Old Scotch Football Club CRACKERS CHRONICILES – RECENT LIFE MEMBERS 2020 - 2023

Welcome back to "Crackers Chronicles". This week we trace more of the history of the Old Scotch Football Club by recounting the contribution of our latest seven Life Members from 2020 - 2023.

B. C. Bruce Armstrong

Bruce Armstrong first had contact with the Old Scotch Football Club in 1998 when his eldest son Campbell played in the Under 19s. From 1998 – 2002, Campbell played 43 games with the club, mainly in the Reserves and Club XVIII teams.

Bruce became more involved with the club in 2003 when his younger son Lachlan first played in the Under 19s, while he was still at Scotch College. The next season, he played 17 games in the Under 19s. In 2005, Lachie played 20 games in the Reserves. On 22 April 2006, Lachie debuted in the Seniors. From 2003 – 2012, Lachie played 143 games with the club and in 2012 was Reserves Best & Fairest.

Bruce has been very active in the 1858 Club while Lachie was at school. He coached the Under 19s in 2004 & 2005. In 2006, Bruce joined the club committee and in 2007 & 2008 was vice president of the club. From 2002 – 2010, through his company Dotmar Engineering, Bruce was a major sponsor of the club. Later from 2012 – 2015, with his son-in-law Andrew Wilson, he continued to sponsor the club through Corporate Edge. Bruce is now a Yellow level member of the Old Scotch Football Club Foundation. In 2008, Bruce's wife Denise was a member of Pam Tummel's committee that organised the very successful 2008 Annual Dinner Dance Auction.

Bruce was awarded Life Membership of the club in 2021.

H. C. P. Henry Dick

In 2010, Henry Dick was recruited from Scotch College as an Under 19s player, and followed his three older brothers, Simon, Hamish and George playing with the Old Scotch Football Club. In his first season, he played 20 games in our Under 19s, taking over his older brother George's number "33" jumper that he was to play his entire career in. The following year 2011, he captained our Under 19s. The next two seasons 2012 & 2013, he played exclusively in our Reserves. On 24 May 2014 he debuted in our Seniors. In 2015, he played his 100th game for the club. In 2016, 2017 & 2018, Henry captained our Reserves but did not play in our 2017 Reserves premiership team. However, he did play in our 2019 Reserves premiership team. Following the lost 2020 Covid-19 season, in 2021 & 2022 Henry again captained our Reserves and was our Reserves Best & Fairest in 2022. He has served on the club committee and compared several club events. He retired as a player at the end on 2022.

Henry was awarded Life Membership of the club in 2021 and played his 200th game for our club in 2022. His mother Sandra Dick was awarded Life Membership of the club in 2022.

D. S. David McCleery

In 2004, through his firm the MCP Group, David McCleery, an old boy of *Scotch College,* first sponsored the club. In 2006, Tim Shearer invited David to join the club committee as Sponsorship Convenor – a role he fulfilled through to 2008. In 2007, David became Vice President of the club for five years from 2007 – 2011. In 2012, David then served as our eighteenth President for two years 2012 and 2013, and Co-President with Rob Jamieson in 2014. The MCP Group sponsored the *Old Scotch Football Club* continuously from 2004 – 2017, and since 2007 was a "Diamond" level and significant club sponsor.

In 2013, David was awarded an OSCA Certificate of Merit for his services to the club.

David was awarded Life Membership of the club in 2021.

C. W. Campbell Neal

In 1980, Campbell Neal was recruited from Scotch College as a Juniors player and played seven Under 19s games plus one Cardinals game. In 1984, Campbell returned to the club and from 1984 – 1986 played a further fifteen Warriors games for a total of 23 games with the club. Campbell was a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria before moving into financial services in 1986, when he became an Institutional Equities Dealer for Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers. Prior to founding K2 Asset Management, Campbell was an Executive Vice President of Bankers Trust Australia Ltd. Where he was Head of Australian Equities Distribution (Melbourne and Asia). In 1999, Campbell co-founded K2 Asset Management, an Australian based equity fund manager offering

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strategies for retail, wholesale and institutional investors. In conjunction with his role as Managing Director, Campbell is a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Australian and Asian investment strategies. In 1997, via the company Skilled Engineering, Campbell first sponsored the club for four years from 1997 – 2000. Then in 2001, through his company K2 Asset Management, he has continued to be a major sponsor of the club for a further twenty years from 2001 – 2020. K2 Asset Management has also sponsored VAFA footballs. A number of Old Scotch players have worked for K2 Asset Management.

Undoubtedly few have done more behind the scenes the Campbell Neal to help the club develop and grow. On the field, Campbell played 23 games with Old Scotch but it has been Campbell's off-field influence that really sets him apart. He has financial sponsored the club since 1997 in various ways, most notably through his own business, K2 asset Management, a brand that has become synonymous with the Old Scotch Football Club. Campbell has also given wise counsel and advice to a succession of presidents over the past 20 years, and he has provided employment opportunities for many who have donned the cardinal, gold and blue jumper.

Campbell was awarded Life Membership of the club in 2021.

S. Y. Sandra Dick

From 2003 – 2022, Sandra Dick had been helping stage our Dinner Dances. In 2017, Sandra started running all the club's social functions. In 2018, Sandra joined the general club committee serving as Social & Events Convenor delivering the club's social and events program – Season Launch Breakfast at Leonda by the Yarra, four pre-match luncheons in the clubrooms, a Trivia Night, the Cardinal Ball at Leonda and the Presentation Night in the Cardinal Pavilion. Sandra is the mother of OSFC players Simon Dick (2003 – 2007 & 2013), Hamish Dick (2003 – 2007 & 2010 – 2013), George Dick (2006 – 2011 & 2013) and fellow Life Member Henry Dick (2010 – 2022).

Sandra was awarded Life Membership of the club in 2022.

E. H. Ed Furey

In 2010, Ed Furey was recruited from *Scotch College* following his older brother Jack to our club and first played in our Under 19s. To date, he has played a total of 182 games with the club – 24 Under 19s, 120 Reserves, 19 Seniors, 18 Thirds & 1 Fourths game. He debuted in our Seniors on 3 May 2014.

He has also served on the club committee from 2021 – 2023. He joins the committed Furey family of parents Anthony & Libby, and older brother Jack who played 84 games with the club from 2008 – 2018.

Ed was awarded Life membership of the club in 2023.

P. M. Peter Warner OAM

Peter Warner, an old boy of *Scotch College* first started supporting the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1990 when his son Anthony was recruited from *Scotch College* as an Under 19s player and played 165 games for the club from 1990 – 1991, 1993 & 1995 – 2001, playing in the number "40" jumper, and debuting in our Seniors on 1 April 1995 after returning from Queensland. Anthony played in our 1993 Reserves Premiership team captained by Gary Jackson and coached by David Kay, and in his last season 2001, he captained our Reserves coached by Gary Jackson. In 1993, the *Old Scotch Football Club* re-located from Yarra Park to the Camberwell Sportsground. In 1994, Peter was elected Vice President of our club whilst still President of the *Camberwell Cricket Club* in the VSDCA Competition. In 1996, he initiated the merger with the *Collingwood Cricket Club* to form the *Camberwell Magpies Cricket Club* in Premier cricket, with its home ground at the Camberwell Sportsground. In 1999, the Camberwell Sportsground underwent a major upgrade of the playing surface and drainage of the oval, in which Peter was heavily involved wearing both his football and cricket hats.

Peter continued as a member of the club, in 2000 – 2003 sponsoring the club through *New Balance* and in 2007 – 2011 became a Silver club sponsor through his business *Primary Edge Sports*. In 2007, the Camberwell Sportsground pavilion underwent a major refurbishment. Our electronic scoreboard is named in Peter's honour for his work in delivering the refurbishment with the Council and his association with the ground in both cricket and football since 1954.

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In 2014, Peter was appointed Treasurer of the club then, in 2015, when David McCleery retired as Co-President, Peter joined Rob Jamieson as Co-President, and served as our twentieth President of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* for one year as Co-President. Then in 2016, Peter served for one more year as sole club president.

Later, in 2018, Peter was again elected Vice President with responsibility for club administration, particularly with the City of Boroondara Council.

In 2022, he was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his services to cricket and football.

Peter was awarded Life Membership of the club in 2023.

Well folks, that brings us right up to date again – hope you enjoyed the series! Next week we continue our series on the playing number "31" jumper ...

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