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**HEIDELBERG FOOTBALL  
& NETBALL CLUB**  
OUR HISTORY

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# BRIEF OVERVIEW

Established in 1876, Heidelberg Football Club is one of the oldest Australian Rules Football Clubs in the country. The club initially competed in the Melbourne Football League against other suburban clubs such as Northcote, Waverley, South Melbourne and Sandridge. Heidelberg's original Guernsey was blue and white until adopting the current strip of yellow and black during the 1880s prior to the Richmond Football Club being formed.

Heidelberg has competed in many different football leagues during its history. Commencing in the Melbourne Football League, the club was a founding member of Bourke-Evelyn Football League in 1890. Between 1900 and 1902, Heidelberg competed in the VFA before transferring to the Northern Suburban Football League. The club was a founding member of Heidelberg District Football League in 1909 before transferring to the fledgling Diamond Valley Football League in 1923.



**Above:** The earliest known picture of the Heidelberg Football Club, taken in 1897.

Heidelberg's dominance of the DVFL led to the club moving temporarily to VFL Sub-Districts League in 1925 whilst still successfully fielding a team in the DVFL (known as Heidelberg Juniors at the time).

The club returned exclusively to the DVFL in 1930 and has remained in this league since with considerable success whilst the Junior club now resides in the YJFL. The Club has won a total 27 senior premierships including a record 19 in the Northern Football League, the first being in 1890, and the most recent in 2009.

The original home ground was at Heidelberg Park, but after a recess during World War II, the club moved across Beverley Road to Warringal Park in 1946 where they have remained ever since.

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## BRIEF OVERVIEW - Cont.

The club's darkest hour came at the end of the 1980 season when it was announced that the bottom four clubs of that season would be relegated to the newly formed Division 2. Heidelberg having finished 13th (third last) was demoted to second division for the 1981 season. After three seasons in Division 2 the club earned promotion with a breakthrough Grand Final victory over Northcote Park in 1983 under new coach Mick Sullivan.

The match was played in terrible conditions at Diamond Creek however the Tiger's snuck home by 7 points in the end to clutch the club's first Premiership since 1964 albeit in Division 2.

After two respectable years in 1984/85 the club went on to achieve success in the top flight in 1986 and became the first club to win a Premiership after gaining promotion from second division.

Four years later in 1990 and again under the leadership of playing coach Mick Sullivan Heidelberg upset Bundoora in the Grand Final to secure its 14th DVFL flag.

Following the club's celebrated 1990 Premiership the club went through a hard period on the field and at times during the mid 90's was fighting for Division 1 survival. The retirements of some of the club's greatest players from the mid to late 80's and early 90's left a huge hole in the club's playing stocks but to the credit of the playing group and committee Heidelberg survived relegation.

The late 90's and early 2000's was truly the beginning of what was the ultimate "rebuilding phase" for the Heidelberg Football Club. The Tiger's made a handful of finals appearances during this time and were unlucky never to have reached the Grand Final.

Finally, in 2004 after 14 years of tireless work the club secured that elusive senior Premiership. A young captain by the name of Blair Harvey in his third year at the club led the Tigers to a comprehensive 52-point victory over Bundoora played out in miserable conditions at Epping.

The Tiger's made further Grand Final appearances in 2005 & 2006 under coach Craig Hunter with success coming in 2006 in what was a memorable victory over Bundoora. The 2006 Grand Final was to be the last ever match under the "Diamond Valley Football League" heading after a formal audit by Football Victoria exposed corruption in the ranks, which ultimately resulted in the standing down of the entire DVFL board as well as a change to the league's name. The audit and subsequent overhaul was initially triggered after Heidelberg expressed concerns while unsuccessfully attempting to transfer to the Eastern FL.

Heidelberg became the inaugural Northern Football League Premier and Champion in 2007, going through the season undefeated for the first time in its history.

The Tiger's backed up their impressive beginnings in the Northern League by claiming the Premiership for the third season in a row in 2008, losing only two matches along the way. During the Grand Final against bitter rival Montmorency the Tiger's looked beaten and at one stage late in the third term trailed the Magpies by 38 points. What came next few could have predicted as Heidelberg would go on to pile the next nine goals and restrict Montmorency to one solitary point to record a famous 22-point victory.

2009 was another monumental year for the club and was arguably the most dominant display by an NFL/DVFL side over the course of a season that has ever been seen. 20 wins from 20 matches for the second time in three seasons was in itself an unprecedented performance and coupled with that Heidelberg's dominance during the finals campaign few could argue to have seen a better side grace the Warringal Park oval.

A record breaking final term of the 2009 Grand Final versus Bundoora would ensure Heidelberg would end the season as Premier for the 5th year in a row and keep their title of the Northern League's most successful club.





**Above:** Heidelberg seniors in 2009, Premiers & Champions.



**Above:** Heidelberg Seniors & Reserves 2016 Premiers.

# HONOUR BOARD

## Heidelberg Football Club Officials and Senior Best and Fairest 1946 - 2018.

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	COACH	BEST & FAIREST
1946	H Cowling	W Donovan	G Cooper	J Delaney	Joe Delaney
1947	H Cowling	W Donovan	G Cooper	A Stott	Gerrie Irvine
1948	H Cowling	J F Walton	E J Ogilvie	A Stott	Eddie Goodger
1949	H Cowling	J F Walton	E J Ogilvie	A Stott	R McNamara
1950	H Cowling	W T Randle	E J Ogilvie	R Clarke	Dion Hogan
1951	H Cowling	W T Randle	E J Ogilvie	R Clarke	Les Cooper
1952	H Cowling	W T Randle	E J Ogilvie	T Crane	J Thompson
1953	J Dawson	J M King	J Gillham	T Crane	Kevin Dixon
1954	I Elliott	F Sheahan	J Gillham	G Irvine	Tom Skals
1955	E J Ogilvie	L Dixon	J Gillham	K Dixon	Gordon Dixon
1956	J McHugh	D Culph	D Culph	K Hart	Ronald Stokes
1957	J McHugh	D Culph	D Culph	K Hart	Gordon Dixon
1958	J McHugh	D Culph	D Culph	K Hart	David Ringin
1959	J McHugh	R J Sullivan	R J Sullivan	P Gurry	Ronald Stokes
1960	W T Randle	R J Sullivan	R J Sullivan	P Gurry	Peter Gurry
1961	W T Randle	R J Sullivan	R J Sullivan	P Gurry	William Eslworth
1962	W T Randle	R J Sullivan	R J Sullivan	C Howard	W Sheridan
1963	W T Randle	R J Sullivan	R J Sullivan	C Howard	Robin Perkins
1964	W T Randle	R J Sullivan	R J Sullivan	B McMahan	Robin Perkins
1965	W T Randle	R J Sullivan	R J Sullivan	B McMahan	Colin Hodgson
1966	W T Randle	R J Sullivan	R J Sullivan	B McMahan	John Murphy
1967	W T Randle	R J Sullivan	R J Sullivan	B McMahan	Robin Perkins
1968	W T Randle	R J Sullivan	R J Sullivan	L Williams	Colin Hodgson
1969	W T Randle	R J Sullivan	R J Sullivan	L Williams	Robin Perkins
1970	W T Randle	R J Sullivan	R J Sullivan	M Delanty	Richard Young
1971	R J Sullivan	N A Peacock	R Elsworth	M Delanty	Jim Christou
1972	R J Sullivan	N A Peacock	R Elsworth	M Delanty	Robin Perkins
1973	R J Sullivan	N A Peacock	C Horwood	J Clancy	Frank Rosbrook
1974	N A Peacock	D Elliott	C Horwood	J Clancy	Colin Hodgson
1975	N A Peacock	D Elliott	G Browne	J Clancy	John Clancy
1976	N A Peacock	D Elliott	G Browne	F Rosbrook	Robert Deer
1977	G Browne	D Elliott	T Taylor	F Rosbrook	William Twomey
1978	G Browne	G Byrne	G Woods	R Beattie	William Twomey
1979	G Browne	Mrs H Cummins	G Norman	B Evans	Greg Byrne
1980	W Rudd	C Viola	N Young	W McWhinnie	Dean Valente
1981	W Rudd	C Viola	P Yelland	B Padley	Barry Padley
1982	W Rudd	C Viola	S Cashen	B Padley	Richard Rutland



# HONOUR BOARD - Cont.

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	COACH	BEST & FAIREST
1983	C Viola	B Lang	S Cashen	M Sullivan	Michael Sullivan
1984	B Lang	T Randle	N Schott	M Sullivan	Richard Rutland
1985	R Stokes	T Randle	B Smout	M Sullivan	Geoff Austen
1986	B Harvey	B Lang	B Smout	M Sullivan	Martin Kemp
1987	B Harvey	D Sheahan	S Cashen	M Sullivan	Richard Guldon
1988	D J Batchelor	D Sheahan	S Cashen	M Sullivan	Richard Guldon
1989	D J Batchelor	W Hesline	S Cashen	J Edmond	Richard Guldon
1990	D J Batchelor	K Mongan	R Timms	M Sullivan	Jeff Phillipe
1991	G Plain	R Spratt	R Timms	M Sullivan	Richard Guldon
1992	G Plain	N Cochrane	B Smout	G Wilmot	Andy Viola
1993	S Cashen	G Jurgens	B Smout	M Sullivan	Ryan Smith
1994	W Twomey	G Jurgens	B Smout	M Sullivan	Andrew Harwood
1995	W Twomey	R Young	B Smout	M Sullivan	Andrew Harwood
1996	W Twomey	R Young	B Smout	B Wilson	Mark Muscat
1997	W Twomey	R Young	B Smout	J Bourke	Craig Hayes
1998	B Wilson	G Jurgens	R Byrne	A Viola	Nick Papagianis
1999	B Wilson	G Jurgens	R Byrne	A Viola	Chris Hall
2000	T Barrot	M Sullivan	R Byrne	A Viola	Dean Haydock
2001	D J Batchelor	J Sheahan	S Vallos	D Rhys-Jones	Dean Haydock
2002	D J Batchelor	R Byrne	S Vallos	M Sullivan	Kristian Pascoe
2003	D J Batchelor	R Byrne	S Vallos	M Sullivan	Peter Van Blommestein / Russell Lee
2004	T Barrot	N Peacock	N Peacock	C Hunter	Michael Gay/ Danny Nolan
2005	T Barrot	N Peacock	N Peacock	C Hunter	Michael Gay
2006	T Barrot	N Peacock	N Peacock	C Hunter	Blair Harvey
2007	T Barrot	G Sheahan	G Sheahan	P Plunkett	Danny Nolan
2008	T Barrot	G Sheahan	D Reed	P Plunkett	Anthony Franchina
2009	T Barrot	J Twomey	D Reed	P Plunkett	Jake Williams
2010	T Barrot	J Twomey	D Reed	G Crosisca	Saul Caddy
2011	J Sheahan	J Twomey	D Reed	B Harvey	Michael Finn
2012	T Barrot	J Twomey	J Twomey	R Smith	Danny Nolan
2013	T Barrot	J Twomey	J Twomey	R Smith	Danny Nolan/ Jason Kennedy
2014	G Sheahan	M Peacock	J Twomey	C Hunter	Ben Cosgriff
2015	G Sheahan	M Peacock	T Wilson	C Hunter	Michael Looby
2016	T Barrot	M Peacock	C Armatas	C Gaylard	Paul Bower
2017	T Barrot	M Peacock	T Wilson	C Gaylard/J Heatley	Thomas Sullivan
2018	T Wilson	M Peacock	B Colliver	F Raso	Michael Brunelli

# LIFE MEMBERS

YEAR AWARDED	NAME
1948	A J Stott
1948	J I Dawson
1951	R McNamara
1951	R Clark
1951	R Nihill
1952	A Blackburn
1952	J McAleese
1952	H Cowling
1952	L Purcell
1958	Tim M Hogan
1959	Reg T Wynd
1959	J Dixon
1960	J O'Keefe
1960	Ivan J Sheahan
1960	Gerry J Irvine
1960	Walter T Randle
1962	J McHugh
1966	William Elsworth
1966	R Norman
1967	E Jones
1967	Richard Sullivan
1968	Gordon Dixon
1968	E Painter
1971	D O'Bryan
1971	Neil Peacock
1972	R Elsworth
1973	Des Luckman
1974	Robin Perkins
1976	Gerrad Browne
1976	Brian Smout
1978	Jim McWhinnie
1978	Colin Hodgson
1979	Terry Taylor
1980	Laurie Morgan
1981	Norm Lasslett
1983	Gary Plain
1983	Vin Heffernan

YEAR AWARDED	NAME
1984	William Rudd
1984	Keith Hopkinson
1985	Terry Randle
1986	Peter Sheahan
1987	Wayne Sheppard
1987	Drew Sheahan
1988	William Twomey
1988	Stephen Cashen
1989	Michael Sullivan
1989	John Emmerson
1989	Greg Sheahan
1990	Martin Kemp
1991	Robert Timms
1992	Mathew Sheahan
1992	Gary Jurgens
1993	Terrence Twomey
1995	Wayne Rodgers
1996	Paul May
1996	Roger Davis
1998	Michael Stepanavicius
1999	David Batchelor
1999	Ray Byrne
1999	Mark Muscat
2000	Kevin Mongan
2000	Ray Pitts
2001	Dale Byrne
2001	Ronald Stokes
2002	Shane Delanty
2002	Robert Young
2004	Nicholas Papagianis
2004	Neil Young
2005	Trevor Barrot
2005	Dennis Reed
2005	Andrew Sheahan
2005	Brian McMahon
2006	Andrew Harwood
2006	Nathan Batchelor

YEAR AWARDED	NAME
2006	David Cook
2006	Cal Viola
2007	Chris Hall
2009	Dean Haydock
2009	Grant Bennett
2009	Matthew Laing
2009	Hayden Young
2011	Damien Hehir
2011	Andrew Martin
2012	Blair Harvey
2012	Matthew Ryan
2014	Richard Guldon
2014	Andy Viola
2014	Tim Wilson
2015	Chris Sutton
2015	Matthew Sutton
2015	Mark Matthews-Prosser
2016	Danny Nolan
2016	Dale Nolan
2016	Mark Favrin
2016	Greg Scholes



# PREMIERSHIPS

## Northern Football League (formerly Diamond Valley Football League) Premierships:

**Seniors:** 1923, 1928, 1929, 1937, 1938, 1948, 1950, 1956, 1957, 1959, 1964, 1983 (Div 2), 1986, 1990, 2004, 2006, 2007\*, 2008, 2009\*, 2016 **(20)**

**Reserves:** 1950, 1951, 1953, 1956, 1960, 1963, 1967, 1981 (Div 2), 2000, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2013, 2016 **(15)**

**Thirds:** 1980 **(1)**

\*Undefeated

**Pre DVFL Premierships (1890 - 1922):** 1890, 1905, 1908, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1919, 1920 **(8)**

YEAR	HEIDELBERG FINAL SCORE	OPPONENT	VENUE	CAPTAIN
1923	Heidelberg 9.20.74	Diamond Creek 5.12.42	Greensborough	William (Bill) Parsons
1928	Heidelberg 11.9.75	Elham 10.8.68	Diamond Creek	G. Rank
1929	Heidelberg 14.3.87	Greensborough 10.10.70	Diamond Creek	D. O'Keefe
1937	Heidelberg 15.7.97	Epping 11.17.83	Warringal Park	Alan Stott
1938	Heidelberg 15.17.107	Whittlesea 6.11.47	Eltham	Alan Stott
1948	Heidelberg 11.12.78	Reservoir 8.16.64	Warringal Park	Gerry Irvine
1950	Heidelberg 8.15.63	Montmorency 7.10.52	Warringal Park	Robert Clarke
1956	Heidelberg 12.8.80	Greensborough 10.6.66	Warringal Park	Kevin Hart
1957	Heidelberg 14.17.101	Greensborough 14.15.99	Warringal Park	Kevin Hart
1959	Heidelberg 10.20.80	Greensborough 3.9.27	Warringal Park	Peter Gurry
1964	Heidelberg 18.16.124	Greensborough 13.15.93	Warringal Park	Brian McMahon
1983	Heidelberg 9.15.69	Northcote Park 8.13.61	Diamond Creek	Mick Sullivan
1986	Heidelberg 15.13.103	North Heidelberg 10.10.70	Epping	Ray Sheppard
1990	Heidelberg 18.8.116	Bundoora 9.23.77	Epping	Shane Delanty
2004	Heidelberg 16.10.106	Bundoora 8.6.54	Epping	Blair Harvey
2006	Heidelberg 14.13.97	Bundoora 12.11.83	Epping	Blair Harvey
2007	Heidelberg 13.14.92	Bundoora 8.12.60	Preston City Oval	Blair Harvey
2008	Heidelberg 18.10.118	Montmorency 15.6.96	Preston City Oval	Blair Harvey
2009	Heidelberg 19.17.131	Bundoora 10.7.67	Preston City Oval	Abe Williams
2016	Heidelberg 12.13.85	Macleod 9.15.69	Preston City Oval	Michael Brunelli

## Heidelberg players who have achieved the honour of being named the best player in a senior DVFL/NFL Grand Final:

YEAR	NAME	OPPONENT
1983	Mick Sullivan	Northcote Park
1986	Jeff Phillipe	North Heidelberg
1990	Fatui Ataata	Bundoora
2004	Chris Hall	Bundoora
2006	Dale Nolan	Bundoora

YEAR	NAME	OPPONENT
2007	Michael Gay	Bundoora
2008	Blair Harvey	Montmorency
2009	Dean Haydock	Bundoora
2016	Lachlan Wilson	Macleod

# LEAGUE BEST & FAIREST/LEADING GOALKICKER

The Frank Rosbrook Medal is awarded to the fairest & best player of the Division One "A" Grade competition each season.

Frank Rosbrook served as the inaugural chairman of the Northern Football League from 2007 until his untimely passing in September 2009. Rosbrook played at Heidelberg during the 60's and 70's, winning the club best & fairest in 1973 as well as spending two seasons as senior coach in 1976 and 1977. Frank was a tireless worker off the field and took up a number of sports administrative roles following his successful playing career.

At the time of his death he was both chairman of the NFL as well as the Melbourne Phoenix. He took on the job of NFL chairman during arguably the league's most difficult period and played a vital role in restoring the integrity of the league. In 2010 the Northern Football League renamed its division 1 senior best & fairest award to the Frank Rosbrook Medal.

## LEAGUE BEST & FAIREST

YEAR AWARDED	NAME
1946	Joe Delaney
1971	Jim Christou
1972	Robin "Polly" Perkins
1975	John Clancy
1989	Richard Guldon
1998	Ryan Smith
2001	Dean Haydock
2011	Michael Finn
2011	Andrew Martin
2018	Michael Brunelli

## LEAGUE LEADING GOALKICKER

YEAR AWARDED	NAME & GOALS KICKED
1950	William (Bill) Harvey (102)
1964	Claude Howard (74)
1990	David Miller (95)
2003	Peter Van Blommestein* (87)
2005	Chris Hall (102)
2007	Chris Hall (72)
2010	Saul Caddy* (82)

\*Won club best & fairest in same season.





# TEAM OF THE CENTURY

## BACKLINE



Fred Clarke



Ronald Blackburn



Andy Viola



Kevin Dixon



Brian McMahon



Shane Delanty

## CENTRELINE



William Twomey



Robin 'Polly' Perkins



Nick Panagianis

## FORWARDLINE



Martin Kemp



Collin Hodgson



William Elsworth



Ronald Stokes



Jeffe Phillipe



Richard Guldon

## RUCKS



Geoff Austen



Gordon Dixon



John Clancy (Captain)

## INTERCHANGE



Kevin Hart



Chris Hall



Richard Young



Dion Hogan

## EMERGENCIES



Michael Sullivan (Coach)



Andrew Harwood



Dean Haydock



Paul May

# TEAM OF THE DECADE 2000-09

## BACKLINE

**Dean Haydock**  
2000 - 2009 & 2011  
172 games, 54 goals

**Gerrard Power**  
2001 - 2006  
116 games, 62 goals

**Matthew Laing**  
1995 - 2010  
181 games, 11 goals

**Justin Murphy**  
2006 - 2011 & 2013  
112 games, 77 goals

**Dale Nolan**  
2003 - 2013  
168 games, 200 goals

**Nick Lowther**  
2003 - 2009  
117 games, 41 goals

## CENTRELINE

**Russell Lee**  
2002 - 2007 & 2011  
116 games, 109 goals

**Brett Dobson**  
2007 - 2010  
66 games, 28 goals

**Jake Williams**  
2001 - 2011  
142 games, 90 goals

## FORWARDLINE

**Anthony Franchina**  
2007 - 2011  
81 games, 76 goals

**Marcus Dean**  
2002 - 2007  
80 games, 98 goals

**Abe Williams (VC)**  
2005 - 2009  
77 games, 88 goals

**Mark Favrin**  
2003 - 2013  
154 games, 369 goals

**Chris Hall**  
1998 - 2010  
183 games, 425 goals

**Craig Shearer**  
1999 - 2006  
93 games, 266 goals

## RUCKS

**Michael Gay**  
2003 - 2009 & 2011-13  
154 games, 53 goals

**Danny Nolan**  
2004 - 2013  
187 games, 276 goals

**Blair Harvey (C)**  
2002 -  
235 games, 140 goals

## INTERCHANGE

**Jason Kennedy**  
2007 -  
141 games, 32 goals

**Matthew Seiter**  
2006 - 2010  
62 games, 13 goals

**Luke Trew**  
2001 - 2006  
58 games, 26 goals

**Craig Hayes**  
1997 - 2002, 2004 - 2008  
152 games, 115 goals

**Kristian Pascoe**  
2000 - 2005  
89 games, 61 goals

**Michael Finn**  
2007 -  
116 games, 16 goals

**COACH:** Phil Plunkett



# CLUB LEGENDS

The 'Tigers of Old' Hall of Fame was introduced in 2007 and aims to acknowledge those that have given outstanding service and commitment to the Heidelberg Football Club over a long period of time. It takes into account both on field and off field accomplishments and is the highest honour that can be awarded by the Club.

INDUCTED	NAME	INDUCTED	NAME
2007	Ivan Sheahan	2011	Des Luckman
2007	Fred Clarke	2012	Martin Kemp
2007	Wally Randle	2012	Colin Hodgson
2007	Reg Wynd	2012	Greg Sheahan
2007	William Twomey	2014	Gerry Browne
2007	Gary Plain	2014	David Batchelor
2008	Stephen Cashen	2014	Shane Delanty
2008	Michael Sullivan	2014	Richard Guldon
2008	Robin "Polly" Perkins	2014	Trevor Barrot
2008	Richard Sullivan	2016	Robert Clarke
2009	John Emmerson	2016	Chris Hall
2009	Brian Smout	2016	Matthew Laing
2011	Neil Peacock	2016	Brian Harvey
2011	Ronald Stokes	2016	Gerry Irvine

## THE NUMBERS

### Most Games

319 - Lawrie Morgan (236 seniors/83 reserves)

### Most "A Grade" Games

281 - Martin Kemp

### Highest Score

34.21-225

vs Epping (round 13, 2006)

### Most Goals in a Season

102 - William Harvey (1950) & Chris Hall (2005)

### Most Goals in a Game

20 - Daryl Taylor v Lower Plenty (2005) - Reserves

17 - William Harvey v Diamond Creek (1950) - Seniors

### Lowest Score

0.2-2 vs Diamond Creek (round 15, 1995)

### Lowest Score Against

Round 14, 1960

Heidelberg 26.20-176 def Diamond Creek 0.0.0

### Greatest Winning Margin

207 points

Heidelberg 31.20-216 def South Morang 1.3-9 (round 8, 1956)

### Greatest Losing Margin

149 points

Montmorency 31.28-214 def Heidelberg 9.11-65 (round 7, 1979)

### Most Consecutive Wins

48 wins\* - round 3, 2008 - round 10, 2010

\*league record



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