

KILLARNEY VALE AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB



Bombers

2018 Celebrations

Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, 16 June

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@the entrance



A CLUB AT KILLARNEY VALE

Australian Football has been played in the Central Coast since 1971, but prior to the first league forming in 1976, efforts to start a club in the local area went without success.

Two years on, interest was again sparked when Ian Granland & Phil Tremethick distributed handbills around local businesses in order to drum up more support and a little publicity.

On 26 October 1977, a meeting was called at the Killarney Vale Pre-School, just up the road from the ground, in Adelaide Street.

The meeting was advertised in the local paper and on 2GO, but hopes of a good turnout were shattered when the weather turned sour and it rained.

Ian and Phil were there together with Mick Davey, the 58-year-old treasurer of the League who lived on Lakedge Avenue at Berkeley Vale and after whom the League B&F medal had been named.

Slowly people trickled in: Peter Allen, a butcher at Killarney Vale; Tim Peach, a house painter from Chittaway; Jim Richardson a 50-year-old Council worker and his youngest son, James; Peter Green, a local medical practitioner; Ken Field, a service station proprietor at Long Jetty; Les Onions, a builder from Killarney Vale; John Dwyer, a farmer from the Central West of NSW; Jack Kerr, an elderly gentleman and his young nephew, Bill Scott. Bill was never seen

again and we could never work out if Jack thought our club was indeed a Rugby League or a Rugby Union club.

Those present all agreed to form a club. "What about we call it Killarney Vale!", recommended Ian Granland and, so it was.

Peter Green reluctantly accepted the job of President, Peter Allen became the Secretary and Phil Tremethick, who went on to become General Manager of Westpac, Victoria, was an automatic choice for Treasurer. Most of those who attended got a job.

Phil Tremethick worked for the then CBA Bank and obtained a donation to buy a set of jumpers. Phil moved that the bank's colours of red, black and yellow be

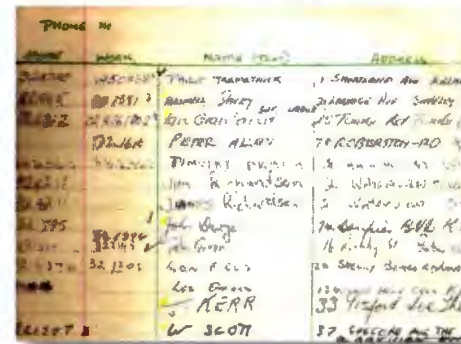
adopted. Again, there was no objection. The cost of 20 jumpers was \$280.00.

The Club had decided on plain red socks but, as these did not arrive on time, had to settle for an existing design, that of St Edwards College, East Gosford, which was red with two black

stripes at the top.

The Club played in this strip for a number of years, however, the unusual and emotionally based decision to adopt the bank's motif — which was a 'bunyip' — lasted less than 12 months.

The Bombers nickname and logo was taken up in 1978, with the Bombers colours and strip introduced in late 1981.



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Players fees were \$5 each plus \$1 per game whilst juniors paid \$1 per season and forty cents a game.

The Entrance Rugby Union Club had use of Adelaide Street and in fact besides a Rugby field there was also a Soccer pitch on the ground.

The club applied to Council to train Tuesday and Thursday nights, the same night as the Rugby club. Unfortunately, they had failed to lodge a training application and the nights were granted to us. The Rugby club then had to move their nights to Wed/Fri and were not happy.



The club's first game was played at Mt Penang against Narara-Wyoming on April Fools Day. We didn't have a full side. Jim Richardson, by then 51, played as did a few others in their twilight years. Most hobbled about the field calling on their memories to see them through.

Vice President, John Dwyer, sitting in his car overlooking the ground watched the team run on the ground. He counted 16. At 48, John thought his playing days were well over, but he grabbed a pair of shorts put on a jumper and helped make up the team which eventually gained more numbers throughout the day! John though, didn't get a kick.

The first team consisted of:

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| Andrew ALYWARD | Russell McGUIRE |
| Peter ALLEN | Les ONIONS |
| Ben DURBIN (C-C) | Tim PEACH |
| John DWYER | Bobby RAY |
| Russell ELLISON | James RICHARDSON |
| Ken FIELD | Jim RICHARDSON |
| Peter GREEN | Leon SMITH |
| Kevin KENNY | Brett SUTHERLAND |
| Bert LEA | David YOUNGER |
| Terry LINN | |

We lost the game 12.23 to 7.11 and in fact the Club only won one match that season. It was a postponed game against Woy Woy from round 8 played on 22 July at Mt Penang. We won 6.16 to 6.12. The Swans even rung some players in but they still couldn't get over us. It was the last game in the H&A season and we rejoiced in what was virtually our single victory for the year.

The result of another match we had played against Gosford was reversed after they fielded some ineligible players but those wins really don't count.

In the first year the club initially fielded a first grade team but by April, following a push by the league for juniors, a visit to The Entrance High School produced the solid nucleus of 24 kids for an U17 team.

Most of these though were aged 13 & 14. One, Bob Barton (pictured), went on to become a life member of the club.



The club purchased an old caravan for \$200 which was subsequently converted, after a lot of work and TLC to a mobile canteen. It had a hot chip cooker, hot plate, urn and preparation area. It was well sign written but not many volunteers when it came to towing or storing it.

A social committee was formed with Pat 'Dogshead' Ryan as the chairman. His committee was allocated a starting fund of \$100.

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The social side of the club was not forgotten. Most of the people did not know each other but soon bar-b-ques with the males toting an esky which held their meat and KB Gold cans became quite common, whilst many women had babies or young children.

Quite often after matches, functions were held at the Raffamara Hall at Forresters Beach which was part of a special holiday group of cabins behind where Forresters Resort now stands.

There was no clubroom on the ground just a simple toilet block and very small change rooms at either end. The club added the present change rooms some years later.

One of the first thing club members did build was the scoreboard. It was erected in 1978 with the council, the rugby club and the AFL club each paying a third of the costs.

More players came along. Some experienced but most had never played the game before but they all tried and melted into what has proved to be the basis of a very successful club.

The 1978 annual meeting was held on 3 August where it was decided to dispense with the Bunyip and adopt a Bomber as the club's logo. It wasn't until late 1981 that the Club changed to the Bombers colours.

The club's presentation night was held the following week on the unusual night of Thursday 10 August. Tickets were \$7.50 each which provided for a buffet meal.

Jan Krzys, a 22 year old engineer from South Australia won the Club's initial Best & Fairest award. Jan and the coach, Ben Durbin, represented the League that year. Brendan Parry won the U17 B & F.

First Grade - 1978

Team	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%Pts	
The Lakes	14	14	-	-	1861	705	263.97	56
Gosford	14	9	4	1	1402	809	173.30	38
N/Wyoming	14	8	6	-	1182	1222	96.72	32
Terrigal	14	5	8	1	968	1176	82.31	22
Woy Woy	14	3	11	-	609	1427	42.67	12
K/Vale	14	2	12	-	631	1314	48.02	8

Under 17 - 1978

Team	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
N/Wyoming	8	8	-	-	820	160	512.50	32
The Lakes	9	6	3	-	288	422	68.24	24
Terrigal	8	4	4	-	237	253	93.67	16
Gosford	9	3	6	-	338	249	140.83	12
K/Vale	9	3	6	-	264	625	42.24	12
Woy Woy	9	2	7	-	188	514	36.57	8

1978 was a good season for the club in that friendships were made, which were galvanised forever.

For the first two years the Club played their home games at Don Small Oval, Tacoma and in 1980, asked Council for the use of Adelaide Street Oval. Rugby offered no opposition because the CCAFL played mostly Sunday football.

The club got Tim Farrell, the mayor of Wyong to bounce the ball to start the match against Gosford which we won



12.19 to 6.17. That year we had five players selected in the Central Coast Rep Team.

The first clubrooms were built in 1981 as a 'brick storage shed'. A bar was quickly incorporated and the fun (of building) began. ■

Menu

Entrée

Prawn Cocktail
Tossed with spicy Tomato Mayonaise

or

Sweet Corn & Zucchini Tartlets
with dressed Country Salad

Mains

Chicken Supreme with Garlic Mash
& fresh Seasonal Vegetables

or

Mustard-crusted Roast Beef
with roasted seasonal vegetables & gravy

Sweets

40-Year Celebration Cake

Tea ~ Coffee ~ Mints

Club Song

CURRENT – *Sung to the tune of “When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again”*

The Bombers come marching through the pack, hurrah, hurrah,
We'll give 'em a mighty welcome back, hurrah, hurrah,
The ball was bounced, and through we went,
and they went down like wet cement
And-they-all-stepped-back-when, the Bombers Came Marching Through

We won the game, we won the fight, hurrah, hurrah
We let them feel the Bombers might, hurrah, hurrah
The men will cheer, the boys will shout, the ladies they'll all turn out
AND-THEY-ALL-STEP-BACK-WHEN
THE BOMBERS COME MARCHING THROUGH

FORMER – *Sung to the tune of “Colonel Bogey”*

BOMBERS, we are Killarney Vale; **BOMBERS**, and we will never fail
BOMBERS, we'll be the Premiers; So you just watch us, fly up to, the flag!

BOMBERS, we are the red, black & gold; **BOMBERS**, and we will never fold
BOMBERS, we'll take some beating

So you just watch us, fly up to, the flag

Programme

- 7:00pm **Dinner Call** ~ Guests to be Seated
- 7:15pm Welcome Address & Acknowledgement of:
● Life Members
● Former Presidents
● Coaches in Attendance
- 7:20pm *Bombers Song* – sung by Cav, PK & NK
- 7:25pm Address by the Club President
- 7:30pm **Entrée Served**
- 7:55pm Address by the Club Captain
- 8:00pm 'On the Couch' discussion with:
● Mark McVeigh
● Jarrad McVeigh
● Daniel Lloyd
- 8:30pm **Main Course Served**
- 9:00pm 40-year Team Announcement
● Criteria & Selection Process
● Naming of the selected players
● Individual Presentation of Mementos
- 9:45pm Cutting of the Anniversary Cake
● Raffle drawn
● Lucky Door Prize awarded
● Winners of Silent Auction announced
- 10:00pm **Cake, Tea, Coffee & Mints Served**
● Bombers Wrap
● Dance Music...

KVAFC ALL-TIME RECORDS

(As at Round 8 ~ 2nd June 2018)

FIRST GRADE

Most Games: D.Amidy — 299 (1995-)	Highest Losing Score: 22.11 (143) Vs Nelson Bay @ Dick Burwell Oval on 12/6/2004
Most Goals: D.Amidy — 452 (1995-)	Lowest Winning Score: 3.8 (26) Vs Newcastle City @ Adelaide St Oval on 1/9/2002
Most Goals in a Season: M.R.Smith — 234 — 1986	Most Goals in a Game: 78.31 (499) Vs Wyong @ Adelaide St Oval on 10/6/1986
Most Goals in a Game: M.R.Smith — 39 — Vs Wyong @ Adelaide St Oval on 10/6/1986	Most Behinds in a Game: 71.44 (470) Vs Wyong @ Don Small Oval on 15/8/92
Highest Score: 78.31 (499) Vs Wyong @ Adelaide St Oval on 10/6/1986	Longest Winning Sequence: — 23 Games From 6/4/1986 to 3/5/1987
Lowest Score: NIL Vs Terrigal-Avoca @ Hylton Moore Oval on 27/5/1989	Longest Losing Sequence: — 13 Games From 1/4/1978 to 15/7/1978

RESERVE GRADE

Most Games: D.Curtis — 201 (1999-)	NIL Vs Cardiff @ Bill Elliot Oval on 9/5/2009
Most Goals: M.Solomons — 175 (2009-2012) (2014-)	Highest Losing Score: 18.5 (113) Vs Terrigal-Avococa @ Adelaide St Oval on 25/3/2000
Most Goals in a Season: M.Solomons — 93 — 2012	Lowest Winning Score: 2.9 (21) Vs Woy Woy @ Adelaide St Oval on 16/8/1981
Most Goals in a Game: D.Blackwood 14 — Vs Wyong @ Don Small Oval on 5/7/2008	Most Goals in a Game: 38.22 (250) Vs Wyong @ Adelaide St Oval on 10/6/1986
M.Solomons 14 — Vs Newcastle City @ Adelaide St Oval on 18/9/2012	Most Behinds in a Game: 27.38 (200) Vs Terrigal-Avoca @ Adelaide St Oval on 18/7/1993
Highest Score: 38.22 (250) Vs Wyong @ Adelaide St Oval on 10/6/1986	Longest Winning Sequence: — 13 Games From 1/6/1986 to 7/9/1986
Lowest Score: NIL Vs Singleton @ Rose Point Park on 26/4/2009	Longest Losing Sequence: — 14 Games From 6/4/2013 to 27/7/2013

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THIRD GRADE (2015-2016)

Most Games: S.Cameron — 21 2015-2016 N.Kenny — 21 2015-2016 C.Lyon — 21 2015-2016	Highest Losing Score: 8.10 (58) Vs Cardiff @ Adelaide St Oval on 18/4/2015
Most Goals: P.Harvey — 14 2015-2016	Lowest Winning Score: 9.9 (63) Vs Wyong @ Don Small Oval on 16/4/2016
Most Goals in a Season: N.Wenger — 11 2015	Most Goals in a Game: 14.4 (88) Vs Warners Bay @ Adelaide St Oval on 30/7/2016
Most Goals in a Game: P.Harvey — 5 2015 S.E.Reid Jr — 5 2016	Most Behinds in a Game: 3.18 (36) Vs Nelson Bay @ Adelaide St Oval on 25/6/2016
Highest Score: 14.4 (88) Vs Warners Bay @ Adelaide St Oval on 30/7/2016	Longest Winning Sequence: — 1 Game
Lowest Score: 0.3 (3) Vs Terrigal-Avoca @ Adelaide St Oval on 23/5/2016	Longest Losing Sequence: — 14 Games 23/5/2015 to 9/4/2016

UNDER 18's (1999-2012)

Most Games: S.E.Reid Jnr — 54 1999-2002	NIL Vs Gosford @ Hylton Moore Oval on 10/7/2004
Most Goals: S.E.Reid Jnr — 188 1999-2002	NIL Vs Newcastle City @ Adelaide St Oval on 14/5/2007
Most Goals in a Season: S.E.Reid Jnr — 105 2002	Most Goals in a Game: 48.25 (313) Vs Woy Woy @ Rogers Park on 9/4/2005
Most Goals in a Game: S.E.Reid Jnr 21, Vs Terrigal @ Adelaide St Oval on 20/4/2002	Most Behinds in a Game: 24.36 (180) Vs Gosford @ Adcock Park on 16/6/2001
Highest Score: 48.25 (313) Vs Woy Woy @ Rogers Park on 9/4/2005	Longest Winning Sequence: — 11 Games From 2/6/2001 to 25/8/2001
Lowest Score: NIL Vs Warners Bay @ Seaman Oval on 29/5/2004	Longest Losing Sequence: — 10 Games From 22/5/2004 to 24/7/2004
NIL Vs Terrigal @ Adelaide St Oval on 26/6/2004	

WOMENS (Est. 2016)

Most Games: A.Flack — 40 (2016-) G.Butler — 40 (2016-)	Highest Losing Score: 4.2 (26) Vs Lake Macquarie @ Tulkaba Park on 21/5/2016
Most Goals: G.Butler — 42 2016	Lowest Winning Score: 2.1 (13) Vs Wyong-Lakes @ Don Small Oval on 12/5/2018
Most Goals in a Season: G.Butler — 25 2016	Most Goals in a Game: 21.12 (138) Vs Muswellbrook @ Adelaide St Oval on 13/5/2017
Most Goals in a Game: T. Eslick — 8, Vs Lake Macquarie @ Adelaide St Oval on 26/5/2018	Most Behinds in a Game: 19.28 (142) Vs Singleton @ Newcastle No.1 on 2/7/2016
Highest Score: 19.28 (142) Vs Singleton @ Newcastle No.1 on 2/7/2016	Longest Winning Sequence: — 4 Games From 5/5/2018 to (current streak)
Lowest Score: NIL Vs Newcastle City @ Adelaide St Oval on 8/7/2017	Longest Losing Sequence: — 10 Games, 2/4/2016 to 25/6/2016

Record of First Grade Games 1978–2017

OPPOSITION	WIN	LOSS	DRAW	TOTAL
Bateau Bay #	28	20		48
Cardiff	11	39		50
Gosford (Wyoming)	64	44		108
Narara–Wyoming *+	6	4		10
Lake Macquarie	11	2		13
Nelson Bay	18	14		32
Newcastle City	12	36	1	49
North Central Coast *	6			6
Terrigal–Avoca	53	76		129
Singleton	6	1		7
Warners Bay	31	22		53
West Newcastle–Wallsend *	7	2		9
Woy Woy #	49	31	2	82
Wyong–Lakes	66	15		81
TOTAL	368	306	3	677

* No longer active — # No longer in 1st Grade — + Includes '84 Narara Team