

Swan Districts National

 Football Club (Inc.)  
Champions and Premiers, 1962



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☆ HAYDN BUNTON  
LEAGUE AWARD FAIREST AND BEST, 1962



☆ ERIC SARICH  
PRENDERGAST MEDAL WINNER, 1962

SWAN DISTRICTS NATIONAL FOOTBALL CLUB (INC.)  
W.A.N.F.L.

**OFFICE-BEARERS, SEASON 1962**

**Joint Patrons:**

E. P. Byrne; R. A. McDonald, J.P.; R. A. Newbey; A. J. Calnon.

**President:**

P. J. Bright.

**Vice-Presidents:**

E. Holdsworth, S. Moses and D. Anderson

**Delegates to W.A.N.F.L.:**

A. T. Moiler and E. Holdsworth.

**Proxy Delegates:**

P. J. Bright and P. Mountain.

**Players' Representatives:**

L. Johnston

**Coach:**

Haydn Bunton

**Seconds Coach:**

K. Slater

**Thirds Coach:**

F. Castledine

**Thirds Manager:**

K. Mountain.

**Trophy Committee:**

Chairman C. Murtha

**Auditor:**

E. Mellar.

**Solicitors:**

R. S. Haines & C.

**Hon. Trustee,**

Mr. G. Goodridge.

**Hon. Timekeepers:**

G. Baynes (League), L. Turner (League and Seconds) and A. Robins.

**Hon. Secretary:**

A. T. Moiler.

**Hon. Treasurer:**

P. Lynch.

**Hon. Assistant Secretary:**

D. Drake-Brockman

**Committee:**

E. Barker, C. Murtha, P. Mountain, O. Devitt, E. Thomas, D. D. Anderson  
and D. Drake-Brockman

**Hon. Medical Officers:**

Drs. R. Roberts and B. Buttsworth

**Returning Officer:**

R. Hamilton.

**Liaison Officer:**

J. Valli.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Members,

The successful completion of Season 1962 brings to a close another eventful period for your club and gave further proof of the consolidation of our club and district as a whole in the winning of its second premiership.

We were all so elated with the 1961 results, but I feel that there were many who had the nagging (and our opponents' pious wish) that the rise to fame was a brief and lucky one. The manner in which the boys tackled their problems and proved that team-work has come to stay, was the undeniable answer to the critics. The manner in which the team beat East Fremantle in the grand final stamped them with the hallmark of a really great side.

Our coach, Haydn Bunton, again proved what a grand and astute leader he is and his fearless approach to the game encouraged our players in their attitude of comradeship. Haydn intensified his efforts of encouragement to the juniors of the district and the improvement in the standard of play by these lads is a tribute to his efforts. Continuous use was made of Haydn and other leading players in public relations work in country areas. Many appreciative messages have been received from where Haydn coached and lectured to combined senior and junior bodies.

I thank you sincerely for your co-operation, Haydn, for your untiring efforts in encouraging the game in our district, your very much appreciated public relations work, and your service as a player to our club. I congratulate you on your Sandover Medal win as also your amazing successes in the many newspaper, radio and other awards.

Congratulations to Keith Slater in his Ampol and other awards; Eric Sarich for his Prendergast Medal win, and all players for their loyalty and service during the season.

The Committee as a whole has worked assiduously, devoting a colossal number of hours to the administration of the club. I am very appreciative of their assistance and co-operation.

Thank you to the selectors (originally Norm Baty, Jack Turkich and Haydn, then after Jack's departure to the country, Tom Moiler) for their hours of thought and planning in ensuring that only fit, determined players represented the club.

Your delegates, Messrs. Ted Holdsworth and Tom Moiler, had a very busy year and ably represented your club throughout the period. Ted was also honoured by being named as a State selector again this season. Thank you, gentlemen, for your efforts.

It is a pleasure to record my appreciation of the loyal and enthusiastic service rendered by all members of the staff.

I sincerely thank Dick Roberts for his invaluable help in his medical fields. Too few realise what a tower of strength Dick has been to the club and I trust that he will reap benefit from his study tour to England and Victoria.

Your Social Committee, led by Frank Metherall, president, and George Ripp, as secretary, were very active during the season and I express sincere appreciation for the wonderful assistance rendered during the season.

I wish to thank the enormous number of donors who contributed to the players' fund and in particular those who made it possible for the club to finance its final round incentives.

I record my sincere appreciation of the valued services rendered by our Secretary, Mr. Tom Moiler, who has, as usual, done an amazing job of work. His untiring efforts in keeping the boys a happy family in no small way contributed to your club's Grand Final success. His energy and enthusiasm is boundless and I thank him for his loyalty and co-operation.

We hear so much of the word "tradition" in the football world and, whilst I hand it to the older clubs on their records, we must realise that our own club is quickly building up tradition by its successes. These can only be maintained by the solidarity of the club. The players have proved that they are prepared to make sacrifices of all kinds to succeed and I ask every member to rally around the club and assist in these tasks that are continually coming before us, thereby enabling us to withstand the growing challenges of all other clubs.

Finally, permit me to say what an honour it has been to occupy the position of President and to serve the fine body of members whom we are proud to have.

P. J. BRIGHT, President.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

It gives me the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to compile this, the 29th annual report. Full credit must go to our coaches, Haydn Bunton, Keith Slater and Fred Castledine, and all the players for their wonderful performances throughout the season.

Some of our players, namely Wally Brown (fractured cheek bone), Fred Castledine (fractured cheek bone), John Mack (sickness) and Dave Thompson (cartilage) missed more than one game. All other players escaped major injury.

Heartiest congratulations to Haydn on winning the Sandover Medal, that very coveted award, and also on winning the other three awards.

Congratulations to Keith Slater on his most successful season, both as coach of our second team and on winning two awards and sharing in another.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Ern Reilly, president, and Ron Preedy, hon. secretary, and all the officers of the Junior Council, for the manner in which they have conducted the affairs of the council in, I would say, one of its most successful seasons.

On Friday, October 19th, our coach, Haydn, signed an agreement to be our playing coach for a further term of two years, making a period of five years in all. We thank Haydn for his support which he has given willingly at all times.

To our President, Percy Bright, who is in his third year as our leader, I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation for the assistance and co-operation extended to me as Hon. Secretary at all times. I also wish to thank all the executive officers and committeemen for the manner in which they have conducted the affairs of the club and the way in which they have assisted me in my duties.

Congratulations to East Fremantle Football Club on winning the Seconds and Thirds premierships, and to Ray Sorrell on winning the Simpson Medal for his grand game in the Grand Final.

Our Premiership Pennant will be unfurled on the occasion of our opening game on the Bassendean Oval next season.

Through the season one of our selectors, Jack Turkich, had to resign because of a change in employment. Your Secretary was appointed for the balance of the season. I wish to thank Norm and Jack for the manner in which they carried out their duties at all times and for the co-operation extended to our coaches.

I wish to congratulate the following named members who were presented with a Long Service Award Certificate this year: Messrs. Frank Hatton, Joe Lawson, Wally Brown, Ron Newbey, Bob O'Connell, Bob Hamilton, Phil Stephenson and the late George Baynes.

A. T. MOILER, Hon. Secretary.

## COACH'S REPORT

Dear Members,

The 1961 football season saw the instigation of a new tradition and spirit in your club. This past season has served to strengthen this spirit and has earned Swans the full respect of every other club in the League.

Certainly 1961 was a great year for Swan Districts, but 1962 was probably even more satisfying. This year Swan were popular favourites for the premiership. That in itself offered a challenge as so many favourites fail.

But there was no thought of failure by your league team after holding a mortgage on the pennant for most of the season.

The attitude of the players and officials in the club during the final round was consistent with the outlook displayed throughout the whole season — there was never any consideration given to defeat and this was a major factor in each player gaining maximum confidence in all his team mates.

Discipline was once again largely responsible for Swans' success. Every player realised what he had to do and, although it sometimes meant him carrying out an instruction that kept his own game in the background, they never questioned the reason or attempted to exploit their own personal methods. They realised that for a team to combine smoothly each member must be knitted

together in a pattern and this means doing a particular job that might not always attract the glamour and the attention of spectators.

I feel that credit is not due for this season's success to any one player more than another. In brief, Swans league side was a TEAM in the true sense of the word.

Few realise the sacrifices the players were called upon to make to reach the heights they did.

One was again the strenuous pre-seasonal training on the beach. The benefit of this was evident from the remarkably low percentages of serious injuries such as torn and strained muscles, weakened ligaments and joint troubles.

Then there was the regular two nights a week training as well as Sunday morning runs to eliminate soreness and stiff limbs. Actually, it was embarrassing to me, with many of the players, to try and keep them off the training track when a light night was warranted.

On many occasions players with an injury that needed running out, or if they felt needed a little extra work, would train on off nights. This is something most clubs are unable to force a majority of players to do, even under orders, and here our players were doing it completely voluntarily.

Such was the enthusiasm of your players and the will to keep Swan Districts on top.

The art of handball played a big part in us winning the 1962 premiership, as it did in 1961. Handball, when adopted to advantage, is a science of football that is particularly difficult for opposing teams to subdue or counteract; and it was obvious from performances last season that Swan have mastered handball and capitalised on their ability more than any of the other seven clubs.

There again, the spontaneous handball by players on the field, to a team mate in a better position, who invariably receives the greater part of the credit for the ensuing kick, is further proof of Swans' true team spirit.

A number of young players broke into league ranks last season. A constant influx of youth is vital for your club to remain the strength it is today.

I could name all the young players who have done well, and have a promising league football career ahead of them, but, as with the experienced members in both our teams, I would finish up praising them all for their efforts, co-operation and understanding throughout the season. I express my deepest gratitude to them for the loyalty that made my job as simple as it was.

Next year is our third consecutive premiership. In achieving this aim we must also remember that future seasons must be protected and young, new players must be introduced to our league, seconds and thirds teams.

It is imperative that the correct balance of youth is retained. This is something for young players in our district to remember and fight for.

Already the spirit and style of Swan Districts is quickly developing in junior clubs in our zone. Your club depends strongly on them, and their supporters, for its future. There is one aspect to keep in mind — more is gained from promoting local juniors, if they display the ability, keenness and discipline, than by searching foreign grounds of other States.

It is not a fallacious belief that to stay on top is harder than getting there. Every assistance will be required from you, our members, to ensure Swans remain where they are now, even though the hurdles may get higher.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Seconds on a particularly good season and the Thirds on the way they compensated for early defeats with fighting form in the latter matches.

To the president, secretary, committeemen and co-selectors I am particularly grateful for the assistance and authority they gave me without question.

My special thanks also go to the Seconds coach, Keith Slater, and Thirds coach, Fred Castledine. I would also like to express my appreciation to our club doctor, head trainer, Phil Stephenson, and his training staff, propertyman Mick Cooper, and everyone who has devoted time and energy to another great Swans year.

It has been an honour for me to have been associated with your club over the past two years and I look forward to future seasons with Swans.

The best wishes of myself and the players go to you for a Merry Christmas and a successful 1963.

HAYDN BUNTON, Captain-Coach.

## THIRD'S COACH'S REPORT

First and foremost I take this opportunity of congratulating the league side in taking off their second premiership in a row, the second eighteen in reaching the grand final, and the winners of the Sandover Medal and the Prendergast Medal.

This was my first year as coach of the third eighteen. Although we made our run very late in the season, I think that more co-operation is still required between the club and Junior Council. The third eighteen have a lot of good material and with full co-operation from our club in general could develop into the 1963 premiership team.

I would like to thank the trainers, propertymen and the manager for a job well done.

Finally, I wish the club all the best for 1963 and hope we are the first club to make the treble of grand finals next year.

FRED CASTLEDINE, Thirds Coach.

## SELECTION COMMITTEES

League: H. Bunton (chairman), N. Baty, J. Turkich and T. Moiler.  
 Seconds: H. Bunton, K. Slater, N. Baty, J. Turkich and T. Moiler.  
 Thirds: F. Castledine, Captain and Vice-Captain.

## OFFICERS OF THE CLUB SINCE ITS INCEPTION

### PRESIDENT

1935 R. A. McDonald	1950 R. A. McDonald, J.P. and R. A. Newbey
1935 F. C. Lange	1952 R. A. Newbey
1936 F. C. Lange	1953 R. A. Newbey
1937 R. A. McDonald	1954 R. A. Newbey
1938 F. C. Lange	1955 R. A. Newbey
1939 F. C. Lange	1956 R. A. Newbey
1941 F. C. Lange and J. Fitzpatrick	1957 R. Retallack
1942 F. C. Lange	1958 R. Retallack
1943 E. J. Reilly	1959 R. Retallack and A. J. Calnon
1944 E. J. Reilly	1960 P. J. Bright
1946 E. J. Reilly	1961 P. J. Bright
1947 E. J. Reilly	1962 P. J. Bright
1948 K. Drake-Brockman	
1949 K. Drake-Brockman	

### HON. SECRETARY

1934 J. F. Jenner	1943 W. Dobson	1954 A. T. Moiler
1935 J. F. Jenner	1944 W. Dobson	1955 A. T. Moiler
1936 J. Motteram	1945 L. G. Lowry	1955 A. T. Moiler
1936 J. F. Jenner	1946 L. G. Lowry	1956 A. T. Moiler
1937 J. F. Jenner	1947 L. G. Lowry	1957 A. T. Moiler
1938 J. F. Jenner	1948 L. G. Lowry	1958 A. T. Moiler
1939 R. M. Lethbridge	1949 L. G. Lowry	1959 A. T. Moiler
1940 R. M. Lethbridge	1950 L. G. Lowry	1960 A. T. Moiler
1941 R. M. Lethbridge and W. Dobson.	1951 A. T. Moiler	1961 A. T. Moiler
1942 W. Dobson	1952 A. T. Moiler	1962 A. T. Moiler
	1953 A. T. Moiler	

### HON. TREASURER

1934 L. R. Latham	1944 J. Hollis	1954 J. Hollis
1935 J. Reilly	1945 J. Hollis	1955 J. Hollis
1936 T. H. Neilson	1946 J. Hollis	1956 J. Hollis
1937 T. H. Neilson	1947 J. Hollis	1957 J. Cooper
1938 T. H. Neilson	1948 J. Hollis	1958 J. Cooper
1939 T. H. Neilson	1949 J. Hollis	1959 J. Cooper
1940 A. W. H. Lucas	1950 J. Hollis	1960 J. Cooper and P. Lynch
1941 A. W. H. Lucas	1951 J. Hollis	1961 P. Lynch
1942 A. W. H. Lucas	1952 J. Hollis	1962 P. Lynch
1943 J. Hollis	1953 J. Hollis	

