

## **A BRIEF HISTORY**

**1892**

**Metropolitan Junior Football Association began at Salvation Army Headquarters, 62 Bourke Street, Melbourne.**

W.H. Davis, first President and E.R. Gower, first Secretary.

Alberton, Brighton, Collegians, Edlington, Footscray District, South St Kilda, St. Jude's, St. Mary's, Toorak-Grosvenor and Y.M.C.A. made up the Association.

**1893**

Orlinda F.C and University admitted.

**1894**

Nunawading F.C., Scotch Collegians, Windsor and Caulfield admitted. Olinda F.C., University 2nd, Footscray District and St. Jude's withdrew.

**1895**

Waltham F.C. admitted. Toorak-Grosvenor Y.M.C.A. disbanded.

**1896**

Old Melburnians and Malvern admitted. Alberton and Scotch Collegians withdrew. L.A. Adamson elected second President.

**1897**

V.F.L. formed.

M.J.F.A. received 2 pounds 12 shillings and 6 pence as share of gate receipts from match games against Fitzroy. Result Fitzroy 5.16 defeated M.J.F.A. 3.11.

South Yarra and Booroondara admitted, Old Melburnians withdrew. Waltham disbanded 15/6/97. Booroondara withdrew at end of season.

**1898**

Leopold and Beverley admitted. St. Mary's banned from competition 7/6/1898.

**1899**

**Top two sides played off for Premiership.**

J.V. (Val) Deane appointed Secretary.

Parkville and St. Francis Xaviers admitted, St. Francis Xaviers disbanded in May 1899 and Kew F.C. chose to play its remaining matches.

**1900**

South Melbourne Juniors admitted.

**1904**

Fitzroy District Club admitted.

**1905**

Melbourne University F.C. admitted due to amalgamation of Booroondara and Hawthorn.

**1906**

Fitzroy District changed name to Collingwood Districts and played at Victoria Park. Melbourne District Football Association approached to affiliate with M.J.F.A.

**1908**

Oakleigh admitted. Brighton withdrew.

Melbourne University Football Club invited to join V.F.L.

**1909**

Carlton District admitted. Port Rovers withdrew.

**1912**

**"Junior" dropped from name and Association known as Metropolitan "Amateur" Football Association. Finals played at M.C.G. as curtain raisers to V.F.L. finals.**

M.J.F.A. Clubs associated with League teams as follows: - Carlton District – Carlton, Collingwood District – Collingwood, Fitzroy Juniors – Fitzroy, Leopold – South Melbourne, South

Yarra – St. Kilda, University Seconds – University, Hawthorn – Melbourne, Beverley – Richmond.

### **1913**

Fitzroy Juniors admitted and V.F.L. requested to meet delegates from M.A.F.A.

### **1914**

Elsternwick entered Association. Hawthorn withdrew..

J.V. (Val) Deane (Secretary & Treasurer, 1899-1914) elected first Life Member of Association.

### **1915**

Caulfield combined with Malvern.

Concern over excessive use of foul language by barrackers and players and the Executive resolved to do something about it.

### **1916 - 1919**

Competition disbanded due to World War 1.

### **1920**

Old Melburnians, Old Caulfield, Melbourne Swimming Club and Teachers' College admitted who joined Collegians, Elsternwick, University (B – later Blacks) and South Yarra. Number of clubs limited to 8. a Melbourne Districts F.A. request for a representative match was not agreed to by M.A.F.A.

J.V. Deane unable to continue as Secretary. Thanked for reforming Association and replaced by S. Hughes.

### **1921**

Affiliation fees increased from one guinea to two guineas. Old Brighton, Old Scotch Collegians, second University (A – later Blues) team, Old Trinity, Sandringham and Hampton admitted.

M.A.F.A. joined Amateur Sporting Federation. Delegation sent to meeting of Protestant Churches F.A. to form a union of junior leagues. M.A.F.A. declined to join stating it no longer considered itself a "Junior Association".

### **19th man principle discussed.**

No matches played on Boat Race Day. "Midnight Sun" published all scores and results.

### **1922**

Two sections of eight clubs. Black Rock withdrew – unable to abide by "Amateur" rules and also Old Brighton. Murrumbeena, Elwood, Melbourne Shipping Company admitted (disbanded 17/7/22) and Teachers' College readmitted after being expelled August 1921 for non attendance at three successive meetings.

Umpire's Association formed and Independent Tribunal established.

### **1923**

A (8 clubs) and B (9 clubs) Sections formed. Old Xaverians & Elsternwick 'B' admitted. Umpires' Association requested **numbering of players**, approved 18/6/23 and implemented 30/6/23.

Clubs contributed of one pound to 1924 Olympic Fund.

### **1924**

South Australia Amateur Football League wrote seeking a match on M.C.G. in 1925. Burwood and Caulfield City admitted and Old Brighton readmitted.

Elwood abandoned membership – unable to find suitable ground. Associated Grammar Schools granted affiliation for one guinea.

A Section Grand Final played at Albert Ground and won by Old Scotch, B Section at Sandringham and won by Murrumbeena.

H.G. Coombs appointed Umpires' Coach.

McBean Cup presented for competition in A Section.

Season surplus of 68 pounds 5 shillings and 11 pence. Introduction of player registration.

### **1925**

Caulfield City changed name to Caulfield F.C. and expelled for incidents during end of season match against Caulfield Grammarians. Schools Association granted affiliation. Old Haileybury

admitted.

Delegates voted against adopting free kick for kicking out of bounds on full.

Burwood resigned. **Football Record introduced.** Affiliated bodies invited to attend meetings without voting power.

June 8th, Victoria 21.22 defeated South Australia 8.10 at M.C.G. before a disappointing crowd in the first Inter-State Amateur match.

McBean Cup to be competed for annually and became property of the first Club to win it three times. M.A.F.A. granted control of Old Scotch ground for football season.

Finals venues Albert and Elsternwick C.G. – no alcohol was sold at Albert.

Special meeting held to consider application of a Geelong based team for 1926 – approved.

### **1926**

C Section (8 clubs) (A-10, B-8) formed, due to Geelong (November 1925), Sandringham Juniors, Glenhuntly, St. Pauls (Ascot Vale), Old Melburnians B, Teachers' College B, Kew Juniors (later Kew District), Brunswick Amateurs, South Caulfield, Gardenvale-Middle Brighton being admitted.

June 7th – Victoria 17.10 defeated South Australia 16.14 at University Oval in Adelaide.

**Unregistered players required to sign statutory declarations that they had not played in another competition.**

**White shorts for visiting teams first mentioned.**

Metropolitan Junior Football Association (27 clubs) sought affiliation. Brighton Vale won first C Section Premiership.

### **1927**

Glenhuntly B, West Hawthorn, Kingsville Rovers', Oakleigh Amateurs (expelled 20/8/27), Pascoe Vale, Black Rock, Naval Base Flinders (into B Section), State Savings Bank admitted. Deficit on 1926 trading, one pound call on 1926 clubs.

Fine of 2/6d. introduced for each player not wearing full club uniform (guernsey, knickers, socks).

Presentation to L.A. Adamson – President since 1896.

Bendigo Amateur Football League invited to affiliate with M.A.F.A. 3LO offered 15 minutes on Saturday evenings to broadcast results. Victoria 13.17 defeated S.A. 11.11 at Albert Ground. Best and Fairest Trophies provided by Permit Committee Members.

A combined Melbourne and Adelaide Universities team defeated a representative Amateur team.

A representative team from A Section defeated a combined Bendigo Amateur Football League team.

State Savings Bank won the C Section Premiership in its first year of competition.

### **1928**

Rules amended to allow for seven Vice-Presidents. Affiliation fees increased to four guineas.

Oakleigh Football Club re-admitted. Sandringham 'B', Burwood and Surrey Hills admitted.

Old Haileybury and Old Trinity merged.

**All clubs required to have a scoreboard.**

A motion from Mr. Hosking to change name from M.A.F.A. to V.A.F.A. was soundly defeated.

Hartleys Sports Store donate Cup for competition in B Section under same conditions as McBean Cup.

Two pounds donated to National War Memorial Fund.

Victoria 11.20 defeated S.A. 11.8 at Unley Oval after trailing by 21 points at half time. Captain J. Cordner, best player A.S. Oakley (Collegians).

Sandringham 'B' withdrew due to lack of numbers. Oakleigh Amateurs and Pascoe Vale expelled.

### **1929**

M.H.S.O.B., Old Ivanhoe Grammarians, Old Paradians and Bentleigh admitted.

Victoria 14.16 defeated S.A. 10.16 at Albert Ground.

Amateur League formed in W.A.

Bendigo A.F.L. disaffiliated as unable to comply with rule re Amateur status.

T.A. Archard Shield introduced for competition in C Section.

### **1930**

Dandenong K.S.P., Brighton Technical School O.B., Glenhuntly 'B' admitted, Old Ivanhoe disbanded and Black Rock expelled. **Order off rule introduced.**

For the first time S.A. 22.24 defeated Victoria 14.9 in Adelaide.

### **1931**

Canterbury United Churches admitted. **M.A.F.A. adopted Brownlow system for Best and Fairest voting.**

Victoria 15.16 defeated S.A. 6.16 at M.C.G.

M.A.F.A. combined team 9.18 lost to combined Melbourne and Adelaide Universities 13.15 at Albert Ground.

Standing Committee formed comprising one delegate from each Section plus President and Secretary.

### **1932**

D Section formed. West Brunswick won first title.

U.H.S.O.B., North Melbourne C.B.C.O.B., (later North O.B.) Ormond, West Brunswick, Footscray Technical School O.B., St. Ignatius, Gardiner, ES&A Bank, Old Brightonians, National Bank admitted.

W.G. Amos appointed Treasurer – M.A.F.A. launched Amateur Footballer.

S.A. 10.17 defeated Victoria 10.12 in Adelaide.

Talk again of name change to V.A.F.A. in view of W.A. proposition to conduct a Carnival for Amateur States in 1933.

Cr. Baron Marks (Vice-President) offered a replacement Cup for the McBean Cup won by Old Scotch.

**First Amateur game against Tasmania.**

Death of L.A. Adamson.

### **1933**

M.A.F.A. name changed to Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA).

N.G. Nicol appointed Hon. Solicitor.

H.J. Stewart appointed third President and number of Vice-Presidents decreased to six.

Australian Amateur Football Council formed. Standing Committee became known as Executive with power to act between delegates meetings.

J.S. McCann appointed Hon. Secretary.

Canterbury United Churches and Surrey Hills withdrew. Alphington admitted and withdrew prior to season – replaced by Hampton Rovers, Gardiner F.C. changed name to Malvern.

Collegians played at Albert Ground and ES&A at Brighton C.G.

Delegates chose Higson football as standard ball and all clubs to purchase at M.S.D.

**V.A.F.A. adopted A.N.F.C. 'out of bounds' rule but chose not to follow V.F.L. interpretation that prohibited shepherding at throw-ins as it conflicts with 5 yard rule.**

Association protested to Minister re use of Amateur Sports ground for professional sport.

Victoria 21.14 defeated S.A. 12.14 at Richmond C.G. Curtain raiser B Section versus C and D, won by C and D.

Baron Marks Trophy awarded to Alan LaFontaine (University Blacks) as best player in State team.

**Clubs required to list players' guernsey numbers on team sheets.**

Victoria versus Tasmania – (7A, 5B, two from C and D) and won 25.18 to 10.12 at Olympic Park.

A.B.C. printed Amateur Football booklet.

Members voted (29 to 1) against introduction of 'Page-McIntyre' system for playing finals' matches. C. Loughrey replaced N.G. Nicol as Hon. Solicitor.  
West Hawthorn forfeited Membership.

#### **1934**

Dandenong A.F.C. withdrew. Alphington, Ivanhoe and Parkdale admitted. **Approval given to use Sherrin, Don, Nutting and Young and Faulkner footballs.**

Ormond called on Association to present medals or certificates to players in Premiership teams. Lower Clubs expressed concern that good players were being enticed to A Section Clubs. Clubs directed to change straight over at quarter time without address from coach.

V.A.F.A. declined offer from Victorian Junior Football Union which sought to introduce clearances between the two bodies.

Victoria 11.14 defeated S.A. 6.20 at Norwood Oval, Adelaide.

**Old Scotch won fourth successive A Section Flag.**

Ormond estimated that 26,700 had watched its eighteen home and away matches.

Old Scotch full forward, Bill Pearson, kicked a record 199 goals in A, 30 against Brunswick and 24 against University Blacks.

1750 players were registered with the Association.

Baron Marks Cup became property of Old Scotch.

#### **1935**

Carnegie and Coburg admitted. St. Ignatius expelled and Old Haileybury/Old Trinity withdrew. National Bank suspension lifted.

Victoria 24.15 defeated S.A. 15.17 at Richmond C.G. Curtain raiser – B Section 16.18 defeated C & D 12.18.

V.A.F.A. 13.17 defeated N.S.W. League 14.10 in Sydney at S.C.G. and declined offer to play Q.A.N.F.L. in Brisbane.

Victoria defeated Tasmania in Launceston. 17.20 to 13.15.

Kingsville and National Bank disbanded at end of season.

**Certificates presented to premiership players.** Second Baron Marks Cup made available.

#### **1936**

ES&A became ES&A - National Bank. Fairfield, Mount Carmel O.C., West Brunswick admitted and Burwood withdrew mid season.

Old Scotch missed A Section final four for the first time since 1921 their first year in the Association.

Collegians won first A Section flag since 1904.

**By winning B Section Premiership Ivanhoe completed its third season undefeated making 60 matches straight.**

V.A.F.A. won first ever A.A.F.C. Carnival, held in Adelaide. Ian Galbraith (University Blacks) won best and fairest award.

#### **1937**

Myer and South Camberwell admitted.

Number of registered players 1751.

Permanent Cups purchased for 'B' – J.V. Deane, 'C' – H.J. Stewart and 'D' – E.F. Atkins.

Ormond won minor Premiership in first season in A Section.

S.A. 17.14 defeated Victoria 14.10 for the first time in Melbourne (St. Kilda C.G.) Victoria 19.8 defeated A.C.T.A.F.L. 11.15 in Canberra.

**Standard size white goal flag introduced and goalies required to wear a white coat.**

Bentleigh District F.C. withdrew at end of season.

#### **1938**

Parkside A.F.C. admitted.

Number of registered players 1800. Elsternwick relegated from A Section for first time in its history. Victoria won second A.A.F.C. Carnival in Launceston.

Death of J.N. Woodrow, Assistant Secretary since 1920.

**Junior competition inaugurated.**

V.A.F.A. invited V.F.L. and V.F.A. to a conference to seek uniformity of rules.

**1939**

National Bank disbanded and Carnegie withdrew. St. Pat's (Ballarat) O.C. and Heidelberg West admitted, North Melbourne C.B.C.O.B. expelled.

Number of registered players 1723.

University Blacks won second Baron Marks Cup.

Victoria 15.16 defeated S.A. 10.17 at Norwood Oval, Adelaide.

Junior competition established (Victorian Junior Amateur Football Association).

A Section Best and Fairest became known as J.N. Woodrow Award.

**1940**

Geelong, Brighton Vale and Old Brightonians disbanded. Black Rock District F.C. admitted then withdrew prior to season. Pascoe Vale and Power House admitted (1940 only).

**Competition abandoned except for V.J.A.F.A after first round of home and home matches due to World War II.**

**1940 - 1945**

Competition in recess. Some 3000 plus VAFA players and officials served in World War 2.

**1945**

Charity match at Glenferrie Oval on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> of June between V.J.A.F.A and Eastern Suburban F.L (Under 19).

**1946**

Twenty-five of the 40 clubs resumed.

Balwyn Amateurs and Carnegie Church of Christ admitted which made 27 Clubs in three sections, six teams in V.J.A.F.A.

Number of registered players 1371.

University Blacks became first A Section champions.

Hon. Secretary, J.S. McCann, resigned due to ill health having been secretary since 1932.

**1947**

Thirty-four clubs were divided into three sections with Elsternwick, Power House and Geelong re-admitted and Commonwealth Bank, St. Kevins and State Electricity Commission were also admitted.

Number of registered players, 1544.

E.F. Atkins elected fourth President.

Blacks won fourth successive A Section flag.

S.A. 18.16 defeated Victoria 11.14 at Adelaide Oval.

Eight teams in V.J.A.F.A.

Death of Cr. Baron Marks (V.P.) and staunch Amateur supporter.

H.J. Stewart (President, 1933-1946) awarded Life Membership.

**1948**

Thirty-five clubs in four sections, SEC withdrew, North Alphington admitted and UHSOB were re-admitted.

Fifth successive A Section flag to University Blacks.

**V.A.F.A. adopted A.N.F.C. rules for play.**

Nine teams in V.J.A.F.A.

Third A.A.F.C. Carnival in Perth won by South Australia. Ken Rollason (Old Melburnians) won best and fairest award.

Number of registered players 1552.

**1949**

Kew, Glenhuntly Juniors, Moreland Amateurs and St. Andrews admitted, 39 teams in four sections.

Number of registered players 1721.

University Blacks won sixth successive A Section Flag. Geelong became permanent holder of Hartley Cup.

Victoria 15.18 defeated S.A. 3.8 at St. Kilda C.G. Team also sent to Tasmania and Victoria

18.22 defeated T.A.F.A. 8.6 in Hobart, Victoria 26.18 defeated T.A.F.L. 4.9 in Launceston.

V.A.F.A. participated in Kia-ora Sports Parade on 3KZ.

Nine Clubs in V.J.A.F.A.

### **1950**

Thirty-nine clubs. Bellfield admitted, Glenhuntly Juniors withdrew. Number of registered players 1809.

Ormond won first A Section flag breaking University Blacks hold.

Victoria 21.14 defeated S.A. 10.14 at Norwood Oval and a second team kicked 16.21 to defeat Canberra F.L. at Manuka.

A.A.F.C. won second division of A.N.F.C., S.G. Birtles (Hampton Rovers) won R.T. Rush Medal as best player at Carnival.

Participation continued in Kia-ora Sports Parade on 3KZ.

J.S. McCann awarded Life Membership. Eight teams in V.J.A.F.A.

### **1951**

St. Pat's (Ballarat) O.C. re-admitted

By winning A Section Flag, Hampton Rovers became first club to win a Premiership in each Section.

Victoria won fourth A.A.F.C. Carnival, held in Melbourne for first time. V.F.A. team defeated A.A.F.C. team to decide composition of Section 1 of A.N.F.C.

Continued participation in Kia-ora Sports Parade on 3KZ.

Nine teams in V.J.A.F.A. Number of registered players 1829.

Vale: C.R. Newbury, whose involvement in the Association could be traced back to earliest days of the Association.

### **1952**

Diamond Jubilee. Nine teams in V.J.A.F.A. ES&A Bank admitted, Moreland withdrew, North Alphington expelled. Number of registered players 1902.

Vale: Life Member, J.V. Deane. E.F. Atkins awarded Life Membership. Executive meetings were held at Harrison House J. Fullerton appointed Secretary.

University Blues won first A Section flag.

Victoria 9.15 defeated S.A. 9.9 in Adelaide.

Associated Catholic Colleges granted affiliation.

### **1953**

St. Columbs admitted.

Number of registered players 2393.

**V.A.F.A. incorporated and V.J.A.F.A. which comprised of 13 teams admitted.**

Hampton Rovers won Lightning Premiership and K.G. Luke Shield, Victoria wins 5th A.A.F.C. Carnival in Adelaide. Bryce Thomas (Old Melburnians) won Best and Fairest award.

### **1954**

E Section formed.

ANZ Bank, Insurance Social Clubs Association, National Bank, Old Carey, Old Geelong Grammarians, Old Trinity, Power House Gold, Preston and South Melbourne City admitted.

Caulfield withdrew. Forty-eight Clubs competed in five sections. Twelve teams in Junior Section. Number of registered players 2726.

P.A. Matthews Cup instituted for competition in E Section won by South Melbourne City in first season.

Parkside won Lightning Premiership and K.G. Luke Shield.

Victoria 12.14 defeated S.A. 10.15 at St. Kilda C.G.

A.A.F.C. won Section 2 A.N.F.C. Championship defeating Queensland 17.17 to 5.10 at Richmond C.G.

Tasmania defeated A.A.F.C. in Hobart before 16,000 fans and remained in Section 1 – 16.21 to 9.10.

### **1955**

De La Salle O.C., Melburnian Blues and University (E) admitted. Myer withdrew.

S.A. 13.7 defeated Victoria 12.10 in Adelaide.

### **Old Melburnians won third successive A Section Flag.**

Number of registered players 2822.

### **1956**

Olympic Year.

Port Melbourne A.F.C. admitted, Balwyn withdrew. Ivanhoe won first A Section title. St. Pats (Ballarat) O.C. withdrew.

Number of registered players 2858.

Victoria won 6th A.A.F.C. Carnival in Hobart. Geoff Hibbins (Collegians) won best and fairest award.

### **Olympic Demonstration Match held at M.C.G. on 7/12/56 between V.A.F.A. team and combined team of Amateur players from V.F.L. and V.F.A. ranks. V.A.F.A. emerged as winners – V.A.F.A. 12.9.81 defeated V.F.L./V.F.A. 8.7.55.**

Vale: H.J. Stewart – Collegians delegate 1896-1911, V.A.F.A. Vice-President 1912-1932, V.A.F.A. President 1933-46.

### **1957**

### **Agreement reached with Olympic Park Management for V.A.F.A. to conduct its main match each week on the Olympic Park Oval. ABC televised interstate match between Victoria and S.A. at Olympic Park. Victoria 15.9 defeated S.A. 8.3. This was the first uninterrupted telecast of an Australian football match.**

AJAX admitted. University Blacks relegated to B Section for first time. Hawthorn expelled. Number of registered players 3160.

Junior Section comprised 14 teams and overall numbered 64.

Collegians became first club to win B and A Section Premierships in successive seasons.

Page System adopted for finals.

Ian Cleland appointed Umpires' Coach.

### **1958**

Insurance Social Clubs Association withdrew. Collegians Gold and St. Kilda C.B.C.O.B. admitted.

Victoria 13.16 defeated S.A. 12.18 in Adelaide.

A.A.F.C. defeated N.S.W. to win Second Division title of A.N.F.C. Championships.

Life Membership awarded to F.H. Coldrey, P.A. Matthews and O.J. Meehan.

### **1959**

Commercial Bank and West Brunswick admitted, Brighton, Huntingdale (Juniors) and Power House Gold withdrew and South Melbourne City disbanded.

### **Collegians won third successive A Section Flag.**

Number of registered players 3130.

Victoria won 7th A.A.F.C. Carnival in Perth. A.A.F.C. Medal instituted for best and fairest winner at all future Carnivals.

Two players destined to make their mark in the V.F.L. in Ian Law and Ross Smith won A and Junior Section Best and Fairests respectively.

### **1960**

Reserve Grade established. Old Camberwell admitted, Port Melbourne withdrew during the season. Record number of clubs, 74 spread over seven sections. Wettest season for 20 years.

Victoria 19.19 defeated S.A. 6.5 at Olympic Park. A second Victorian team 11.13 defeated

T.A.F.L. 9.15 at York Park (Launceston), the game being played as a curtain raiser to the V.F.L. and N.T.F.L. match.

In Canberra, A.A.F.C. defeated by V.F.A. in challenge match to decide composition of Section 1 for A.N.F.C. Championships.

Vale: P.A. Matthews – Life Member, Vice-President and Chairman of Executive.

### **1961**

Life Membership awarded to G.T. Moore. Old Haileybury admitted.

Concern over poaching of players by V.F.L. Clubs.

ABC televised monthly Amateur matches played at Olympic Park.

Victoria 9.19 lost to S.A. 12.12 in Adelaide and V.A.F.A. U19s 8.12 lost to V.F.L. U19s 10.14 at M.C.G.

### **1962**

Monash University and Pharmacy College admitted.

Ninety-two teams made the V.A.F.A. the largest singularly controlled Australian football body in the Commonwealth.

Victoria won 8th A.A.F.C. Carnival held in Melbourne.

V.A.F.A. sent a young promising team to Devonport and defeated T.A.F.L.

Vale: Lionel Pepper, Executive Member since 1940.

### **1963**

St. Bernard's O.C., North Melbourne C.B.C.O.B., Kooyong and AMP Society admitted, Murrumbeena withdrew. E Section up to 12 Clubs.

Victoria 10.14 defeated S.A. 7.11 at the Adelaide Oval.

Victoria 12.16 defeated Tasmania 4.9 at Launceston.

Max Barker appointed Umpires' Coach.

### **1964**

Additional grade – F Section due to R.A.A.F. Cadets (Point Cook), Old Ivanhoe Grammarians, Cassie Club, Monash University Whites, Assumption Old Boys being admitted and St. Patricks (Ballarat) O.C. re-admitted. Tooronga-Malvern joined Junior Section.

Victoria won 9th A.A.F.C. Carnival in Adelaide. David Hughes (Old Scotch) won A.A.F.C. Medal.

**Old Paradians won third successive A Section title.**

Noel Rundle appointed Treasurer.

### **1965**

Australian Postal Institute. Reservoir O.B. and Patricians admitted. Pharmacy College expelled. Association strength, 123 teams.

Victoria 15.11 defeated S.A. 6.9 at St. Kilda C.G. on May 29th.

Victoria 17.13 defeated Tasmania 7.17 at St. Kilda C.G. on May 29th.

**St. Kilda C.G. occupied as 'home' of Amateur football.**

13 Victorians selected in A.A.F.C. team defeated Queensland in Brisbane to win Section 2 of the A.N.F.C. Championships.

University Blacks became only the second club to win B and A Premierships in successive seasons.

### **1966**

F Section discontinued as Bellfield, API, Monash Whites, R.A.A.F. Cadets, Cassie withdrew.

Kooyong refused readmission. Second Junior Division formed and Army Apprentices admitted to Junior Section.

Victoria 15.9 defeated S.A. 10.13 at Adelaide Oval.

Victoria 15.18 defeated Tasmania 8.11 at St. Kilda C.G.

### **1967**

Commercial Bank withdrew. St. Kilda Cricket Ground lost. Long term lease negotiated for Elsternwick Park as third 'home' of Amateur Football.

Victoria won 10th A.A.F.C. Carnival in Launceston.

## 1968

Old Mentonians admitted. Elsternwick Park attendances were up. **First interstate matches played at Elsternwick Park.**

Victoria 18.16 defeated Tasmania 7.8.

Victoria 13.11 defeated S.A. 7.12.

A.A.F.C. won Section 2 of the A.N.F.C. Championships in Canberra.

**Old Paradians won third successive A Section Flag.**

## 1969

S.A. 15.14 defeated Victoria 6.13 at Adelaide Oval.

Victoria 15.10 defeated Tasmania 10.14 in Hobart.

**First Presidents' and Secretaries' Dinner held at Windsor Hotel.**

## 1970

V.A.F.A. incorporated under the Companies Act 1961.

Old Essendon Gram., Dookie and Longernong O.C. and La Trobe University admitted, ES&A withdrew due to amalgamation with ANZ Bank.

Victoria lost 11th A.A.F.C. Carnival to S.A. in Perth. Terry Brown (Old Geelong Gr.) won A.A.F.C. Medal.

**New scoreboard constructed at Elsternwick Park, "The N.L. Fullerton" scoreboard.**

Reserve grade Best and Fairest Trophies discontinued.

Vale: Life Member, Ossie Meehan.

## 1971

F Section reintroduced, Marcellin O.C., North Brunswick, La Trobe Uni. Reds admitted and Monash Whites re-admitted.

Victoria 18.14 defeated S.A. 9.13 at Elsternwick Park. Victoria 15.18 defeated Tasmania 5.11 at Elsternwick Park.

A.A.F.C. suffered first loss at Brisbane Championships going down in both matches.

Articles of Association amended to allow for appointment of three patrons viz. Messrs. E.F.

Atkins, J.S. McCann, G.T. Moore.

Jack Fullerton, in his 20th year in office, nominated for Life Membership.

Lou Zachariah elected fifth President replacing Ernie Atkins who stood down due to ill health after 24 years.

## 1972

St. Bedes O.C. admitted and Beverley Hills to Junior Section.

S.A. 16.18 defeated Victoria 13.5 at Port Adelaide. Victoria 16.15 defeated Tasmania 12.7 in Launceston.

Kevin McKay appointed Umpires' Coach.

AJAX forfeited E Reserve Grand Final to Old Ivanhoe.

Vale: Ernie Atkins, President 1947-1970.

## 1973

Fawkner and Thornbury admitted, University Reds re-admitted. Centre diamond introduced.

Victoria hosted and lost 12th A.A.F.C. Carnival to S.A. at M.C.G.

**Ormond won third successive A Section Flag.**

Fairfield denied Grand Final appearance in C Section having been found guilty of playing an ineligible player. Premiership awarded to Power House.

## 1974

Glenroy and Beverley Hills admitted from Junior to F Section, Bulleen-Templestowe into Junior Section 2.

Victoria 18.14 defeated S.A. 17.9 at Norwood.

Victoria 12.10 defeated Tasmania 6.11 at Hobart.

A.A.F.C. lost both games at A.N.F.C. Championships in Sydney.

## 1975

Bulleen United and Heatherton admitted, Bulleen-Templestowe into 'F' from Under-19s and Thomastown into Junior Section 2.

John Dillon replaced Ted A'Beckett as Hon. Solicitor.

Victoria 22.22 defeated Tasmania 14.10. Victoria 13.24 defeated S.A. 13.12. Both matches at Elsternwick Park in front of the largest crowd at an interstate match for more than 20 years. This game marked the 50th year (43rd match) of competition between Victoria and S.A.

#### **1976**

Victoria lost 13th A.A.F.C. Carnival to S.A. in Adelaide.

Record crowd at B Section Grand Final played at Collingwood when Marcellin O.C. defeated Caulfield Grammarians.

Improvements and renovations commenced at Elsternwick Park. Jack McCann reached 50 years service to the V.A.F.A.

**HSV-7 commenced V.A.F.A. segment on World of Sport.**

#### **1977**

St. Patricks (Ballarat) O.C. withdrew. State Savings Bank changed name to State Bank and Glenroy changed their name to Therry CCOB.

Victoria 20.10 defeated S.A. 13.13 in Adelaide.

Victoria 17.13 defeated Tasmania 12.12 in Launceston.

Alan O'Neill appointed Umpires' Coach.

**V.A.F.A. "Merit Awards" introduced.**

#### **1978**

Reservoir Old Boys withdrew.

Manson Russel elected sixth President and Alf Keam appointed Secretary due to the retirement of Jack and Norma Fullerton after 27 years.

Victoria 12.31 defeated S.A. 13.12 at Elsternwick Park.

Victoria 26.28 defeated Tasmania 5.13 in Tasmania.

**Two umpires system in A and B Sections, interchange stewards and standard runners uniform introduced. First A Section Grand Final on Sunday.**

**Old Scotch Collegians became only the third Club to win B and A Section premierships in successive seasons.**

Registrations totalled 5379.

#### **1979**

St. Pius, Clayton and Princes Hill admitted and Banyule to Junior Section. Under-19 Section 3 created. National Bank withdrew from the VAFA.

Victoria won 14th A.A.F.C. Carnival played in Hobart.

**Record crowd watched AJAX defeat Marcellin O.C. in B Section Grand Final played on a Sunday at Elsternwick Park.**

A.A.F.C. defeated Northern Territory at V.F.L. Park before losing narrowly to A.C.T. in Canberra.

B-F and Under-19 Sections Best and Fairest winners named after past administrators.

#### **1980**

St. John's O.C., Peninsula O.B. & Coolaroo Rovers admitted and Thomastown and Banyule moved up from Juniors to F Section.

Victoria 14.18 lost to W.A. 16.19 in its non Carnival visit to Perth.

Victoria 16.10 defeated S.A. 12.8 in Adelaide.

**Sherrin-HSV-7 Trophy for A Section premiers and medals to premier teams and officiating umpires introduced.**

V.A.F.A. insurances formed.

#### **1981**

An invitation to join the newly formed Victorian Metropolitan Football League was declined.

W.A. returned Victoria's visit and lost 21.16 to just 4 behinds at Elsternwick Park.

'CDEF' section selected team introduced, which defeated Tasmania 12.13 to 9.17 in Hobart. Victoria 13.22 defeated S.A. 4.10 at Elsternwick Park and Victoria. Under-18, 8.9 defeated S.A. Under-18 1.7 also at Elsternwick Park.

John Moss appointed Umpires' Adviser.

Alex Johnson elected seventh President.

**Old Xaverians became only the fourth Club to win B and A Section Premierships in successive seasons.**

**1982**

**Inaugural match against the V.F.A. for the Victorian Football Cup played at Sandringham and won by V.A.F.A. 23.12 to 19.17.**

The V.F.A. won the 2nd Division match 20.13 to 10.12 and the V.A.F.A. the Under-19s 20.17 to 11.4.

Victoria won 15th A.A.F.C. Carnival in Perth. Rohan Brown (Old Melburnians) won A.A.F.C. Medal.

Victoria 21.12 defeated Tasmania 16.10 in Launceston.

Another V.A.F.A. team 16.24 defeated Combined Services 7.11 under lights at South Melbourne.

Geelong A.F.C. withdrew at completion of the season. Balaclava club formed from AMP Society.

Life Membership awarded to Noel Rundle.

Marketing and Properties Committee introduced.

Fred Coldrey celebrated 50 years service to Association.

**1983**

Williamstown C.Y.M.S. admitted and Preston M.B.O.B. to Under-19s. Assumption O.C. withdrew.

**Rear Admiral Sir Brian Murray, K.C.M.G., A.O., K.St.J., Governor of Victoria, appointed as Patron-in-Chief and Peter French as first full-time General Manager.**

**'Alex Johnson Pavilion' at Elsternwick Park opened by Mayor of Brighton, Cr. L.J. Coysh, incorporated change and function rooms, kitchen and upstairs administration area.**

V.A.F.A. defeated V.F.A. 18.16 to 16.17 at Sandringham to retain Victorian Football Cup.

Under-19s won 15.9 to 15.4.

Victoria 'CDEF' 27.15 defeated Tasmania 15.10 in Hobart.

Victoria 15.14 defeated S.A. 9.12 in Adelaide.

Building Appeal launched, Gold Pass Club formed, sponsorship increased.

A.A.F.C. team lost to Victorian Country F.L. by 4 points at Bendigo in a game played to commemorate 125 years of Australian Football. Alphington suspended for two years.

**1984**

Old Essendon Grammarians re-admitted. Williamstown C.Y.M.S. and Preston M.B.O.B. moved up to F Section from Under-19 ranks. Thornbury withdrew.

Victoria 21.20 defeated S.A. 13.8 at Elsternwick Park.

Victoria 19.9 defeated Tasmania 8.7 in Launceston.

V.F.A. turned the tables with a 51 point win at Elsternwick Park although Under-19s won easily 18.15 to 11.7.

**Inaugural match against V.C.F.L. at Bendigo. V.A.F.A. 15.10 defeated V.C.F.L. 11.15.**

Stipendiary Magistrates appointed to chair Tribunal meetings.

John Dillon elected eighth President. Death of Life Member and former Secretary Jack Fullerton.

Manson Russel was elected as a Patron of the Association

National Trustees sponsored 'A' Section.

Media and sponsors luncheon. Media Award introduced - inaugural winner Michael Lovett (Herald).

Marcellin won O.C. wins inaugural Polwarth Cup for Alex Johnson Championships, a competition for Under-19 premiership teams.

### **1985**

**Electronic scoreboard erected due to State Bank Sponsorship. Foster's became inaugural Corporate Sponsor of V.A.F.A.**

Old Essendon Gr. admitted to F Section.

Neville Nash appointed Umpires' Adviser.

Sue Anderson joined staff at Elsternwick Park.

New look "Amateur Footballer".

Victoria lost 16th A.A.F.C. Carnival the first held at Elsternwick Park at which Combined Victorian Universities and Sydney District F.A. were invited to participate against V.A.F.A. 'C & F' and 'D & E' selected teams.

V.F.A. retained Victorian Football Cup with a 9 point victory at Preston and also won Under-19 match 15.9 to 10.10.

V.C.F.L. defeated Victoria at Mildura.

### **1986**

**Sir Bernard Callinan, A.C., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., elected Patron-in-Chief.**

G Section introduced. St. Andrews, St. Leonard's O.C. and Whitefriars O.C. admitted on probation to F Section and GTV-9 and Eltham Collegians to 'G'.

At Elsternwick Park Victoria lost 10.8 to 14.13 against V.F.A. who also won Under 19s 17.12 to 9.11 but Victoria wins 17th A.A.F.C. Carnival held in Adelaide. Cameron O'Brien (Old Xaverians) won "H.V. Millard" medal (replacing A.A.F.C. Medal).

Victoria 'CDEF' 26.20 defeated Monaro Australia F.L. 3.4 at Elsternwick Park.

Foster's completed second year as Major Sponsor.

Old Essendon won inaugural Four'n Twenty Club Championship.

**Eligibility for Under-19s altered from January 1st to June 30th.**

V.A.F.A. invited to attend conference for Senior Victorian Football Bodies. Alex Johnson celebrated 50 years service to the Association. Registrations totaled 7304.

### **1987**

H Section introduced due to merger of 'Club 18' Association. Number of clubs up to 68 - number of teams 176. Registration totaled 8206.

Aquinas O.C. (F), Bloods and Port Colts (G) and Richmond Central (H) admitted on probation.

Jim Hawkins elected ninth President.

S.A. 18.12 defeat Victoria 16.16 in Adelaide.

Ray Sneddon appointed as Marketing Consultant and National Mutual Group of Companies take over as Major Corporate Sponsor.

George McTaggart celebrated 50 years service to the Association. **Big 'V' Club launched for former interstate players and officials.**

Kew won Four 'n Twenty Pies V.A.F.A. Club Championship.

### **1988**

Coburg A.F.C. withdrew. E and F Section is extended to 12 clubs. Clayton and Waverley V.F.A. amalgamated to form Waverley Amateurs for season 1989. Footscray TSOB changed name to FIT.

Victoria won 18th A.A.F.C. Carnival in Launceston.

Victoria 'CDEF' team won inaugural match against South Australian equivalent (A3-A6) 28.11 to 8.13.

National Mutual Group of Companies continued as Major Sponsor.

Agreement signed with VicHealth Promotion to sponsor 1988 and 1989 final series and become co-Major Sponsor. Agreement enabled appointment of Development / Promotions Officer, Greg Paine.

V.A.F.A. finished runner-up to V.C.F.L. in Under-19 Bi-Centenary Championships at M.C.G.

After 50 years Parkside finally won promotion to A Section.  
In conjunction with V.A.T.C., V.A.F.A. conducted 'Race Day' at Caulfield.  
David Levens appointed Umpires' Adviser.  
Challenge by St. Bernard's O.C. against penalties imposed for infringement of rules dismissed by Supreme Court.

**Melee rule introduced.**

**1989**

Mazenod O.C. admitted to F Section and fielded an Under-19 side. Albanvale joined and fielded an Under-19 side. Salesian O.C. admitted to H Grade.

Peter French resigned as General Manager. Phil Stevens appointed new General Manager.  
Brian Woodhead appointed Umpires' Adviser.

Victoria's 'AB' and 'CDEF' sides won against South Australia at Elsternwick Park.

V.A.F.A. runners-up in Under-19 championships at V.F.L. Park.

Gold Pass and Big V Luncheon on A Section 1st semi-final day with record attendance, included 10 members of 1939 interstate team, 5 members of 1938 interstate team and 16 best and fairest winners and leading goalkickers, ranging from 1938 to 1989!

Mr. Joseph Johnson, author, commissioned to write the 100 year history of the V.A.F.A.

De La Salle O.C. first club to win senior, reserve and junior flags on the same day at the same ground (Elsternwick Park).

**University Blacks relegated to C Section in 1990 for first time, thus leaving Collegians and Old Scotch as the only teams never to have played in C Section.**

**1990**

Boronia Park (H and Under-19 Section 3), Chirnside Park (Under-19 Section 3) and St. Mary's (F Section) joined the Association while Heatherton, FIT and Port Colts resigned from the Association.

David Scott elected tenth President.

The senior V.A.F.A. team defeated South Australia at the Adelaide Oval. John Manton (Old Geelong - E Section) best player on the ground. The C-F representative side lost to South Australia - the first loss in 11 matches by this team since this team's inception in 1981.

Under-19 representative side finished third out of the four participating sides at the annual VicHealth Championships held at V.F.L. Park.

Nick Sebo (Ormond) first V.A.F.A. winner of Wills Medal - Best player of Under-19 Championships.

**Ormond equaled history by winning four consecutive A Section premierships.**

Mike McArthur-Allen resigned as senior coach of Ormond and joined the V.A.F.A. Administration.

Vale: Life Member and 50 year Service Award winner George McTaggart.

**1991**

St. John's Old Collegians (G Section), Old Westbourne Grammarians (G Section), Monash Gryphons (G Section), St. Patrick's - Mentone (F Section) and St. Peter's - Clayton (U19) were admitted as probationary members of the Association.

Balaclava gained approval for a name change to Glenhuntly. Two clubs, State Bank and Commonwealth Bank were forced to merge by the merger of their respective banks and the new Club State Commonwealth Bank F.C. participate in C Section. St. Kilda CBOC merged with Murrumbeena to become St. Kilda South Caulfield. Waverley Amateurs withdrew from competition.

Western Australia won 19th A.A.F.C. Carnival in Perth.

Two U19 sections and the two G Sections are grouped geographically (north and south) - Under-19 section one remained the premier section for Under-19 football.

Vales: Three prominent football identities, Lou Zachariah, Stan Kenny and Graeme Richmond.

**De La Salle won 4 flags from 5 teams - a unique performance.**

Mike McArthur-Allen won AFCA Victoria Coach of the Year.

## **1992**

St. Leo's Wattle Park and Camberwell admitted, Albanvale and Kontias withdrew from competition whilst State/Commonwealth Bank became Commonwealth Bank and St. Peter's-Oakleigh changed their name to Oakleigh in the Under-19 competition.

Peter Harris awarded Life Membership.

**"For the Love of the Game" - the book depicting the 100 year history of the V.A.F.A. was launched in the Long Room of the M.C.G. by A.F.L. Commission Chairman Ross Oakley and President of the M.C.C. Dr. Donald Cordner.**

C-F side defeated its South Australian equivalent at Elsternwick Park while the senior V.A.F.A. representative team outclassed South Australia at Waverley Park as a curtain raiser to the Hawthorn and Adelaide Crows match.

The V.A.F.A. for the first time won the fifth VicHealth Under-19 Championships. Danny Thomson awarded the Wills Medal.

Brian Bulluss appointed as Umpires' Adviser.

Collegians won the Centenary Year A Section premiership in their club's Centenary year as well.

John Dillon was elected as a Patron of the Association.

John Simpson won inaugural V.A.F.A. "Coach of the Year" award.

## **1993**

St. Bedes O.C. merged with Mentone F.C. to become St. Bedes Mentone Tigers.

2003

Life Membership awarded to Dr. B.W. Costello, Messrs, D.H. Scott, A.H. Stephens.

Balwyn Combined, Canterbury North Balwyn and Yarra Valley Old Boys admitted. Clubs admitted from G Section - Camberwell, Old Westbourne and from Under-19 South Section Oakleigh. Preston MBOB withdrew. St. Bedes O.C. merged with Mentone F.C. to become St. Bedes Mentone Tigers.

David Burnes elected eleventh President.

New E. P. Administration Building Officially opened by Patron-In-Chief Dr. Donald Cordner, April 4.

Brian Woodhead and Brett Connell joined the V.A.F.A. Administration.

Senior Representative side defeated S.A.A.F.L. at Football Park and the V.C.F.L. at Elsternwick Park.

Mark Hibbins (Collegians) won the inaugural "Jock" Nelson Medal for being best on the ground in the A-Section Grand Final.

Vales: Two well-known personalities with strong affiliations with the V.A.F.A. Lindsay Hassett (cricket), Alan Schwab (VFL/AFL).

V.A.F.A. Coaches of the Year: Bernie Dunn (Senior) and Steven Carroll (U19).

## **1994**

Eley Park and Newlands Coburg admitted. Commonwealth Bank renamed Southbank. Clubs admitted from Club XVIII Section - Monash Whites, Monash Gryphons. Clubs who withdrew - Boronia Park and Brunswick.

Victoria won the 20th AAFC Carnival in Melbourne - first since 1962 in Melbourne. Ian McMullin (Old Melb.) won AAFC Medal.

VFA defeated VAFA U19 at Western Oval.

VAFA Coaches-of-the Year: Leigh Carlson (Collegians - Senior), and Neville James (Collegians - U19)

**Blood Policy formally implemented (written 1992, introduced 1993, enunciated and formalized in 1994).**

**Old Melburnians became only the fifth club to win B and A Section Premierships in successive seasons.**

Sue Anderson completed ten years' continuous service with VAFA Administration.

### **1995**

Beaumaris, Hawthorn Citizens and Swinburne University admitted. Admitted from Club XVIII North Section - Eltham O.C. Warringal (U19 Central) formed as a hybrid junior team of Banyule, Ivanhoe and Kew clubs. Clubs who withdrew- Fawkner, Doveton, St Andrews-Coburg and Camberwell (Club XVIII).

VAFA Coaches-of-the Year: Kevin McLean (Old Ivanhoe - Senior), and Steve Carroll (University Blues - U19) Kevin McLean (Old Ivanhoe) won statewide AFCA Victorian Senior Coach of the Year.

Senior representative team defeated VCFL; is defeated by SAAFL, whilst C to E team defeated SAAFL. Under 19 team defeated by VFA.

Vale: Sir Bernard Callinan, a long serving VAFA Patron-in-Chief died after a long illness.

President David Burnes served on VSFL Board, chaired by another Amateur identity Bill Carroll.

### **1996**

Thornbury Cougars admitted. Balwyn Combined withdrew. Bulleen United and Canterbury North Balwyn merged to become Bulleen Cobras. Eley Park (Club XVIII North) and Swinburne University (Club XVIII South) admitted to E East Section. Bloods FC foundation member of Club XVIII competition merged with Old Brighton became Old Brighton Bloods.

ANZ Bank named changed to ANZ Albert Park. St. Leo's Wattle Park named changed to St. Leo's Emmaus Wattle Park

Vales: Life Members Mr. A.H. ("Nugget") Stephens and Mr. F.H. (Fred) Coldrey.

Life Membership awarded to Messrs. C.C. Bastow, T.M. Lyon, I.H. Munro and A.J. O'Callaghan. Amy Stanyer joined the VAFA staff.

For the first time since 1925 (apart from War Years) there were no representative matches The VAFA did not agree with the SAAFL's decision to split its teams into professional and amateur divisions under the one administrative banner.

The VAFA Umpires' Association launched the "Buy-A-Brick" fund-raising campaign for their new clubrooms at Elsternwick Park.

300 Game Club inducted.

Four Under-19 Sections were introduced - section 1; section 2 comprising White Section, Blue Section and Red Section, these section 2 teams grouped as geographically.

VAFA Coaches-of-the Year: Mark Flack (St Leos Emmaus WP - Senior), and Owen Hourigan (St Kevins OB - U19)

Vales: Dr Ted Cordner (Blacks & OMs), Mr Bill Coghill (Murrumbeena) and Mr Duncan Anderson (Blues & OMs) had all represented the State with distinction.

### **1997**

Mt. Lilydale and Syndal Tally-Ho admitted, Thornbury Cougars readmitted to Club 18, Therry CCOB became Therry Penola O B and Newlands Coburg withdrew from the VAFA.

Senior VAFA team defeated the SAAMFL in June in Melbourne, but are defeated by the VCFL in July. The C-E sections are defeated by a NSWAFSL composite team, while the U19 team defeated a combined NSWAFSL U18 team in Wagga Wagga.

U19 sections changed to Section 1, 2, 2 Blue and 2 Red. The last 2 sections grouped geographically.

VAFA Coaches-of-the Year: Nick Bourke (Old Xaverians - Senior), and Brian Bourke (St Bedes Mentone Tigers - U19)

Michael Sneddon appointed as Umpires' Adviser.

Angela Giles replaced Amy Stanyer as receptionist.

David Burnes stepped down as President.

### **1998**

Werribee Amateurs joined from the FDFL. Hawthorn Citizens became Hawthorn Amateurs and University Reds became Fitzroy Reds and shed links with Melbourne University.

Senior representative team defeated Ovens and Murray Football League (OMFL) at Waverley Park to win the SmokeFree Challenge Match, as a curtain-raiser to the AFL Ansett Cup Grand Final.

Andrew Langford-Jones became the twelfth President of the VAFA.

David Burnes awarded Life Membership.

**Old Xaverians won their fourth A Section premiership equalling Ormond, Uni. Blacks and Old Scotch in doing so.**

Senior representative team defeated SAAMFL, C-F team defeated the SAAMFL A3-A6 in the curtain-raiser and U19 team defeated the NSW-ACT U18 combined team at Lavington.

VAFA Coaches-of-the Year: Tony Paatsch (Marcellin OC - Senior), and Pat Hawkins (Old Xaverians - U19)

Matthew Hall (Old Ivanhoe) took VAFA to court after being denied a permit. Matthew notified the VAFA that he is HIV positive, permit denied so as not to put at risk any of our registered players. Case referred to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Appeals Tribunal (VCAT) and was adjourned in August. Re-opened again in December.

Alex Johnson U19 Championship disbanded instead Best on Ground medallions presented to players adjudged as such. Medallions named after Alex Johnson (Section 1), John Miles (Section 2), John Simpson (2 Blue), Max Lyon (2 Red). Medallions awarded for 3 years only.

Vale: Brian Lauder (Parkside, former VAFA Executive Member) passed away in September. 1999

Brunswick re-admitted to the competition, Glenhuntly and St. Kilda Sth. Caulfield merged to become Glen Eira, Southbank re-named Prahran, ANZ Albert Park changed named to Albert Park, Ivanhoe became known as Ivanhoe-Assumption.

OMFL defeated VAFA in AFL Ansett Cup curtain-raiser to win the SmokeFree Challenge Match at AFL Park.

Karen McNaught joined the VAFA Administration as full-time receptionist replacing Angela Giles.

VCAT handed down its decision that the VAFA had discriminated against Matthew Hall (Old Ivanhoe) on the grounds that he is HIV positive.

Immediate Past president David Burnes resigned from Executive to join inaugural Football Victoria Board.

Phil Stevens resigned to join Football Victoria as Marketing Manager. Returned (6) weeks later to resume as CEO.

Senior representative team defeated the SAAMFL in June, are defeated by the VCFL in July while the U19 team defeated NTFDF U18 in June, and the U18 team lost to the VMFL.

**Old Xaverians won their fifth consecutive A Section Premiership. A post-war record.**

VAFA Coaches of the Year: Tim O'Shaughnessy (Old Xaverians – Senior) and Pat Hawkins (Old Xaverians – U19)

**2000**

**Heat Policy introduced for matches.**

**VAFA launches its website.**

Chirnside Park withdrew, Bentleigh, South Melbourne Districts and Rupertswood (Club 18 and Under-19) admitted, Monash Whites merged with Monash Blues, St. Pats Mentone changed name to Mentone Amateur Football Club.

Norm Nugent awarded Life Membership of the VAFA.

Senior representative team defeated SAAMFL in Adelaide, C-D4 side defeated SAAMFL Division 2-6 team and the VAFA U-19 is defeated by NSW/ACT U-18 team.

Vales - Mark Bateman (Whitefriars) Tony Drinan (Old Mentonians) Ron Casey (Football), Andrew "Gus" Taylor (Old Scotch), Reg Dart (Ivanhoe/Assumption).

Peter Ryan FIDA's President awarded Queen's Birthday Order of Australia Medal.

Old Xaverians won sixth A Section premiership in a row to equal University Blacks long standing

record.

Old Melburnians stripped of points in 3 games after it was found player Andrew Topakas was in fact ineligible.

Best on ground medallions and section goalkicking awards named after prominent VAFA identities.

Beaumaris took unsuccessful court action on eve of C Section Grand Final against VAFA regarding a tribunal decision.

VAFA Coaches of the Year: Tim O'Shaughnessy (Old Xaverians – Senior) and Paul O'Shannassy (St. Kevins – U19). Tim and Paul both won statewide AFCA Victoria Senior and Youth Coach of the Year awards respectively.

Executive Committee awards Certificates of Service for the first time.

Andrew Langford-Jones stepped down as VAFA President.

## **2001**

Richard Evans became the thirteenth VAFA President. Bruce McTaggart elected VAFA Executive Chairman.

VAFA won Supreme Court action taken by Old Melburnians against loss of premiership points for playing an ineligible player.

Monash Whites (previously Club XVIII) merged with Monash Blues allowing Blues to field a Club XVIII team.

Thomastown withdrew from the competition. Collegians relegated to C Section for the first time, thus leaving Old Scotch as the only team not to have played in C Section or below.

Nancy McTaggart and Andrew Langford-Jones awarded Life Membership of the VAFA.

Noel Rundle, VAFA Life Member/Treasurer awarded Queen's Birthday Order of Australia Medal.

VAFA won all 5 representative matches played.

VAFA Coaches of the Year: Garry Foulds (St. Bernards - Senior) and Shane O'Connor (Mentone AFC - U19).

50 Year Certificate awarded to Manson Russel.

Best finals attendances ever recorded in VAFA history for all sections.

**New uniforms for umpires which include numbers on uniforms.**

Vales - Peter Calleson (Coburg/VAFA), Sam Birtles (Hampton Rovers/VAFA), Harry Meredith (Uni. Blacks/VAFA).

## **2002**

Box Hill North admitted, Eley Park withdrew from D4 and competed in Club XVIII (1). UHSOB changed name to UHS-VU.

Jock Nelson, Peter O'Donohue and Keith Sharkie awarded Life Membership of the VAFA.

VAFA win both senior representative matches against the SAAFL and the SFL, however lose to the DVFL at U19 level, while we defeated the VCFL also at U19 level.

VAFA host AFL International Rules games at Elsternwick Park.

**VAFA host annual APS v AGS schoolboys' game under lights at Elsternwick Park. First game played at night at Elsternwick Park.**

U19 3 section added. Now Section 1, 2, 3, Blue & Red - the last 2 sections grouped geographically.

VAFA Coaches of the Year: Tim Killworth (Yarra Valley - Senior) and Michael Sigalas (Old Camberwell - U19). Michael wins the AFCA Victoria Youth Coach of the Year Category.

Parkside withdraws from the competition post season to join the DVFL.

Peter Harris Medal struck for Best on Ground player in U19 3 Grand Final.

Brett Connell completed 10 years continuous service with VAFA Administration

Brendan Carland appointed Umpires' Adviser

Vales - Hugh Lyon Snr. (Hugh Lyon Knitwear), Ted McNamara (University Blues/VAFA).

## **2003**

Sportscover become Major Sponsor.

Karen McNaught resigned as receptionist.  
Mentone Amateurs changed name to Mentone Vultures.  
Brunswick Power join D4 from Club XVIII (1).  
Oakleigh fielded a second U19 team in conjunction with Clayton FC.  
Ross Booth, David Cook and John Wilson awarded Life Memberships.  
Elsternwick Park development completed (stage 1) - ground irrigation installed, oval fence and perimeter fencing updated, new entrance gates and bricked entrance completed and new roadway to entrance.  
Ormond and South Melbourne Districts U19's play the first VAFA match under lights at Elsternwick Park for points. Albert Park and Box Hill North (D4 - Senior) - first senior game under lights.  
Molly May joined Administration.  
VAFA defeated WAAFL by a record margin in AAFC match but lost to the VCFL later in the year. The Representative Team defeated the SFL and the DVFL withdrew from competing at U19 level.  
Monash Blues and University Blacks played the curtain-raiser game to Melbourne and Hawthorn, Fitzroy Reds and West Brunswick played as a curtain-raiser to Collingwood v Brisbane Lions, both at the MCG.  
Kate Balme replaced Molly May as receptionist.  
VAFA hosts APS v AGS match at Sportscover Arena for second time.  
Vales - Alex Johnson (Patron/President/OAM), Noel Rundle (Treasurer/OAM) and Kevin McKay (former Umpires' Adviser).  
VAFA Coaches of the Year: Graham Burgen (Fitzroy Reds - Senior) and David Law (St. Bernards - U19). Graham won AFCA Victoria Senior Coach of the Year Award.  
Richard Evans stepped down as President.  
Ormond was relegated to D1 for the first time since the club's inception. Nine of the twelve relegated clubs were District clubs.

#### **2004**

Brunswick Power joined the WRFL, after not being included in the 2004 competition  
Bruce McTaggart elected fourteenth VAFA President, Nick Bourke elected as VAFA Chairman  
John Winneke was elected as a Patron of the Association  
Brian Goodman appointed as Umpires' Adviser  
Matt Nyhus appointed as an AFL Trainee for a 12 month period  
St. Leos Emmaus Wattle Park change their name to Emmaus St. Leos OC and Mentone Vultures amalgamate with Parkdale (SFL) to form Parkdale Vultures and compete in C section  
Life membership awarded to Mrs. Mavis Bastow and Richard Evans  
Club XVIII competition grouped according to ability Sections 1, 2 & 3  
VAFA wins inaugural AAFC triennial Championship  
Beaumaris relegated from B section, which leaves no district club in top two sections  
Old Westbourne win their first VAFA senior premiership  
Phil Stevens resigns as Chief Executive Officer  
VAFA Coaches of the Year: John Kanis (University Blues - Senior) and Tim Bell (Fitzroy Reds - U19)  
Brian Goodman appointed as full-time Director - Umpire Operations  
Michael Sholly appointed as VAFA Chief Executive Officer

#### **2005**

Mt Lilydale withdraws from the D4 competition and competed in Club XVIII Section 1.  
Life membership awarded to Messrs. Jack Wilson and Peter Hutchinson.  
Adam Clemente appointed as AFL trainee.  
Dr Donald Corder resigns as Patron in Chief of the VAFA.  
First female executive member, Davina Connors-Calhaem elected.

Andrew Langford-Jones resigns from the VFA Executive to accept position on Football Victoria Board of Directors.

Stephen Carroll and Peter Hutchinson also resign from the Executive.

The Noel Rundle Entrance is officially opened at Elsternwick Park on Sept 18.

Mike McArthur-Allen coaches his 500<sup>th</sup> VFA senior match.

Nine VFA players represent Australia in the inaugural AAFC Under 23 Ireland Tour

North Under-19 team wins the inaugural Under-19 North and South representative match.

VFA Coaches of the Year: Anthony Parkin (University Blacks - Senior) and Phiv Demetriou (Banyule Viewbank - Under 19)

Brett Connell resigns as General Manager- Football Operations

## **2006**

Tim Merrett and Anthony Amad are elected to the VFA executive

Barry Hickey and Paul Trainor resign from the VFA executive

Jeremy Bourke commences as General Manager – Football Operations

Darcy Gallagher – Lyon replaces Adam Clemente as AFL Trainee

Eley Park Sharks return to D4 from Club XVIII

New Competition management system “Sportzware” introduced to the VFA

Online registrations begin for the first time

VFA U23 side losses to WAAFL and SAAFL

VFA (A-D4) defeats SFL for the fifth straight time

VFA U19 side defeated by AFLQ U21 side in their inaugural match

Old Haileybury (1961) wins their first ever A Section premiership

VFA Coaches of the Year: Peter Nicholson – Old Haileybury (Senior) and Harry Harisiou – Bulleen Templestowe (U19)

Kate Balme resigns as clerical assistant

Sportscoversigns on as VFA Major Sponsor for a further three years

## **2007**

Season is delayed by two weeks due to the drought. Round 1 commences on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Andrew Langford-Jones rejoins the VFA Board

Olivia de Castres commences as Administrative Assistant

Joe Morsello commences as VFA Trainee

South Mornington joins D4 from the Southern Football League

St Francis Xavier OB commences in Club XVIII

VFA U19 side loses to AFLQ U21 by 15 points but defeats VCFL U19 by 48 points

VFA U23 side loses to SAAFL U23 by 47 points

VFA Senior side is defeated by VCFL by 1 point at Eastern Oval Ballarat

Old Xaverians win their 8<sup>th</sup> A Section title in 12 years

VFA Coaches of the Year: Senior – Luke Beveridge, St Bedes/Mentone Tigers & U19 – Owen Lalor, St Bedes/Mentone Tigers.

5 VFA players represent the All-Australian U23 side which defeated the Northern Tasmanian Football League by 40 points

## **2008**

George Voyage elected to the VFA Board.

Andrew Langford – Jones resigns from the VFA Board.

Life Membership awarded to Phil Stevens.

Joe Morsello commences as Operations Assistant.

Olivia de Castres resigns as Reception / Administrative Assistant.

VAFU U19 side loses to AFLQ U21 by 131 points at Cooparoo Oval, Brisbane.  
VAFU U23 side defeats SAAFL U23 by 70 points at Junction Oval.  
VAFU (C-D4) loses to VCFL (district) by 63 points at Sportscover Arena.  
VAFU Senior side defeats AFL Sydney by 5 points at Henson Park, Sydney.  
St Bedes/Mentone Tigers complete historical three consecutive premierships winning C Section through A Section, the first time any VAFU club has achieved this in the competitions history.  
5 VAFU players represent the AAFC U23 side touring Ireland playing in a series of International rules matches.  
St Francis Xavier commences in D4 Section after their first season in Club XVIII in 2007.  
St Marys AFC and Salesian OCAFC amalgamate to become the St Marys / Salesian AFC competing in D2 Section.  
VAFU Coaches of the Year: Senior – Luke Beveridge, St Bedes/Mentone Tigers & U19 – Owen Lalor, St Bedes/Mentone Tigers.  
John Bell resigns from the VAFU Board.  
Michael Hazell elected to the VAFU Board.

## 2009

John Bell resigns from the VAFU Board  
Michael Hazell elected to the VAFU Board  
Syndal Tally Ho change their name to Chadstone AFC  
Bulleen Cobras change their name to Manningham Cobras  
Fitzroy Reds change their name to Fitzroy AFC  
Jessica Ware replaces Olivia de Castres Administrative Assistant  
Inaugural season of the VAFU U18 competition with 8 clubs competing  
Three Umpire system introduced to A Section senior matches played on Sunday at Sportscover Arena fixtures as well as A Section final series  
VAFU Senior side defeats the Eastern Football League by 6 points at Jubilee Park, Ringwood in a pre-season representative match to raise funds for the “VCFL Bushfire Appeal”, which aided those affected by the “Black Saturday” bushfires through country Victoria  
Michael Fitzgerald appointed Communications Manager  
Life Membership awarded to John Bell, Peter Rhoden, and Bruce Ivey  
VAFU U21 side loses to AFL Queensland U21 side by 36 points at Toorak Park  
VAFU (C-D4) loses to VCFL (District) by 68 points at Barooga, NSW  
VAFU U23 side loses to the WAAFL U23 by 1 point at Fremantle Oval  
Peter Brabender (Old Paradians) plays his 400<sup>th</sup> VAFU game, all of them in 1s or U19s.  
VAFU U19 side loses to the VCFL U19 by 46 points at Junction Oval  
VAFU Senior side loses to the VCFL by 4 points at Junction Oval  
Old Xaverians win their tenth A Section flag in 15 years, their eleventh overall  
Old Melburnians win four premierships - B Sec, B Res, U19 South 1, and Club XVIII (South)  
De La Salle pair Matthew Fieldsend and David Lowe tie for the Woodrow Medal, the first time teammates have shared the award.  
Ken Criswick and Rick Sykes resign from the VAFU Board  
Nick Bourke resigns from the VAFU Board to take up a position on AFL Victoria’s Board.  
VAFU Coaches of the Year: Senior David Gately (Oakleigh), and U19 Anthony Quon (Hampton Rovers)  
VAFU U18 representative side plays AFL New Zealand U20 side in two representative matches in Auckland winning both matches  
**Changes to Articles of Association reducing number on VAFU Board**  
**Number of registered players: 11 945**  
**Vale: Former VAFU patron in chief, Don Cordner**

