

Old Scotch Football Club
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – LATE SIXTIES INTO EARLY SEVENTIES

Welcome back to “**Crackers Chronicles**”. This week we trace some of the history of the *Old Scotch Football Club* by recounting the contributions of five of our Life Members from the late 1960s into the early 1970s.

J. G. John “Jack” Morrison

Jack Morrison was recruited to the OSCFC in 1961 by senior trainer and fellow railway engineer at the Victorian Railways Jolimont Workshops, Bill Cox. Jack started looking after our Under 19s and then went on to be the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club*'s trainer for the next 14 years from 1958 – 1975. He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1974.

L. K. Leigh McGregor

Leigh McGregor an *Old Scotch Boy* was recruited from University Blues in 1961. He played 82 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1961 – 1965 and captained our Reserves in 1964 & 1965, captaining our Reserves to a premiership in 1964. After retiring from playing, Leigh coached our Reserves for seven years from 1969 – 1974 & 1985. During that time he was a Reserves premiership coach in 1969 & 1973.

Later, following the reign of Hec Ingram, Leigh became the ninth President of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* for ten years from 1975 – 1984. He was a premiership President in 1977 & 1978, a Reserves premiership president in 1980, and an Under 19 premiership president in 1984. He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1979.

Our annual Best & Fairest Award is named after Leigh McGregor.

The VAFA awarded him a Certificate of Merit in 1985.

In 1988, Leigh was President of the Old Scotch Collegians' Association, and from 1988 – 2001 he was Executive Director of the Old Scotch Collegians' Association.

Leigh is father of OSCFC players Matthew McGregor (1985 – 1991) & Simon McGregor (1988).

W. M. William “Billy” Pinner

Bill Pinner is an *Old Scotch Boy* who joined the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1961 to play in the Warriors, but also played one Reserves game for the club in 1961. Later, upon completing his legal studies, Bill took up boundary umpiring for the club for 25 years from 1968 – 1992.

Bill then went on to be the twenty-first Secretary of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* for four years from 1980 – 1982 and again in 1984.

He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1981

Later, he became the tenth President of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1985 & 1986.

D. J. David Hughes

David Hughes was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1961. He played 165 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1961 – 1976. He was the club's leading goalkicker in 1962, 1964 (also VAFA leading goalkicker), 1968, 1969 & 1970. He was the club's Best & Fairest in 1967 and captained our Club from 1969 – 1971.

David was a Victorian representative in 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1969 & 1971, and captained Victoria in 1969. He was also an Australian Amateur Football Council representative in 1964, 1965 & 1968, winning the AAFC Medal in 1964, and captaining the AAFC team in 1968.

After retiring from playing, David served on the VAFA Independent Tribunal for 32 years from 1984 until today.

David returned to our club to manage our Under 19 Team for 6 years from 1998 – 2003.

He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 2000.

In 2000, David was named at full forward in the OSCFC Team of the Century.

The VAFA awarded him a Certificate of Merit in 2000.

He was elected a Life Member of the VAFA in 2011 and made a VAFA Big V Champion in 2011.

A. J. Alan Nicholls

Alan Nicholls was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1963. He went on to play a then record 269 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1963 – 1978. He played in our Reserves premiership team of 1964. In 1974 he was awarded a Life Member of the Club upon playing 200 games for the Club.

Next week we will look at the Life Members from the 1970s ... I welcome any feedback to gmccracken@oldscotchfc.com.au