburton in the seniors and Oakleigh Districts beat Murrumbeena in the reserves. East Hawthorn again won in the second division seniors with Hawthorn Citizens taking the reserves flag. East Hawthorn were not promoted as they were not fully 'consolidated' and for 'behavioral' reasons found themselves in third division for 1983. At the end of the season the following six clubs were relegated to second division; East Brighton, Balwyn, North Kew, South Melbourne District, Mt.Waverley and St.Kilda City. Tooronga-Malvern were in financial trouble, requested and were permitted to go into third division for 1983. When Moorabbin transferred to the V.F.A. the League, instead of asking or simply elevating two out of the lowest six to be relegated the League opted for an eight team division one for 1983.

All these changes occurred after the resignation of the Leagues Secretary and the President.

The old S.E.S.F.L. clubs were very annoyed at what appeared to be a take over by the five Federal clubs in division one. What was causing further problems was privately most of the Federal clubs wanted to re-form the Federal League and very clandestine overtures were being made to a selection of South-East Clubs to join them in reforming the League. Attendance at delegates meetings during the season was highly entertaining to say the least. The issue of paying entry fees into some of the enclosed grounds was taken care of by the clubs that did not have their own enclosed. The players, staff and supporters refused to pay and very politely told the gate people to go peel an apple, or something like that.

Over a short period of time the leadership of the League had transformed from democratic to

authoritarian with the new administration taking a very autocratic stance in regard to all matters. The Executive of the League in particular tended to treat the clubs in a patronising manner.

It was the opinion of many that the League was far more interested in its own standing with the then V.M.F.L. and the V.F.L. The clubs were told initially that the reorganisation of the League was good for every club in the long term. Toward seasons end they were then told to like it or lump it.

Clubs for 1983 were:

First Division, Seniors and Reserves;
Oakleigh Districts, Highett, Ashburton, Clayton, Cheltenham, Murrumbeena, Beaumaris, Noble Park
Second Division Seniors and Reserves;
Balwyn, East Brighton. Highett West, St.Kilda City, Mt.Waverley, Glen Iris, South Melbourne District, Parkdale, Carnegie, North Kew.

Third Division Seniors and Reserves;
Canterbury, Hawthorn Citizens, Middle Park, Caulfield, Mentone, Tooronga-Malvern, Chadstone, East Hawthorn, Burwood, East Malvern.

The under age grades lost fifteen teams from the previous year bringing the number down from sixty four to forty nine.

Noble Park defeated Clayton in division one whilst in the reserves Clayton beat Oakleigh Districts. In division two South Melbourne District accounted for North Kew by four points. Hawthorn Citizens defeated East Hawthorn in division three in a entertaining 'slug fest'.

The first division in 1984 was increased to ten teams with Murrumbeena who were in serious financial trouble opting to go to third division to recover. In came South Melbourne District, Mt.Waverley and Balwyn. North Kew were not promoted as they did not have an under 18 team. Clayton won the seniors in their fifth Grand Final appearance in as many years giving them four out of five flags and their reserves were also premiers. In division two Tooronga-Malvern kicked 7.27.69 to Parkdales 12.11.83 in the seniors. In the reserves the 'Combine' 17.16.118 outlasted Parkdale 18.16.114. Other clubs that year in division two were: Canterbury, Mentone, Hawthorn Citizens plus the 'Combine' all up from division three 1983, Carnegie, Highett West, North Kew, East Brighton, St.Kilda City. Division three was won by East Hawthorn over Murrumbeena in the seniors and Burwood won the reserve grade. Other clubs that year were: Chadstone, Middle Park, Burwood,

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Caulfield , East Malvern, Dandenong West, Glen Iris.

The junior grades were being devastated with the loss of another twelve teams bringing the total number now to thirty seven. As an example East Brighton fielded seniors, reserves, under 18,16 and 14 teams in the S.E.S.F.L., the under 12 and under 10 grades in the St.Kilda F.C.J.F.L. and an under 11 Sunday team in the C.D.J.F.L.

There were many clubs that were similar with teams in the South-East, Hawthorn J.F.L. and the Waverley J.F.L. with the junior Leagues playing more Sunday games than on Saturdays.

Prior to the commencement of the 1985 season the S.E.S.F.L. became an incorporated body with a new set of rules and by-laws. The clubs delegates agreed with the incorporation, as it was put to them. It took a little time but people soon realised that the new Committee of Management had far more powers than the previous Executive committee and the club delegates powers were virtually void. Delegates meetings were still held but instead of discussing and/or voting on any particular issue they were usually told simply what decisions had been made, full stop.

Flushed with success, Clayton were cleared to the E.D.F.L. and Parkdale were promoted. Noble Park were premiers over Mt.Waverley and Noble Park reserves commenced its amazing run of premierships. The third division was scrapped making a fifteen team second division. All clubs were put on notice that division two would consist of ten teams in 1986. Those finishing below tenth in 1985 would be relegated into a reformed third division. The S.E.S.F.L. advised that there could be as many as five new teams that would make a ten team grade in line with the two higher divisions.

Division two was won by Tooronga-Malvern over St.Kilda City. Clubs that did not appear in 1985 were: Middle Park, Caulfield, East Malvern and Burwood became Ashwood. Highett and Ashburton were relegated for 1986, Tooronga-Malvern and St.Kilda City taking their places.

The S.E.S.F.L. moved the goal posts when they announced pre season that division two would now

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have eight teams and division three seven and no new clubs were entering except Black Rock.

Two of the oldest and strongest clubs as far as junior strength was concerned, East Brighton and Murrumbeena were relegated to third division as they had finished in ninth and tenth positions respectively which meant that if the second division had remained at a ten team section as advised they would remain in that division. The inclusion of Black Rock into second division in its first year was met with fierce opposition from East Brighton in particular as without the new clubs inclusion it would have every right to remain in the higher division.

It was almost impossible to plead your case to the Committee of Management. Both clubs were going to third division and no amount of correspondence was going to alter that decision. Noble Park were again premiers defeating Beaumaris and second division was won by Highett West. In third division Murrumbeena over-ran East Brighton in the seniors as did Ashwood in the reserves.

The three divisions in 1986 were:

First Division; Oakleigh Districts, St.Kilda City, Mt.Waverley, Balwyn, Beaumaris, Cheltenham, Noble Park, South Melbourne District, Tooronga-Malvern, Parkdale.

Second Division; Hawthorn Citizens, Black Rock, Highett West, Highett, East Hawthorn, Mentone, North Kew, Ashburton.

Third Division; Dandenong West, Carnegie, Ashwood, Canterbury, Glen Iris, Murrumbeena, East Brighton.

In 1987 the third division was incorporated into an expanded second division of fifteen teams with a final five. Lyndale took Dandenong West's place. Ashburton won both the seniors and reserves defeating St.Kilda City in both division two grades. Highett West took St.Kilda City's place in first division. Division one was dominated by Noble Park winning both seniors and reserves. The junior grades were almost gone with only a limited number of teams in the under 18 and 16s. To keep these two grades going a handful of teams from the E.S.C.F.A. joined as that competition was facing the same problems. The League Executive had been negotiating with some of the Junior Leagues to run their competition in conjunction with the South-

East but were running into a brick wall at every turn.

Second division in 1988 was reduced to thirteen teams with the loss of two of the oldest clubs East Hawthorn and Glen Iris who were both forced to disband due to a lack of numbers and finances. Parkdale went down from first division with Ashburton being promoted as the newly formed Caulfield-Ashburton, Caulfield having lost its place in the V.F.A. The 'new' club played in the Ashburton colours of green jumper with gold monogram and piping. Mordialloc was forced to leave the V.F.A. four rounds into the season and were invited into the South-East's second division to negate the bye but to play for no points or percentage. All clubs who played them would receive for points including those who had already had a bye. Caulfield-Ashburton easily won first division and East Brighton won both the seniors with one loss and reserves going through the season undefeated in second division.

The 1988 clubs were:

First Division; Cheltenham, Mt.Waverley, Caulfield-Ashburton, Balwyn, Oakleigh Districts, Tooronga-Malvern, South Melbourne District, Highett West, Noble Park, Beaumaris
Second Division: Hawthorn Citizens, Murrumbeenas, Parkdale, Lyndale, Highett, Ashwood, St.Kilda City, Carnegie, Black Rock, Mentone, East Brighton, Canterbury, North Kew and Mordialloc.

The Caulfield-Ashburton alliance was to last only one season. The committee and in particular the President of the new club were at loggerheads with the League Executives, mostly the secretary on a number of issues. At seasons end the Caulfield-Ashburton President constructed a letter on his company letterhead which was to say the least highly critical and abusive towards the League and actually singled out the secretary emphasising the term 'blatant incompetence'. The club was given notice to appear before the League Executive to discuss the contents of the letter. They declined to do so. They were then asked and given the opportunity to disassociate themselves from their President's personal letter. They again declined to do so. Two full delegates meetings were held to discuss the Clubs future in the League. A motion was put forward at the first meeting to expell the club as it would not detach itself from their President's letter and therefore supported same. Some of the clubs at the meeting stated that they had not seen or read the contents of the letter, even

though the League had mailed it out to everyone to read. After lengthy discussions it was decided to defer the matter for two weeks to enable clubs to decide where they stood on the matter with their respective committees. Despite a good deal of lobbying by the club at the next meeting Ashburton-Caulfield were expelled from the League by two votes twenty three to twenty five with two clubs abstaining. A subsequent appeal was lodged by the club to both the League and the V.M.F.L. but as there was no rule to allow for appeals of this type the club was finished. Many clubs were happy to see them go, others were not so sure that the League executive had been embarrassed by the letter which was after all not written on the clubs letterhead so in the clubs opinion they had no case to answer. The fact that the President was injecting large sums of money into the club left them in a difficult situation. By the time this had sorted itself out East Brighton had been promoted for 1989 with Tooronga-Malvern requesting to go down to second division to regroup financially. Highett West and Highett amalgamated to form Highett District allowing the club to remain in first division. Second division now had twelve teams with Lyndale transferring to the E.S.C.F.A. Balwyn defeated Oakleigh Districts in the first division with Parkdale winning the lower division.

Clubs for 1989:

First Division; Noble Park, South Melbourne District, East Brighton, Oakleigh Districts, Balwyn, Highett District, Beaumaris, Mt.Waverley, Cheltenham

Second Division; Mentone, Black Rock, Mordialloc, Murrumbeena, North Kew, Hawthorn Citizens, Canterbury, Carnegie, St.Kilda City, Parkdale, Ashwood, Tooronga-Malvern.

Parkdale were promoted for the 1990 season replacing the bye. Two more of the oldest clubs disbanded in Carnegie and Hawthorn Citizens leaving a nine team competition in second division. Noble Park defeated Oakleigh Districts in both the seniors and reserves, likewise Tooronga-Malvern defeated North Kew in second Division.

East Brighton had won first division premierships in 1966,1973 and 1976 but found themselves in third division in 1986. Slowly but surely they were able to win their way back into first division in 1989. By enticing a number of former players, mostly juniors back to the club they were able to defeat Noble Park in the 1991 Grand Final.

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Tooronga-Malvern who had been promoted finished fourth and Canterbury defeated Highett District in Second Division giving them their first senior premiership since 1972.

Clubs for 1991:

First Division; Balwyn, South Melbourne District, Noble Park, Beaumaris, Cheltenham, Parkdale, Mt.Waverley, Tooronga-Malvern, East Brighton, Oakleigh Districts.

Second Division; Ashwood, Mordialloc, Black Rock, Canterbury, North Kew, Mentone, Highett District, Murrumbeena, St.Kilda City.

At the end of 1991 there were a number of changes to the Leagues administration out of which came amongst other things a change of name to the Southern Football League. A copy herein of the Editorial Comment which appeared in the first S.F.L. 'Record' explains why the name was changed.

For the 1992 season Cheltenham were placed in second division with Canterbury being elevated. Noble Park won their sixth flag since since 1982 downing South Melbourne Districts. The reserves once again was won by Noble Park giving them seven since 1982. Cheltenham were victorious in second division giving the club its first senior flag since 1925.

The 1992 clubs were:

First Division; Noble Park, South Melbourne District, East Brighton, Oakleigh Districts, Balwyn, Tooronga-Malvern, Beaumaris, Mt.Waverley, Canterbury, Parkdale

Second Division; Mentone, Black Rock, Mordialloc, Murrumbeena, North Kew, Ashwood, Cheltenham, Highett District, St.Kilda City, Caulfield Kontias

The Southern Football League and the Eastern Suburban Churches Football Association merged at the end of the 1992 season to form the 'new' Southern Football League.

The 'new' Leagues format was as follows:

Premier Division; Noble Park, Mt.Waverley, South Melbourne District, East Brighton, St.Pauls Bentleigh, Parkdale, Bentleigh, Oakleigh Districts, Hampton United, Mordialloc

First Division; Cheltenham, Collingwood Districts, Tooronga-Malvern, Caulfield, Balwyn, Ashwood, Springvale District, Highett District, Burwood United, Beaumaris

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Second Division; Murrumbeena, Chelsea Heights, St.Kilda City, North Kew, Lower Plenty, East Camberwell, Fairfield, Canterbury, Box Hill Pioneers

Third Division; Heatherton, South Yarra, Syndal-Tally Ho, Cheltenham Assumption, Carnegie, Dandenong West, Black Roch, Ashburton-Chadstone

Fourth Division; Moorabbin West, East Bentleigh, Lyndale, Mt.Waverley Catholics, Box Hill North, Box Hill Adelphians, North Blackburn, Eley Park (no reserves)

Senior Grade clubs from 1963 to 1992 were:

Sandown was formed in 1962 and played one season in the C.O.D.F.L. B Grade Reserves then joined the South-East from 1963 to 1976. They wore blue and white stripes and played at the Edinburgh Reserve, North Springvale.

South Murrumbeena was formed in 1958 using Packer Park, Carnegie. In the C.O.D.F.L. they competed in the B Grade Reserves and Reserve Open then transferred to the South-East in the Reserve Open from 1963 to 1965. They wore red and gold striped jumpers. Murrumbeena Districts who played in the junior grades only were an offshoot of South Murrumbeena. Caulfield Amateurs joined the new League in 1963 and stayed until 1971.

Glen Iris District joined the Caulfield-Oakleigh in 1959, transferred in 1963 playing in the B Grade Reserves and the Reserves Open until 1967. Club colours were navy, blue and white. Home ground was T.H.King Oval, Glen Iris which it appears they shared with East Malvern Amateurs who transferred from the Amateurs in 1965. They disbanded in 1984 having won one second division premiership in 1969 but were never promoted. The club was formed in 1929 when they joined the Amateurs staying until 1964. Along the way they won two flags, 1929 C grade and 1950 D grade. Club colours were blue and white. The two clubs may have joined forces at some stage.

In 1963 the R.A.A.F. Cadets entered a team formally called D.C.S, R.A.A.F. They played for only one season at Fawkner Park then played in the Amateurs 1964 and 65. They returned in 1966 using Fawkner Park for two seasons before moving to Highfield Park, Camberwell where they played until 1969 before disbanding. Club colours were light blue with dark blue trim. Highett West Youth Club played for a few seasons in the Caulfield-

Oakleigh in the junior grades and the Reserve Open and fielded a senior team in the South-East from 1963 to 1965 before reverting back to junior sides only. They played at the Highett West Reserve and wore a black jumper with a red sash. The Highett West Football Club was formed by a merger of the Highett West Y.C. and the Highett Y.C.W. club. The new club wearing blue and white hoops joined the South-East in 1975 playing at the Peterson St. or Highett West Reserve. In 1989 a merger with the Highett Football Club was engineered to keep both clubs going all be it as one identity the Highett Districts Football club. With far better facilities the clubs agreed to use the Turner st. Reserve in Highett and as a trade off the Highett West jumper was retained through to 1992. In 1997 the club dropped the 'District' from their name reverting back to Highett Football Club using the original colours of red, white and blue plus a Bulldog image. Highett had transferred from the Federal when they went into recess in 1982. (refer Federal notes).

Dingley came over from the Caulfield-Oakleigh in 1963 staying until 1976 when they joined the S.W.G.F.L. Coming from the E.S.F.L. Bennettswood fielded a senior team from 1963 to 1965 then for many years had junior teams only.

Burnley transferred from the Eastern League in 1963 and were duly suspended then expelled or not re-admitted after 1964 In 1965. The Jolimont Football Club joined the competition with one senior team in the Reserve Open. Its home ground was the Carter Oval, Burnley. A club of the same name played for many years in the Sub-Districts and Sunday Leagues. Club colours were blue with a white V. Their last year was 1968.

After crossing in 1963 Tooronga moved to the Amateurs in 1964 at which time they merged with Malvern Amateurs to form Tooronga-Malvern. Returning in 1973 playing through to 1992. Chadstone joined from the Caulfield-Oakleigh in 1963 having commenced in the Reserve Open grade in 1959 and 1960 then into A grade 1961 and 1962. Playing at what is now Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park they continued through to 1977 then moved to the vacant East Caulfield Reserve for 1978 and 1979. In 1980 part of the club merged with a reformed Carnegie to form Carnegie-Chadstone playing for one season at East Caulfield. Another section of the club returned to their original ground as Chadstone continuing until 1985 before disbanding. The club did re-appear as Ashburton-Chadstone for 1993

and 1994. Moorabbin had one season 1982 (refer Fed. notes).

Middle Park played only for two seasons 1983 and 1984 at Oval 10 Albert Park. Club colours were Gold guernsey, black motif, collar and cuffs. Caulfield also played for two years 1983 and 1984 in Caulfield Park wearing Royal blue and white vertical stripes and as far as I know were not related to the Caulfield V.F.A. club. Kontias played for two seasons in the Amateurs 1989 and 1991 then joined the Southern F.L. for one season in 1992 as Caulfield Kontias.

Ashburton played from 1963 to 1987 having previously played in both the Caulfield-Oakleigh and Eastern Leagues. (refer to League notes). Caulfield-Ashburton one season 1988. The Caulfield part of the alliance was in essence to reform in 1993. Black Rock joined in 1986. (refer Federal notes).

Essex Heights joined in 1970 as a junior club sponsored by the Richmond F.C. as their fourths. A senior team was fielded in the B Grade Reserves for the first two seasons then into second division with both seniors and reserves by 1972. The under seventeens won Premierships in 1973, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978 and 1979. The senior section of the club disbanded at the end of 1982. Burwood came from the Eastern in 1963. Club colours were black and white and the home ground was the extremely small Burwood Reserve. They easily defeated Tooronga-Malvern for the 1979 premiership then went into recession for 1980 for financial reasons. Restarting in 1981 they eventually merged with the Essex Heights club to form Ashwood in 1985. They also moved to the Essex Heights Reserve. The old Burwood jumper was used for the first two seasons then in 1987 changed to black, gold and white panels to incorporate the yellow from the Essex Heights jumper. The club remains in the S.F.L. today.

Kooyong Amateurs played in the Amateurs from 1963 to 1965 using a red jumper with royal blue collar, cuffs and V. Their application for the 1966 season was rejected as their home ground Righetti Oval, Kooyong was deemed unsuitable plus their reserves played separately at the H.A. Smith Reserve, Hawthorn. Entering the South-East in 1966 they won the Reserve Open premiership defeating Carnegie and were promoted the next season and won the A Grade flag by one point over East Brighton. A mass exodus of players at the end of

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1968, many of whom chose to follow their Coach to Hawthorn Amateurs created a merger and the start of Hawthorn District in 1969 wearing a brown and gold vertical stripe jumper. Hawthorn Amateurs joined the South-East in 1963 from the Eastern. (refer Eastern notes). From 1969 to 1975 they played as Hawthorn District, then from 1976 played as Hawthorn Citizens at the Victoria Road Reserve before folding in 1989.

Mordialloc joined in 1988 and continue to day in the S.F.L. (refer Federal notes also).

Lyndale had three seasons 1987, 1988 and 1989. Wearing a maroon jumper with gold top they played at the Barry Powell Reserve, Noble Park North. A move to the Churches in 1990 saw them return in 1993 when that League was part of the 'new' S.F.L. and continue today.

Dandenong West had three seasons 1984, 1985 and 1986 playing at the Dandenong Showgrounds or Greaves Reserve. Port Colts entered in 1975 from the Metropolitan F.L. where it had played from 1969 to 1974. Expelled at the end of 1980 they moved to the Western Suburban League then into the Footscray District F.L. where they play today. Their home ground was the Murphy Reserve, Port Melbourne and club colours red jumper with blue V.

Carnegie played in the South-East from 1963 to 1989 except for three seasons 1977,78 and 79 when they were in recession. Playing for one season as Chadstone-Carnegie in 1980 they then reverted back to Carnegie eventually folding in 1989. The club's original home was Koornang Park until 1976 then moving to the East Caulfield Reserve in 1980. (refer also to other League notes).

St. Bedes Mentone Old Collegians played at Beda Park, Mordialloc from 1966 to 1969 in the reserve Open section. Club colours were a royal blue jumper with a red V. The South Melbourne District F.C. was founded way back in 1912. Playing continuously in Leagues such as the V.J.F.A., League and Association Sub-Districts and the Metropolitan F.L. Transferring from the latter in 1974 in the main because nearly all the M.F.L. clubs were north of the City they continued through to 1992. Playing in a white jumper with a red V at the Number one oval, Albert Park Reserve. East Hawthorn joined in 1975 from the M.F.L. staying until 1987 when readmission for 1988 was unlikely the club disbanded. (refer Eastern notes).

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St.Kilda City was originally founded as Inkerman Rovers in 1946 playing in Alma Park, West St.Kilda. A change of name to Balaclava in 1951 saw the club enter into the V.F.A. Sub-District competition, move to the 'Peanut Farm' in 1952 then transfer to the M.F.L. for 1954 and 1955. In 1956 they moved into the Metropolitan Sunday Amateur F.A. where they remained until 1968 when that Association folded. They wore a dark navy or black jumper with a white V. St.Kilda City was an offshoot of Balaclava, entering the M.F.L. in 1958 with a new jumper of red, white and black panels and also played at the 'Peanut Farm'. In 1964 they joined the South-East in the Reserve Open grade eventually making their way into A Grade and played through to 1992.

Noble Park-Harrisfield and Oakleigh Districts both played for one season, 1963 then transferred to the Federal returning in 1982 by which time the Harrisfield had been dropped. Cheltenham, Clayton (to E.D.F.L. 1985) , Parkdale and Mentone all came from the Federal 1982.

North Kew came from the E.S.F.L. in 1963 playing through to 1992. Originally the seniors played at Victoria Par, Kew and the Reserves at Stradbroke Park, East Kew. Around 1979 both senior and reserves moved to Stradbroke Park. In 1982 whilst that oval was being resurfaced the club played at the McCutcheon Oval Yarra Bend Park for one

season. Club colours were brown jumper with gold sash. Beaumaris was formed in 1962 joining the South-East in 1963 and playing through to 1992. Their home ground was the Banksia Reserve, Beaumaris and club colours royal blue with gold sash.

Mt.Waverley played in both the Federal and Caulfield-Oakleigh Leagues before joining the South-East in 1963 going through to 1992. Following the merger of the three Murrumbeena clubs that shared Murrumbeena Park the current club entered the South-East in 1963 and continue today in the new S.F.L. East Brighton continued on from the Caulfield-Oakleigh in 1963 and remain in the new S.F.L. today. Since formation in 1948 the club has appeared in the finals series on twenty six occasions for ten Premierships, eight runners-up, four thirds, three fourths and one fifth.

Balwyn and Burwood were both foundation members of the South-East having transferred from the E.S.F.L. A small problem arose in that both clubs wore a black jumper with a yellow sash. A simple coin toss solved the problem. As the loser Burwood agreed to change their jumper.

Canterbury and Glen Iris were also foundation members of the new League in 1963. The latter disbanding in 1987 and the other playing through to 1992.



1991 FIXTURE BOOKLET. (MISSING BALWYN & ASHWOOD)

BEAUMARIS:

Secretary: Ms. L. Sutton, 2 Gaybre Court, Cheltenham, 3192.
Phone: 584 8780.
Ground: Banksia Reserve, Oak Street, Beaumaris. Melway Map 86 E7.
Colours: Royal Blue guernsey with Gold sash & Shark logo, Royal Blue socks, Royal Blue Shorts. Club Phone: 589 6338.

BLACK ROCK:

Secretary: Mr. T. Raftery, 13 Rose Street, Highett, 3190. Phone: 555 2829.
Ground: McDonald Reserve, Fourth Street, Beaumaris. Melway Map 86 B6.
Colours: Black guernsey with Red sash, Red & Black hooped socks, Black shorts. Club Phone: 589 1804.

CANTERBURY:

Secretary: Mr. T. Burnmeister, 1 Madeline Street, Burwood, 3125.
Phone: 889 7979.
Ground: Canterbury Sports Ground, Cnr. Chatham & Guildford Roads, Canterbury. Melway Map 46 F10.
Colours: Red & Yellow vertical panels with Black guernsey, Red socks, Red shorts. Club Phone: 836 2508.

CHELTENHAM:

Secretary: Mr. T. Goodes, 7 Grey Street, Parkdale, 3195. Phone: 580 7174.
Ground: Cheltenham Recreation Reserve, Weatherall Rd., Cheltenham. Melway Map 86 G3.
Colours: Red, Yellow & Black vertical panels with Black back guernsey, Red, Yellow & Black hooped socks, Red shorts. Club Phone: 584 1607.

EAST BRIGHTON:

Secretary: Mr. D. Rice, 9 Fitzroy Street, Bentleigh, 3204. Phone: 557 8848.
Ground: Hurlingham Park, Nepean Hwy., East Brighton. Melway Map 67 J10.
Colours: Red guernsey with White 'V', Red socks, Red shorts.
Club Phone: 592 9235.

HIGHETT DISTRICTS:

Secretary: Mr. S. Miles, 45 Gladstone St., Sandringham, 3191. Phone: 598 0742.
Ground: Turner Road Reserve, Turner Road, Highett, Melway Map 77 H9.
Colours: Navy Blue & White hoops, Navy Blue & White hooped socks, Navy Blue shorts.
Club Phone: 555 7337.

MENTONE:

Secretary: Mr. P. Davis, 15 Lonsdale St., Moorabbin, 3189.
Phone: 589 2680 (President).
Ground: Mentone Recreation Reserve, Remo Street, Mentone. Melway Map 86 K7.
Colours: Black guernsey with Yellow sash, Black shorts, Black & Yellow hooped socks.
Club Phone: 583 2542.

MORDIALLOC:

Secretary: Ms. J. Harvey, 24 Gainsborough Road, Mentone, 3194. Phone: 583 6132.
Ground: Ben Kavanagh Reserve, McDonald Street, Mordialloc, Melway Map 87 G12.
Colours: Red & White vertical stripes, Red shorts & Red socks.
Club Phone: 580 4451.

MOUNT WAVERLEY:

Secretary: Mrs. M. McDonald, 21 Emerald St., Mt. Waverley, 3149. Phone: 802 5130.
Ground: Mount Waverley Reserve, Charles St., Mt. Waverley. Melway Map 61 F12.
Colours: Navy Blue guernsey with White monogram, Navy Blue shorts, and socks.
Club Phone: 807 0169.

MURRUMBEENA:

Secretary: Mr. M. Horsfield, 69 Sherbrooke Ave., South Oakleigh, 3167.
Phone: 570 1246.
Ground: Peter Robinson Reserve, Kangaroo Rd., Murrumbeena. Melway Map 69 B7.
Colours: Maroon guernsey with Gold top, Maroon shorts, Maroon socks with Gold top.
Club Phone: 568 0082.

NOBLE PARK:

Secretary: Mr. Z. Bell, 1 Aden Pl., North Frankston, 3200. Phone: 789 3008.
Ground: Noble Park Reserve, Moodemere St., Noble Park. Melway Map 89 D6.
Colours: Royal Blue & Gold striped guernsey with Gold back, Royal Blue socks, Royal Blue shorts.
Club Phone: 546 0653.

NORTH KEW:

Secretary: Mr. S. Dyson, 8/43 Derby Street, Kew, 3101. Phone: 862 1358.
Ground: Stradbroke Park, Cnr. Burke & Belmore Rds., Nth. Kew. Melway Map 45 K4.
Colours: Brown guernsey with Gold sash, Gold socks, Brown shorts.
Club Phone: 859 4058.

OAKLEIGH DISTRICT:

Secretary: Mr. S. Pooler, 4 Gow Cr., Hallam, 3803. Phone: 796 3082
Ground: Princes Highway Reserve, Princes Highway, Clayton, Melway Map 70 B10.
Colours: Black guernsey with White sash, Black socks, Black Shorts.
Club Phone: 544 8275.

PARKDALE:

Secretary: Mr. B. Ward, 88 Keith St., Parkdale, 3194. Phone: 580 1786.
Ground: Gerry Green Reserve, Cnr. Nepean Hwy. & Imes St., Parkdale. Melway Map 87 E8.
Colours: Royal Blue & Light Blue guernsey with Light Blue back, Royal Blue socks, Royal Blue shorts,
Club Phone: 580 7734.

SOUTH MELBOURNE DISTRICTS:

Secretary: Mr. M. McKillop, c/o 54 Smith St., South Melbourne, 3205.
Phone: 699 2691.
Ground: Oval No. 1, Albert Park, rear South Melbourne TAFE. Melway Map 2K D7.
Colours: White guernsey with Red 'V', collar & cuffs, Red socks, Red shorts.
Club Phone: 690 1241.

ST. KILDA CITY:

Secretary: Mr. J. Jurriens, 15 Ti-Tree Dve., Doveton, 3177. Phone: 791 2361.
Ground: Blessington Street Oval (Peanut Farm), Blessington St., St. Kilda. Melway Map 58 A11.
Colours: Red, White & Black panel guernsey with black back, Red, White & Black hooped socks, Black shorts.
Club Phone: 534 4717.

TOORONGA-MALVERN:

Secretary: Ms. L. Williams, 55 Osborne Ave., Glen Iris 3146. Phone: 822 8015.
Ground: Dunlop Reserve, Dunlop St., Malvern, Melway Map 60 A11.
Colours: Red & Navy Blue striped guernsey with White monogram, Navy Blue shorts, Navy Blue socks.
Club Phone: 885 8337.