



AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL IN QUEENSLAND

A Proud and Wonderful History

The Queensland Australian Football Hall of Fame has been launched in this the 150th year of the game to recognise the extraordinary contribution of players, coaches, administrators, volunteers, teams and events to the development of the game.

There will be 150 inaugural inductees. They will comprise the 100 nominations for the Queensland Team of the Century, chosen in 2003, plus the five nominations for the Coach of the Century, and the Umpire of the Century. In addition, 40 people have been chosen from other parts of the football family to recognise their outstanding service and contribution, and for ability, sportsmanship, integrity, commitment and character.

MORE INFORMATION WANTED

This information booklet profiles briefly the inaugural 150 inductees of the Queensland Australian Football Hall of Fame. Many of the details included were kindly supplied by prominent football historian Greg Parker and the Hall of Fame inductees or their families, and for that the organizers of the function are most grateful.

But the job is not done. This is an important document in Queensland Football history and will continue to grow. If you have information or photographs that are relevant please contact Velocity Sports - Murray Bird (0433) 001588 - mbird@velocitysports.com.au or Peter Blucher - (0415) 599608 or pblucher@velocitysports.com.au



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Graham Adams

A Sandgate junior who was a key player with Windsor-Zillmere through the 1980's. Made his debut in the finals of 1981 as a 15-year-old, playing in a premiership under Frank Gumbleton, and won another flag in '88. Began as a wingman/midfielder and finished an ever-reliable back pocket. A club B&F winner, he played 22 times for Queensland after making his interstate debut at 16, and was a regular standout whenever he pulled on the Maroon jumper. In recent years he has returned to Sandgate to coach as the club rebuilds after some difficult times, and has had a long association with the Northern Raiders development program.

Jason Akermanis

An explosive utility player who became Queensland's second Brownlow Medalist in 2001, was a key member of the Brisbane Lions triple premiership sides of 2001-02-03 and was named first rover in the Queensland Team of the Century. Born in Mildura but a product of Mayne, he was an All-Australian Teal Cup selection in 1994. Made his AFL debut in 1995 and played 248 games for 307 goals with the Brisbane Bears/Lions until 2006 before a much-publicised split with coach Leigh Matthews saw him head to the Western Bulldogs to finish his career. Was a 'good' player prior to '98, and was transformed into a 'great' player when Matthews switched him to the back pocket in '99. He won All-Australian selection in 1999-2001-02-04, took the Jim Stynes Medal in International Rules competition in 1993 and claimed the Lions B&F in 1999 and 2005 on top of his Brownlow Medal. Blessed with extraordinary kicking skills and wonderful finishing capabilities, he was used through the midfield and as a goal-kicking forward in his later years as he took on a massive media profile which ruffled feather at the Lions and ultimately prompted his departure. An AFL Life Member, he extended his career to 292 games and 376 goals by the end of the 2008 season.

Bruce Andrew

A Victorian, who in his role with the Australian National Football Council, spent many winter months living in Queensland in the 1950s and 60s. He first came to Queensland in 1949 to set up and plan for the All Australian Championships to be held in Brisbane for the first time in 1950. His impact was to be significant with some monumental shifts in the way the game was promoted and developed. With Kevin Crathern, he was instrumental in the securing the land that has become home of AFL Cairns and a stadium that hosts AFL matches and Test Cricket. The local QANFL Football Record became a professional publication, coach education was undertaken, and school promotion was a priority under his leadership. He argued for the introduction of District Football so clubs could control their own grounds and provide quality facilities. He established a blue print for the code that included the establishment of a Board of Management and the appointment of an Advisory Board. Under his guidance Queensland was the first state to adopt this structure. All other major leagues soon followed. His drive and passion saw him establish relationships quickly within the school system and the various tiers of government. In particular with the Brisbane City Council where he advocated for more land for the development of Australian football clubs and insisted on the Council changing its policy of annual leases to long term leases, so that clubs could develop district grounds with confidence in the future. He was largely responsible for the introduction of the successful innovation of Sunday football, well before the other codes. The lease for Sandgate's early home at Albury Oval, Deagon was secured through his advocacy. He took great pride in his association with Queensland and was thrilled when he survived to see the fruits of his blue print with the first Brisbane Lions premiership in 2001.

Merv Appleyard

A 208-game centre half back at Wilston-Grange through the 1960s. He was a product of Yeronga State School who played at Mayne in his formative years (1955-58) before transferring to Wilston-Grange in 1959. Strong overhead he was a permanent fixture in the State side representing Queensland 17 times from 1960-68. Won the 1968 Grogan Medal and many media awards through the '60s, and was a four-time B&F winner. Clearly among the best half dozen players of his era.

Marcus Ashcroft

The first Queenslander to post 300 AFL games and the games record-holder of the Brisbane Bears/Lions after a magnificent career that spanned 15 years and 318 games, and culminated in the historic premiership hat-trick of 2001-02-03. Born in Melbourne but a Gold Coast product from age three, he came through the ranks at Surfers Paradise and Southport, and was a standout Queensland junior who made his AFL debut in 1989. Was a model of consistency and reliability, with 10 top 10 B&F finishes, plus awards for Most Professional Player (1997) and 1%er of the Year (1993). A State of Origin representative for Queensland, Queensland/NT and the Allies, he was Bears/Lions vice-captain 1994-97. Posted a remarkable 170 consecutive games from 1992-2000 and ranks fifth among AFL players for most games without being reported. Originally a prolific ball-winning midfielder or goal-kicking half forward, he re-invented himself towards the latter part of his career as a close-checking defender, until he was forced into retirement after the 2003 grand final by a chronic hip problem that subsequently required a hip replacement. Chosen in the back pocket in the Queensland Team of the Century, he spent 12 months as Club Development Manager with AFLQ club Broadbeach in 2004 before four years as Football Administration Manager at the Lions 2005-08. Was also an assistant-coach of the 'Dream Team' under coach Mark Williams in the 2008 AFL Hall of Fame Tribute Match, and is tipped to take on a role as assistant-coach with the new Gold Coast club.

Owen Backwell

Dual Grogan Medallist (1971-75) who played 323 games and kicked 767 goals for Wests through the 1970s and '80s to rank second only to Syd Guildford on the official QAFL games list and head the goal-kicking list. Also played more than 20 games for Queensland. A born and bred Queenslander and a product of Wests Juniors, he was honored in 2003 when named in a forward pocket next to Jason Dunstall and Ray Hughson in the Queensland Team of the Century. Was a brilliant goal-kicking rover who topped the QAFL goal-kicking in 1977 and played a key role in the Bulldogs' premierships in 1977-78. Had a short stint at Fitzroy in 1969. Son Brett played a handful of games at Carlton, won a Liston Medal in the AFL and a Magarey Medal in the SANFL.

Bill Becker

Tall utility player whose father was a pioneer of the game in Queensland. His father was also a leather goods manufacturer who supplied the "Sandow" brand footballs that were used in that era in Queensland. He was described as a 'good mark, accurate kick and a cool, heady player'. Twice won the De Little Medal and was a cornerstone of the strong South Brisbane team of the 1920s and early '30s. Represented Queensland over a nine-year period from 1924-32. Had a year in rugby league but was won back by Australian Football. Like Clem Ryan, with whom he played for 9 years in the Queensland team, he passed away in 1957 at the age of 50.

Tony Beckett

Courageous and quick left-footed wingman who was the first Queenslander chosen directly from local ranks to play for the Brisbane Bears, posting six AFL games in '87. Was a Mayne stalwart through the '80s, playing 115 games after being recruited from Everton Districts and was a member of the Tigers' last premiership in 1982. Played 18 times for Queensland, invariably among the best players, and would have been even more highly regarded but for a shocking knee injury. Had the honour of captaining his state in 1985 and serving as vice-captain to Zane Taylor in '87. Was one of the original QAFL development officers (1983-89) and later coached at Redcliffe.

Clint Bizzell

A proud member of Queensland's 100-Game AFL Club, he played 163 games and kicked 79 goals with Geelong and Melbourne from 1996-2007, including four finals. Son of Wilston-Grange 200-gamer Robin Bizzell and a Grange junior himself, he is a product of Brisbane Boys College and twice did summer training with the Brisbane Bears without getting an opportunity. After representing Queensland at senior level and playing in the 1995 QAFL grand final with Kedron-Grange, he was drafted by Geelong at No.75 in the 1995 AFL National Draft. An athletic utility capable of playing at both ends of the ground, he played 75 games and kicked 72 goals with the Cats from 1996-2001, mainly in the forward line. He showed great promise when he finished ninth in the B&F in 1998 from just 15 games, and followed up in 2000 with 20 games and a career-best six goals against Essendon in Round 11. But after kicking five goals against Collingwood in Round 14 2001 he was burdened by a comparison with Gary Ablett by teammate Garry Hocking, and was traded to Melbourne at the end of '01. It proved a wonderful move, as he became a key figure in defence for the Demons and very much a senior figure, posting his 100th AFL game early in 2003 and his 150th in 2006. He finished seventh in the Demons' B&F in 2002 and fourth in '03, when he represented Australia in the International Rules series against Ireland. He missed the entire AFL season in 2006 after a pre-season broken leg but did taste VFL premiership success with Sandringham before consistent injury problems in '07 prompted his retirement after 88 games with the Demons.

John Blair

A former AFL player with three different clubs, he moved to Queensland in 1981 and has been a wonderful servant of the game in the Sunshine State for more than a quarter of a century as a player and coach. A genuine utility player at AFL level, he played a total of 33 senior games with South Melbourne, Fitzroy and StKilda from 1975-80 before accepting a position as Morningside captain-coach in the QAFL in 1981. A fiercely-competitive centre half back in his early days in Queensland, he became one of the competition's most dominant figures, winning the 1982 Grogan Medal, playing 19 times for Queensland through the golden era of the early 1980's and being involved in no less than nine grand finals. He took Morningside to the last game of the season in 1982-83-84, losing to three different opponents, and played at Sandgate, Windsor-Zillmere and Sherwood before tasting elusive premiership success with Zillmere in 1988 in his second grand final outing with the Eagles. Also won the Ray Hughson Medal as the AFLQ leading goal-kicker with Morningside in 1985 and Zillmere in 1988. Had a coaching role with the Queensland U18 side before taking back the coaching reigns at Morningside in 2002. Enjoyed the coaching success he deserved when the Panthers won back-to-back flags in 2003-04 before two more losing grand final efforts in 2005 and 2008. Coach of the Queensland U21 side in 2007-08, he is also father of Logie Award-winning actress Natalie Blair.

Daryl Bourke

An in-and-under centreman who was a member of the first Brisbane Bears playing intake in 1987 after 18 games at Melbourne under Ron Barassi and John Northey in 1985-86 but failed to win a spot on the club's first playing list. It proved to be a wonderful move nevertheless as he stayed in the Sunshine State and went on to become one of the all-time greats at Morningside despite a 1988 knee reconstruction. Joining the Panthers in '87, he won the Grogan Medal in 1989 and '93, enjoyed premiership success in 1991-93-94, and was a triple B&F winner and five-time runner-up. Captained the Panthers from 1988-92 before stepping down in '83 to become assistant-coach to senior coach Marty King. Played 187 games for Morningside and 10 times for Queensland.

Gordon Bowman

Originally from Malvern, he played 82 AFL games with Melbourne (1945-49) and Hawthorn (1950-51) including the Demons' 1948 grand final win. Took a young Mayne side to back-to-back flags in 1961-62, building the nucleus of a team that would make a further six grand final appearances from 1963-68. Was a prolific goal kicker in an era dominated by Ray Hughson. Had the rare distinction of being a premiership captain-coach in three states - Sandy Bay in Tasmania, Mayne and Newtown in NSW. Also enjoyed a 7-1 win/loss record as Queensland coach from 1963-66 and was credited with planting the seeds of Queensland's interstate successes of the 70's, having said "We can beat Tasmania" long before many thought it was possible.

Danny Brennan

Skilful wingman/back pocket who debuted as a 17-year-old in 1967 and played 300 games at Sandgate through the club's golden era of the 1970s, sharing four premierships in 1970-71-74-79. Played five times for Queensland. Displayed a penchant for coaching at a young age when he took on junior roles at Sandgate while still in his teens. Commenced his coaching career as the Queensland Teal Cup mentor from 1982-85. Later coached at senior level at Sandgate and Southport, and briefly at Wilston Grange, posting a record 100-point grand final winning margin with the Sharks over Mt Gravatt in '97. Has spent a total of 38 years (31 Sandgate, 7 Southport) as a player, coach or administrator.

Brisbane Football Club 1866-85

The first ever football match in Queensland conducted by the Brisbane Football Club took place over two weekends on Saturday July 21, and July 28, 1866. The match was between the members of the Brisbane Football Club who were civil servants against the rest of the members and was played under the Melbourne rules. The only other match to take place in that first season was between Brisbane Football Club members who were Australian-born against those born elsewhere. Early matches (1866-1869) were predominantly conducted under the auspices of the Brisbane Football Club as there was no formal league. So Brisbane would play one-off challenge matches against various establishments such as Volunteer Artillery, Queen's Own 50th Regiment, Police, Athletic Club, and the National Cricket Club. There were no other football clubs until Ipswich formed in 1870. Victorian football at that time, like Brisbane, and Ipswich, had no fixed calendar of matches. Clubs were free to challenge one another, and to arrange between themselves the time, place, and duration of play and the size of teams. The early games were commonly played between twenty-five men of each club; later, twenty a side became the established rule. The difference between Victoria and Queensland was that there were many clubs in operation in the former. In Queensland, in those embryonic years, there was only one club, the Brisbane Football Club, which was constant. The 1875 season progressed to what surely must have been a most curious encounter where the *Brisbane Courier* reported that the Brisbane club travelled by train to Goodna, to play the inmates and staff of the Woogaroo Asylum. Dr Webb captained the asylum and several warders and inmates joined him. The report of the match indicates that it was a vigorous affair played in earnest. The club dabbled in some rugby games in the late 1870s but soon returned to the Melbourne Rules. By 1880 there were 4 senior clubs with the Brisbane club playing Ipswich, Wallaroos and Excelsiors. By 1883 the Queensland Football Association was formed with many clubs having two teams and new clubs included Rovers, Grammars and Barrambin. The Brisbane Football Club, at their 18th annual general meeting in 1884 discussed their involvement in rugby and Australian Rules. Tom Welsby was re-elected the secretary and led the debate on the future direction of the club at this meeting. Welsby reminded them that according to their constitution it was decided that the club should only play Victorian Rules. He went

on to urge "... the necessity of members deciding to adhere strictly to the observance of this rule, or introduce the rugby rules as the recognised game of the club. One thing was certain, we can not continue to maintain their premier position if they followed the present practice of playing both Victorian and the rugby game; it should be one or the other." Brisbane Football Club was to follow the Australian game, only to fold in 1886, four years before it disappeared from Queensland for almost 15 years to reemerge in 1904.

Brisbane Lions Team 2001-02-03

The Brisbane Lions made AFL history when they won an AFL premiership hat-trick in 2001-02-03, confirming the 'arrival' of the game as a major sport in Queensland. Coached by Leigh Matthews and captained by Michael Voss, they were just the fourth side in history to win three flags in a row, emulating the feat of the Carlton side of 1906-07-08, and the Melbourne sides of 1939-40-41 and 1955-56-57, and ranking behind only the four-in-row Collingwood premiership sides of 1927-28-29-30. But such was the enormity of their effort in an altogether different environment to their great predecessors, curtailed by such factors as the draft and the salary cap and burdened by an enormous travel load, that many regarded this as the greatest side of all time. Among them was Ron Barassi, star of the great Demons outfit of the 1950s and AFL Hall of Fame Legend. He suggested the Lions of the 21st century could rightfully claim to be the best of all time. "What Brisbane has done is a better achievement," said Barassi. "The game was a lot smaller in those days. There are 25% more teams and the game now embraces the entire nation. The talent pool is also larger. And the draft and the salary cap are made to even up the competition and stop the dominance of one side." In 2001 the Lions had become the first side from a non-traditional state to win the game's highest honor, but the enormity of their hat-trick wasn't fully appreciated until the 2008 grand final when a supposed dynasty at Geelong was brought undone by Hawthorn, so denying the Cats two flags in a row and a chance to even challenge the Brisbane effort. The Lions experienced three contrasting emotions on grand final day - a 26-point win over Essendon as underdogs in 2001, a nine-point win over Collingwood as raging hot favorites in 2002, and a 50-point flogging of Collingwood when besieged by in 2003. Shaun Hart won the Norm Smith Medal in '01, Collingwood skipper Nathan Buckley in '02 and Simon Black in '03. A total of 28 players were involved in the premiership hat-trick - Jason Akermanis (3), Marcus Ashcroft (3), Simon Black (3), Daniel Bradshaw (2), Jonathan Brown (3), Blake Caracella (1), Jamie Charman (1), Robert Copeland (2), Richard Hadley (1), Shaun Hart (3), Des Headland (1), Chris Johnson (3), Clark Keating (3), Nigel Lappin (3), Justin Leppitsch (3), Alastair Lynch (3), Beau McDonald (2), Ashley McGrath (1), Craig McRae (3), Mal Michael (3), Tim Notting (2), Martin Pike (3), Luke Power (3), Brad Scott (2), Chris Scott (2), Aaron Shattock (1), Michael Voss (3), Darryl White (3)

Wayne Brittain

A graduate of the grassroots system in Queensland, he was the first homegrown football identity to coach at senior AFL level when he took charge of Carlton in 2002. Born in Melbourne but a Queenslanders from an early age, he played with Centrals Aloomba in Cairns and coached Windsor- Zillmere to premierships at U19 and Reserves levels before taking the Zillmere seniors to a memorable flag in 1988. Also had coaching success with Cairns, North Queensland and Queensland Country representative sides before being joining the Brisbane Bears as an assistant-coach under Robert Walls in 1994-95. Quickly won a huge reputation for his knowledge and passion, and was lured to Carlton by David Parkin's offer of a full-time assistant-coaching role. He quickly became Parkin's right-hand man, serving as match day coach to the dual premiership mentor before taking charge in his own right in 2001. Had two years at the helm, rejecting a massive offer from St.Kilda during his stint with the Blues out of loyalty to the players, and was dismissed after seven years at the club in controversial circumstances at the end of 2002 as the hierarchy looked for a scapegoat for the club's first wooden-spoon. Spent two years as an assistant coach at Richmond in 2003-04 before returning 'home' in 2005, taking charge of the Zillmere Eagles for 18 months. Among five finalists for the Queensland Coach of the Century in 2003, he will return to the AFL as an assistant-coach with the Lions in 2009.

Craig Brittain

A much-decorated servant of Queensland football as a Grogan Medallist and a premiership player and coach who in recent years has made his mark on the AFL scene in recruiting. Born in Melbourne but a football product of Cairns, he was a 1981 All-Australian Teal Cup selection who in the same year played in the Windsor-Zillmere premiership side under Frank Gumbleton as a 17-year-old. Recruited by North Melbourne, he had three years at Arden Street (1982-84). He captained the Kangaroos U19 side in '83 and played five senior games in '84, but was denied a real chance to show his worth by recurring knee injuries. Returning 'home', he enjoyed a stellar 200-game QAFL career highlighted by a unique double in 1988 - a record win in the Grogan Medal, when he polled 27 votes to win by 11 from Southport's Ray Sarcevic, and a second QAFL premiership as captain of a Zillmere side which included brother Michael and was coached by brother Wayne. He added a third flag as captain-coach of North Brisbane in 1995, and a fourth in 2001 as coach of the Brisbane Lions Reserves after working a match day runner, forward scout and recruiting assistant at Carlton in 2000. Has filled a dual role with the Lions in recent years, first as a development/reserves coach from 2001-05 and recruiting manager since 2006. Is set to take back a coaching focus in 2009.

John Broad

A key Queensland Country administrator for over two decades, he has been the backbone of the sport in Rockhampton and the Capricornia region. He has served as the President and Secretary for AFL Capricornia, Rockhampton Panthers and the Capricornia Junior AFL. He was also president of the Central Queensland Australian Football Association during the 80s and 90s. After a brief break from administration he returned at a time of crisis in 2000 to give leadership to the league as President again until 2005. Initiated a reserve grade competition in 1982, he was also instrumental in the commencement of the inaugural U13 grade in 1983 and U11s in 1984. Produced the local Football Record from the shed in his back yard (affectionately described as "The Hub of Inefficiency") through the 1980s. Has continued in this vital communication role by producing this publication for finals during the 2000's. In 1982 he was elected to the Rockhampton City Council, and served as the chairman of the Parks, Sport and Recreation committee from 1982-90 and 2000-08. During this time he initiated a concept known as "The New Deal for Sport". It resulted in the conversion of derelict sporting grounds into fully irrigated, properly fenced and maintained fields. Of course Australian Football clubs benefitted from this deal. He currently continues to make a contribution as the league Media Officer, and timekeeper and ground announcer for the Panthers home games. Affectionately described as the "Mouth from the South" by his North Queensland colleagues he was known for his forthright and visionary views. He backed up his rhetoric with real action and results in what is arguably one of the hardest markets for Australian football in the country.

Tom Broadbent

Mercurial Sandgate full forward who was a member of the club's 1956 premiership side before following Ken Grimley to Fitzroy, where he played one AFL game in 1957. He represented a Victorian 2nd 18 against South Australia. Won the Hughson Medal in 1953 and '60, and represented Queensland in 1953-54-55-56-58. He debuted at Full Forward for Queensland as a 17 year old, and captained his State as a 20-year-old in an era than included Grimley, Verdon, McGuinness and McGill. Once kicked nine goals against NSW. At the conclusion of his playing days returned to Sandgate to coach youth teams.

Bruce Burgoyne

A contributor to Queensland football for the best part of three decades as a coach, state selector, administrator and media commentator. Before shifting to Queensland had a further two decades of participation with highlights including coaching Werribee to 3 VFA premierships, assistant coaching roles at North Melbourne and Footscray and life membership of West Footscray in 1965. Commenced his Queensland career as a State Selector in 1980 and Chairman of Selectors from 1981-95. Coached Western Districts for 2 years and spent several years as an assistant to Geoff Jennings at Wilston-Grange and the Western Magpies. Also had an assistant coaching role with the Brisbane Bears and served as the Chairman of Selectors. His media involvement included 6 years at Channel Seven and further radio work for 3AW, 4BC, 4QR and 8 years as the producer/presenter of a football show on 4RPH. His administrative career included time on both the QAFL and QAFC in the 90's. He was awarded Life membership of the QAFL in 1995, an Australian Sports Medal in 2000 and he was a selector for the Queensland Team of the Century in 2003.

Ian Burrill

Former Tasmanian who has been a servant of Mackay football for over three decades. Has spent long periods on the board of various Mackay Australian Football controlling bodies. Was instrumental in the funding and organisation of the former North Queensland Football Association (NQAFA). This body organised the highly regarded NQ championships that at different times involved Cairns, Townsville, Mackay and Mt Isa. The backbone of the Baker's Creek club for most of his time in Mackay he is a Life Member of that club, AFL Mackay, NQAFA and the Queensland Country Football Council.

Tom Calder

Brilliant and dashing Coorparoo utility player, originally from Tasmania who had an extraordinary football career despite having just one kidney. Played with North Hobart in 1935, representing Southern Tasmania v Northern Tasmania, before heading to Brisbane, playing a handful of games in 1940 with Ascot, who temporarily replaced Mayne in the Queensland competition. Served in the air force from 1939-45, playing football wherever and whenever possible. Played five AFL games for South Melbourne in 1945 before heading north again, playing with Mayne in 1946 before switching to Coorparoo. Super-fit in his later days, he represented Queensland in 1946-47-48-49-50-52-53, including 1948 as captain-coach, and won the Grogan Medal in 1948 and again in 1950 as a 32-year-old. Later was assistant-secretary of the League and an administrator with Coorparoo.

Darren Carlson

A classy wingman from Southport who was the fifth Queenslander to play for the Brisbane Bears behind Gary Shaw, Frank Dunell, Tony Beckett and Alan Giffard and the third player behind Beckett and Giffard elevated to senior ranks with the Queensland AFL club. A Surfers Paradise junior, he was a triple QAFL premiership player with Southport in 1985-87-89 who won AFL selection on sheer weight of performance at club level. Made his AFL debut against Sydney in Round 11 1987, collected three Brownlow Medal votes in his fourth game against North Melbourne and was a standout in Round 22 against Richmond at the MCG, when a brave Bears win saw them avoid the wooden-spoon in their first season. Played 11 games in his first season as a 20-year-old but was plagued by leg injuries thereafter and didn't get a chance to live up to his potential, finishing with a total of 25 games from 1987-90. Played 10 times for Queensland, including the 1988 Bi-Centennial Carnival in Adelaide, where he was among the better players in a disappointing Maroons outfit. Later joined West Adelaide, winning selection in the South Australian Team of the Year, and after a distinguished end to his playing career returned 'home' and has been a willing servant to the game as an assistant coach with the Queensland U18 side. Was chosen on the wing in the Southport 1983-2008 Celebration Team to honour the club's first 25 years in the AFLQ.

John Cheel

Strong centre half back who came to Western Districts from Footscray reserves in 1966. Was encouraged to come north by Western Districts Alan Hunter who spent 3 years at the Bulldogs. Club captain (1970-71), dual B&F winner (1966-70), member of the Bulldogs 1966-67 losing grand final teams and runner-up in the 1966 Grogan Medal. Consistently finished top three in all media trophies, winning the Courier Mail Award in 1965. Tasted success after shifting to the then Southport Magpies in the Gold Coast competition with three premierships between 1975-78. Played for Queensland five times, highlighted by a memorable game in which he blanketed the great Alex Jesaulenko in a win over the ACT.

Barry Clarke

Utility player of exquisite skills who represented Queensland at full forward, centre and centre half back and won the Wilston-Grange B&F in five different positions - centre, ruck-rover, full forward, centre half forward and centre half back. Originally from Rosebud on the Mornington Peninsula, he played U19s and Reserves at Hawthorn after an invitation, too, to trial at Carlton but preferred the surfing lifestyle of Queensland and headed north in 1971 aged 21. Played 226 games for Wilston-Grange from 1971-85, broken only by a 12-month stint as coach back at Rosebud in '75. Tasted QAFL premiership success in 1972 and a grand final loss in '77, won the Grogan Medal in 1972-76 (his 28 votes in '72 is a League record) and topped the League goal-kicking in 1978. Won his club goal-kicking in each of his last four years and once kicked 12 goals in a game against

Coorparoo. Grange playing coach in 1980-81, he also played 16 times for Queensland and skippered the Maroons at the national carnival in Perth in 1979. Finished his playing career with brief stints at Labrador and Burleigh Heads. Was also a State baseballer, while son Nathan played for the Brisbane Lions. Served as president of Wilston Grange and the Sunshine Coast Junior Australian Football League and coached junior teams. More recently has spent 6 years as an assistant coach and selector for the Queensland Scorpion U18s. Was honoured in 2003 when he was named on the half forward flank in the Queensland Team of the Century.

Troy Clarke

A pocket-sized utility player originally from Cairns who was the only North Queensland player in the final list of 100 nominations for the Queensland Team of the Century, named in 2003. Originally from South Cairns, he had an outstanding junior career in which he represented Queensland at U17 level and won the Cairns League B&F Medal as a 17-year-old in 1986. Missed selection in the foundation Bears squad and instead joined West Torrens in the strong South Australian League. He quickly became a senior fixture at Torrens on the wing, playing 64 games from 1987-90 and winning selection in the 1989 South Australian Team of the Year and ultimately a Bears contract. Returning 'home' in 1991, he played 68 AFL games and kicked 31 goals with the Bears from 1991-96 as a back pocket/small forward/midfield tagger, with a career-best five goals against Fitzroy in Round 3, 1994. Was a member of the historic 1991 Queensland side that beat Victoria at the Gabba and the Bears' 1991 Reserves premiership side. Had pretty much established a regular senior berth, playing 51 games in 1992-94, until a Round 4 mishap against Carlton at the Gabba in 1995 saw him undergo his second knee reconstruction. He played only two AFL games thereafter in '96 before retiring to pursue a coaching career in Tasmania. Later returned to Queensland to work in junior development and become a key figure for the code in the fast-developing Gold Coast region.

John Collins

A product of the football breeding ground of Yeronga State School where he was a good schoolboy player. His family moved to the northside and linked up with the Sandgate club. His father was an early club administrator when the Hawks were in their fledgling stages. In 1957 he played in a Sandgate U19 premiership and made his first debut. A serious knee injury saw him take up umpiring for a short period. In 1963 took on the role of treasurer at Sandgate and went onto be vice president in 1970-71 and president from 72-74 and 76-77. He was ever mindful of the importance of code promotion through the schools and was a strong advocate for investment of time and money in that area. Control of your destiny through owning your own facility was a dream of he and his colleagues. They achieved this through the purchase of the Lemke Rd facility in the 70's. Another achievement was his work to establish the Deagon Dodgers Football Club which proved a useful satellite to the

then invincible Sandgate Hawks. After receiving Life membership at Sandgate he became the QAFL treasurer in 1978 and served as President for eight years from 1980-87. They were tumultuous, eventful and important times for football in Queensland and the Australian sporting landscape was changing rapidly. He was a key figure in the machinations of the granting of the first AFL license to Queensland. Oversaw the appointment of the first full-time General Manager for the QAFL in Ken Murphy and his successor Andrew Ireland. Undertook difficult reform of junior structures and also initiated new governance structures for regional affiliates. A Team of the Century selector he has recently returned more than 50 years after he commenced to his Sandgate Hawks who are beginning to regenerate.

Arthur Collinson

One of the forefathers of Australian Football in Queensland, he is widely regarded as the man most responsible for the re-emergence and consolidation of the game in south-east Queensland in the early 20th century. In a 35-year stint he held every senior position on the League and also served as an umpire. Born in Melbourne and educated at the O'Hare College, he worked in a saw mill and was transferred by a Melbourne timber firm to head their Queensland operations. He was among a group of Victorians pivotal in reviving the national code in Queensland in 1903 and was appointed Queensland Football League secretary in 1905, holding that position for five years. A highly-respected umpire, he officiated in many premiership fixtures during his tenure as secretary and was known to have umpired at least two grand finals and one interstate clash. Awarded Life Membership of the League in 1911, he was described in the local paper of the time as "a good-natured gentleman and a most effective worker in the game's best interests who never sought the limelight". He was Queensland's first representative on the Australian Football Council in 1906, manager of the 1908 Queensland interstate carnival team and also filled the role of League treasurer before World War I. He had a work-related stint living in Chinchilla from 1912 and while there are no actual records of support it is widely believed that it was during this time that football was first played in the Nanango/Chinchilla region. Returning to Brisbane, he was appointed President of the League just after the war, holding the position at various times through the 1920's and '30s and serving as League Patron in 1924. As the paper recorded in 1933: "Probably nobody has worked harder for the game in Queensland than the genial A.C. and probably no man is more out of pocket than he in the effort to keep the code going". He passed away in May 1940 just days after having again been made QANFL patron.

Jason Cotter

One of the all-time greats of Queensland football, with a record to match anyone at senior level right across Australia. He twice won the Grogan Medal on top of nine premierships as a player and coach at Southport and a distinguished record as a State player, captain and coach. A tenacious rover, he played his junior football at Surfers Paradise (1974-80), winning the U14 and U16 Junior League Medal before collecting the U19 League Medal and representing Queensland at U17 level in 1981. Broke into senior ranks at Surfers in '82, when he also represented the Gold Coast against PNG, and switched to Southport for their entry to the QAFL in '83. Played 188 games and kicked 190 goals for the Sharks from 1983-94, winning the 1990 and '93 Grogan Medals and finishing third in '86. Winner of the Southport B&F in 1985 and '90 and runner-up in '93, he won an equal club record six premierships as a player in 1983-85-87-88-90-92, also playing in losing grand finals in 1986-88-91-93. Awarded Southport Life Membership in 1992, he played 12 games for Queensland from 1986-93, including the 1988 Bi-Centennial Championships, the 1991 win over Victoria at the Gabba and the '92 State of Origin game against NSW, and captained the Queensland State League side against Tasmania in '93. Widely regarded as an astute judge of football character, he returned to the Gold Coast League to learn the coaching ropes and enjoyed immediate success as captain-coach of Palm Beach-Currumbin's 1995 premiership side and Broadbeach player-coach when they won the seniors, reserves and U19s in 1996. Was Broadbeach player-coach for their entry to the QAFL in '97, notching his 200th AFLQ game and guiding the side to the finals. Took charge of Southport in '98, winning three consecutive flags in 1998-99-2000 and seeing Nick Riewoldt drafted at No.1 in 2000. Was assistant-coach of the Queensland U18 side in 2002 and coach in '03, and took over as Southport Football Manager in late '05 after serving as assistant-coach to Norm Dare in the club's '05 premiership. Was also assistant-coach to Craig Crowley in 2006-07, and State Open coach in 2007, when the Maroons beat Tasmania, and '08, when they were beaten by WA. Was chosen in the Southport 1983-2008 Celebration Team to mark the club's first 25 years in the State League.

Norm Crimmins

Introduced to football administration by Bruce Andrew, he began his connection with the game in Queensland when he shifted from Melbourne in 1956. Played in Melbourne for Mordialloc in the Federal League and Parkdale in the A Grade Amateurs. Upon his arrival spent time as secretary of the Umpires Association, linking with a young Tom MacArthur. His commenced his 22-year involvement on the QAFL Board of Management in 1958. At various times he served on the Media and Permit Committee and as a State Selector, and was vice president from 1960-73, and President from 1974-79. Significant achievements included the regeneration of interstate football as a key platform of code promotion. Was so highly regarded in North Queensland for his ongoing support for the code in that area that the Norm Crimmins Medal was named in his honour for the B&F at NQ Carnivals.

After his retirement as QAFI President in 1980 he has continued to support NQ representative football over the last three decades. In his tenure as President he oversaw the culmination of the transformation of local football into a true force in Brisbane. The eight QAFI clubs of that era were all financially sound, with enclosed grounds and viable licensed facilities. They were halcyon days for the QAFI and another building block towards later participation in the national AFL competitions. His non-allegiance to any club assisted in his ability to manage football at a local level without any accusations of parochialism. Has attended over 50 QAFI/AFLQ Grand Finals.

Gavin Crosisca

A member of Queensland's AFL Premiership Club, he was a champion player with Collingwood for 14 years and a half back flanker in the Queensland Team of the Century. A standout Moorooka junior and All-Australian Schoolboys and Teal Cup (U17) selection, he played at Western Districts and represented Queensland as a 16-year-old before heading south to forge a wonderful AFL career at Collingwood after being signed on a 'Form Four' recruiting concession. Played 246 AFL games with the Magpies from 1987-2000, becoming the first Queensland-born player to play 100 AFL games and the third Queenslander behind Jason Dunstall and Scott McIvor to play 200 games. A wonderfully consistent contributor in defence and even as a makeshift centre half forward at times, he was a member of Collingwood's breakthrough 1990 premiership side under Leigh Matthews and was runner-up to Nathan Buckley in the 1998 B&F when approaching his 30th birthday after twice running third. Wore State colors for Queensland, Victoria and the Allies in a largely unheralded career before joining the coaching ranks. Served as an assistant-coach at North Melbourne in 2001-02 and Hawthorn in 2003-04 before over as senior coach of North Ballarat in the VFL in 2005-06. Returned the AFL as a Carlton assistant-coach in 2007-08.

Craig Crowley

An ever-creative utility player originally from Dandenong who arrived with little fuss on the Gold Coast for Southport's entry to the then AFLQ competition in 1983 and turned out to be one of the club's all-time greats - as a player and coach. He played 190 games for the Sharks from 1983-93, won the B&F in 1988-89, and played in six premiership teams in 1983-85-87-89-90-92- a club record he shares with Jason Cotter and Clint Watts. Always one to put the team first, he played with a real vigor that was matched only by his skill and football nous and. Was further honoured as an inaugural inductee into the Southport Hall of Fame and later with selection at half back in the Southport Celebration Team of 1983-2008. Played 12 times for Queensland, and was rewarded for his great commitment to the State jumper with the captaincy in 1991-92. Always regarded as a coach in waiting, he coached the Southport U18 side in 2000 while still playing in the seniors, and was assistant coach to the reserves from 2001-03 as he closed out his magnificent playing career. Was

as reserves coach and assistant-coach to Norm Dare in 2004-05, taking his side to two grand finals and the '04 flag, and took on the senior coaching role in 2006 following Dare's resignation. He won the flag in his first season at the helm and has guided the Sharks to three grand finals in as many years, adding another premiership in 2008. Quite incredibly, he has now played or coached in 14 senior AFLQ grand finals. He played in '83 and nine years in a row from 1985-93, was assistant-coach in 2005 and has been senior coach in 2006-07-08.

David Dalgarno

Sherwood junior who emerged from the strong football nurseries at Corinda State School and Indooroopilly High. Displayed excellent leadership qualities and determination that saw him develop quickly into a top ruckman and on field General. Commenced his career in 1961 as a 17-year-old and became the youngest QAFL captain-coach of the post-war era at 21. Led Wests from 1965-67 and after a decade in the wilderness the Bulldogs lost back-to-back grand finals in 1966-67. A winner of the Leach Motors Media Award in 1967. A transfer with his employment to Western Australia saw him named on the 1968 Swan Districts list, but he didn't play due to interstate clearance restrictions. Returned to coach Wests in 1968.

Norm Dare

The adopted doyen of coaches in Queensland, he was named Queensland Coach of the Century in 2003 after a massive contribution at club and state level. A 72-game AFL player at Fitzroy from 1968-74, he began his coaching career with Fitzroy Reserves in 1978-79. Moved to Queensland in 1980 and tasted premiership success with Kedron in his first season. After two years at the helm of the Redlegs he moved to the Gold Coast in 1982 ahead of Southport's entry to the then QAFL competition in 1983, and in six years with the club coached them to three premierships in 1983-85-87. Was also Queensland coach from 1980-84, leading the Maroons to two mighty Escort Cup victories in 1983-84 and a famous State of Origin win over Victoria at the Gabba in 1991. He joined the Brisbane Bears as assistant-coach in 1989 and in 1990 served as the club's senior coach before voluntarily stepping down to make way for Robert Walls. Stayed on as an assistant-coach with the Bears from 1991-93 and served as Southport Football Manager in 1995 before he was lured back into the AFL system. Was an assistant-coach at North Melbourne from 1996-2000, sharing in two premierships under Denis Pagan, and at Geelong from 2001-03. The man credited with a key role in elevating the status of Queensland football, he returned to his adopted state in 2004 and added another flag to his list in 2005 before retiring from football.

Jim Davies

Classy centreman who was of exemplary character, and was a great leader on and off the field playing with Windsor. Won the De Little Medal three times in the 1930s after also picking up the competition's Reserves medal as a teenager. He and Doug Pittard are Queensland's only triple medalists. Was captain during his club's astonishing era of five flags in a row from 1936-40. Represented Queensland between 1934-39 and led the Maroons in 1938.

Barry Denny

A South Brisbane junior who was recruited from Morningside to AFL club Melbourne, where he played 22 games from 1977-79 as a utility defender. Enjoyed an outstanding 113-game career with Morningside before and after his stint in Melbourne, winning the Panthers B&F in 1972 and '76 and regularly polling well in the Grogan Medal, including a second-place finish in 1973. Played seven times for Queensland and later coached the Panthers. More recently has played an active off field leadership role at Morningside.

Terry Devery

Match-winning rover originally from Box Hill who joined Morningside after 31 AFL games with Footscray from 1957-61. Captain-coach of the Panthers from 1962-65, he led them to their first final series in 1963 and '64. Formed an awesome combination with ruck giant Terry Johnston to drag the club out of the doldrums, winning their first flag in 1965. Was runner-up in the Grogan Medal in 1962, played six games for Queensland, and was regularly among the Maroons' best. Captain of the Morningside 'Team of the Half Century' announced in 2001, he returned as president in 1980 only to retire due to ill health.

Danny Dickfos

An icon of Queensland football, he is the games record holder at a club known at various times as Windsor-Zillmere, North Brisbane, the Northern Eagles and the Zillmere Eagles, and widely regarded as the No.1 Eagles player of all-time. And that despite playing four years and 66 AFL games with the Brisbane Bears/Lions at the peak of his career. Epitomizing all that is good about football at the domestic level, proving it's not all about the AFL, he was a 1987 Queensland U17 representative and a 1988-89 Brisbane Bears Supplementary List player, playing 14 reserves games. But thereafter he steadfastly refused to contemplate AFL approaches - even when he was drafted by Fitzroy in the 1993 Mid-Season Draft. He'd played at State of Origin level for Queensland in their historic win over Victoria at the Gabba in 1991 and for Queensland/NT against Tasmania in Hobart in '93 among eight State games, demonstrating beyond any doubt that he could play at the elite level. He was widely regarded as the best player in the country outside the AFL, but he was happy just playing with his mates at Zillmere. And he made a wonderful

job of it. Having made his senior AFLQ debut as a 16-year-old in '87, he even played "a few times" in '89 alongside older brothers Michael and Robert, who were State representatives and Zillmere premiership players. By 1995 Dickfos Mk3 had played 110 games and capped a brilliant career when captain and winner of the Joe Grant Medal as best afield in the Eagles' grand final win. But that breakthrough flag, which was followed by the Eagles omission from the State League for financial reasons, changed things. He accepted a Queensland zone priority listing with the Bears. Making his AFL debut at 25, he played 22 of a possible 25 games in his first season, including three finals, and was one game away from an AFL grand final. He shared with Clark Keating the club's "Best First-Year Player" award. Quickly establishing himself as one of the League's most reliable no-frills defenders, he was fifth in the inaugural Merrett/Murray Medal for the Brisbane Lions club championship behind Matthew Clarke, Nigel Lappin, Marcus Ashcroft and Justin Leppitsch, and collected the "1%er of the Year" award. In '98 he was eighth in the B&F and played a pre-season game in South Africa. Adored by his teammates as much for his fearless and uncompromising approach as his honesty and team-first approach, he enjoys an irrefutable place in football history as a member of the last Bears side, the first Lions side, and the first Lions finals side. But after two senior games in an injury-disrupted '99 he decided he'd had enough. He returned to the Eagles and quickly picked up where he left off. In 2000 he won the Grogan Medal, and although club records are incomplete he definitely played in five grand finals in 1989-95-99-2000-06, won at least five club B&F awards, and in 2006 aged 35, playing against Labrador at O'Callaghan Park, he posted his 250th game to better Terry Weller's previous club record of 249. By the time he finally called it quits after the '06 grand final he'd stretched his tally to 262 games despite having retired at the end of the 2003 season, spending the '04 campaign as the Lions match day runner. What might it have been but for his AFL interlude. In '05 he was lured back by the return of coach and long-time mentor Wayne Brittain to the Eagles' nest, and in '06 went out a still dominant force as a marking forward. Even going on 38 he finished third in the 2008 Duncanson/Todd Medal playing with Sandgate in the Pineapple Hotel Cup State League second division, having made a comeback just to help the club out.

Robert Dickfos

The middle member of the famous Dickfos football family, younger than Michael and older than fellow Hall of Famer Danny, he has been a life-time servant of Queensland football on Brisbane's north side as a player and coach. A Queensland Teal Cup representative in 1980, he was a member of the 1986 Brisbane Bears development squad and would certainly have played AFL football but for an indifference towards the game at the highest level in his early years. It still nearly happened in 1989 before the club's bid to secure the silky-skilled utility was thwarted by a technical hitch. The best QAFL player at the time, he signed with the Bears in May 1989 and had been earmarked for quick elevation to senior company until the controlling body ruled that because he was older than 19 he didn't

qualify under zone regulations. It was the one missing chapter in a stellar Queensland career broken only by a stint with WAFL club Claremont in 1985, when he was named 'Best First-Year Player'. He won senior AFLQ premierships with Windsor-Zillmere in 1988 and '95, claimed won five Eagles B&F awards and was runner-up four times. He played a total of 258 senior games at State League level, officially retiring at Zillmere in 95 but later playing at Aspley in 1996-97. Also played seven times with distinction for Queensland, highlighted by a last-minute goal against Tasmania in Hobart in 1983 to give the Maroons' the first of a 1983-84-85 interstate series hat-trick against Tasmania, NSW and ACT. In his first coaching appointment in 1996 he guided the SQAFA representative side to their first ever win over the Gold Coast. Was senior coach at Aspley in 1997-98, before taking charge of the Northern Eagles reserves in '99, where he couldn't resist temptation and played the occasional comeback game, and the Eagles seniors in 2000-01-02. Later coached the Mayne Tigers seniors from 2003-06, and was coaching co-ordinator at Redcliffe 2007-08. Was judged Queensland Auskick Coach of the Year in 2003 and Brisbane Junior League Volunteer of the Year in 2007.

Rod Diprose

A former Tasmanian Schoolboys representative, he played 48 games with Ulverstone before shifting to Queensland to become a dynamic rover with Morningside. Was the backbone of a side which struggled through the late 1960s and into the '70s. Played seven times for Queensland from 1966-74, was chosen in the Morningside 'Team of the Half Century' named in 2001, and was the Morningside games record-holder (243) until it was topped by Craig Edwards. Coached several Queensland State School representative teams.

Erwin Dornau

A Queensland Schoolboy representative who went on to be the first Queenslander to play AFL football. A Kedron junior he debuted for the Redlegs as a 16-year-old. Following service in the RAAF in World War II he returned to Kedron and was the dominant centre half back of the Queensland competition. He represented the Maroons in 1946-47 and caught the eye of South Melbourne scouts when runner-up in the 1947 Tassie Medal at the Hobart national carnival. He signed initially for the Swans for a 13-week trial before being named on their senior list for 1948 under the guidance of coach 'Bull' Adams. He debuted for South in Round 1 against Collingwood in front of 47,000 fans, wearing the No.17 jumper for the first time. He polled 11 votes in the Brownlow Medal in his first season, and in a five-year stint with the Swans was B&F runner up and won two 'Best Clubman' awards. Played 54 games at South between 1948-52 and went on to coach successfully in many Victorian country leagues as he carved out a career in football. His travels took him to Leeton in the Riverina and Catani in Gippsland before he returned to Melbourne to lead McKinnon to three consecutive flags in the strong Federal League. Stayed involved with South Melbourne through the Past Players Group, serving as its President in 1981. A

lifetime highlight included nomination for the Queensland Team of the Century in 2003, where he shared the spotlight with those for whom he had paved the way. He passed away in Grand Final week 2008.

Frank Dunell

A Windsor-Zillmere utility player who will always have a special place in Queensland football history as the first player to play in an AFL premiership side. Made his senior QAFL debut with Zillmere in '77 and played 39 senior games before he was recruited by Essendon under the 'Form Four' format. Made his AFL debut in '79 and played precisely 100 games for the Bombers (six finals) from 1979-86, kicking 57 goals as he alternated between attack and defence. A member of Essendon's 1983 Reserves premiership side, he tasted twin success in '84 when the club won the night premiership in addition to the AFL flag. Played 66 of a possible 72 games from 1984-86, kicking a career-best four goals against St.Kilda in round 20, 1984, and loomed as a key recruit when lured 'home' in '87 to finish his AFL career with the fledgling Brisbane Bears. Was denied a chance to show his true worth when plagued by injuries, and after becoming the second Queenslanders behind Gary Shaw to play for the Bears totaled just 15 AFL games and four goals in 1987-88 to add to his career tally. Played eight times for Queensland, including the Bi-Centennial Championships in Adelaide in 1988 when he was deputy vice-captain. Finished his career where he started as a key member of Zillmere's 1988 AFLQ premiership side captained by Craig Brittain and coached by Wayne Brittain.

Jason Dunstall

A Hawthorn champion and genuine AFL superstar who was Queensland's first member of the AFL Hall of Fame. Burst onto the scene as a 17-year-old Coorparoo full forward in 1984 when he topped the QAFL goal-kicking (73 goals), kicked seven goals in the Roos' grand final win, made a brilliant debut for Queensland, and was snapped up by the Hawks. Played 269 AFL games from 1985-98 and kicked 1254 goals to rank third on the all-time AFL goal-kicking list behind Tony Lockett and Gordon Coventry. He led the Hawthorn goal-kicking 11 years in a row from 1986-96 and again in '98, topped 100 goals six times, won the Coleman Medal in 1988-89-92 and the Hawks B&F in 1988-89-92-93. Hawthorn captain from 1995-98, he played in four premierships in 1986-88-89-91 and one losing grand final in 1985, plus five AFL night premierships, and won All-Australian selection four times. He kicked 17 goals in one game against Richmond in 1992 to fall one short of the AFL record, and four times finished among the leaders in the Brownlow Medal - equal 2nd in 1988, equal 3rd in 1989 and 1993, and 2nd in 1992. Played 21 finals for 78 finals goals - No.2 on the all-time list. And all that despite a fractured skull in 1990 and knee reconstructions in 1996-97. Represented Victoria at interstate level, played seven times for Queensland, skippering the Maroons in 1992 against NSW in Sydney, and was named vice-captain of the Queensland Team of the Century. Has also sat on the Hawthorn Board of Directors and

served as caretaker CEO in 2004, playing a key role in the appointment of coach Alastair Clarkson and formation of a redevelopment plan which culminated in the 2008 AFL premiership.

John Durkin

A resilient and seasoned administrator with more than 30 years' involvement in Townsville football. A dual premiership player with West Townsville, he played 178 games in the TAFL. Represented Townsville in the strong NQ championships of the 1970s and '80s and also coached the Townsville team. Commenced his football in suburban Melbourne before shifting north in his early 20s. More recently has taken up the daunting assignment of promoting and managing football in the highly competitive sporting environment in the far north of the state. After nine years as the Chairman of AFL Townsville his achievements have included a key role in the establishment of the new Tony Ireland Stadium at Thuringowa. This stadium, where Queensland played Western Australia in 2008, is mooted for a pre-season AFL practice match in the future.

Craig Edwards

Born in Gladstone but a Nambour product who trialed with Sydney Swans and Brisbane Bears before carving out a decorated career with Morningside, which included three premierships and two B&Fs. A highly-skilled versatile midfielder, he is the Panthers' games record-holder (247). Represented Queensland with distinction, including a 47-possession game against NSW at the SCG in 1992.

Don Edwards

Widely regarded as Queensland's No.1 umpire through the 1980s and into the '90s, he was an Indooroopilly State School graduate and handy junior player at Western Districts before turning to the whistle after a bout of viral meningitis cut short his playing career. His junior playing career led him to Wests, as did that of many young boys from that area, and would often play in Friday afternoon school matches umpired by the legendary Tom McArthur. After starting in junior umpiring ranks, he was eventually part of an inaugural cadet umpiring squad initiated by Neville Sandford that included Murray Bird, Martin Hopp and Wayne Waltisbuhl, all fellow teenagers who umpired QAFL grand finals and interstate football. Graduated to Open ranks to umpire 226 QAFL matches from 1982-94, including six grand finals, second only to McArthur, Kevin Symmons and Matt Lee-Archer. Also officiated in four interstate matches and was the Queensland umpire at the 1988 Bi-Centennial Carnival in Adelaide.

Brian Fallis

A three-time Kedron B&F winner who with Harry O'Callaghan holds the distinction of umpiring and playing in grand finals as well as representing Queensland. Was a member of the Redlegs 1959 premiership team and finished third in the Grogan Medal the same year, but tasted grand final defeat in 1955 and '58. Represented Queensland at the Centenary Championships in Melbourne in 1958. Commenced umpiring in 1968 and worked his way towards officiating back-to-back QAFL grand finals in 1974-75 in an era when Tom McArthur was difficult to dislodge from the mantle of Queensland's best umpire. Spent time coaching and conditioning umpires after he hung up the whistle at the end of 1976.

Jim Freeman

Led the legendary Windsor team to five premierships in a row in the late 30's - a feat unrivalled in the history of Queensland football. Was also a most successful coach of the Queensland State side and was influential in the careers of many coaches and players of his era

Gabba

The traditional home of Australian Football in Queensland, the Gabba is one of the great sporting venues of the world, with a rich modern tradition headed by football and cricket and a proud history involving many other sports. First used for an Australian Football premiership fixture on 10 June 1905, it hosted a series of big matches from 1905-10, including the 1905-07 and 1909-10 Grand Finals and the first interstate clash of the 20th Century against NSW in 1905. An auspicious carnival involving teams from all over Australia was played there in 1914, and featured such clashes as Collingwood v South Adelaide, Collingwood v. Cananore (Tasmania) and Perth vs. Cananore. The ground was hardly used in the 1920s, with a gymkhana match was played between teams from North and South Brisbane in 1922 and a War Memorial Cup match between Valley and Brisbane in 1923 the only noted football events until 1930. The dry times continued through the 1930s, '40s and '50s, when Perry Park became the focus of local administrators, and many pundits of that era believe the shift of matches to the Gabba in the early '60s was a turning point for the code. Double header matches and Sunday football were hugely popular and Grand Finals of the '60s, '70s and early '80s regularly saw 10,000 plus spectators at the ground. The Gabba-based 1961 National Carnival was among many important interstate matches played there, including Queensland's 1975 victory over Tasmania and the 1991 win over Victoria 'B'. Other Grand Finals have been staged in the late '80s and early '90s, with a cameo return in 2005 when the Southport Sharks got over the top of Morningside. The ground, a pear-shaped surface surrounded by a greyhound track through until 1992, first hosted AFL premiership football in 1982, when Hawthorn played Essendon. In the same year Queensland played ACT in a demonstration match as part of the Commonwealth Games. It returned in 1991 when the Gold Coast-based Brisbane

Bears played three premiership matches in Brisbane as a trial ahead of a full-time move to the Gabba in '93. February 1993 saw the start of a massive State Government redevelopment of the ground which, by 2004, would see the entire stadium developed. The first AFL night match was played at the Gabba on 26 August 1995, when the Bears beat Essendon by 32 points in front of a sell-out crowd of 12,657. The first AFL finals match was played at the Gabba on 6 September 1996, when the Bears beat Essendon by one point. And the biggest AFL crowd recorded at the Gabba is 37,224 on 9 July 2005, when the Bears beat Collingwood by 78 points.

Michael Gibson

A passionate homegrown Queenslander who played 55 AFL games with Fitzroy and the Brisbane Bears, he was a dual AFLQ premiership player and a much-decorated Queensland representative. But moreover he was simply a great contributor to the game at levels who thrived on simply having an involvement. An All-Australian junior and winner of the 1982 Norm Crimmins Medal, originally from Coorparoo, he played three AFL games with Fitzroy and won the Reserves B&F in 1985 either side of twin premierships with the 'Roos in '84 and '86. An ever-courageous running defender, he was recruited by the Brisbane Bears from the local competition in '87 to begin the second phase of his AFL career, playing 52 games from 1987-91. Always a proud member of the State side, he played a total of 18 games for Queensland between his debut against St.Kilda in 1984, which was followed by the Escort Shield win of the same year, and the '95 clash with WA at the Gabba. Also played in Queensland's 1991 win over Victoria at the Gabba and the '92 State of Origin clash with NSW in Sydney. Made history in Round 2, 1990, when he was fined \$1000 for shaking a goalpost in the Bears' Princes Park clash with Fitzroy, and was a member of the Bears side that played the first official AFL game at the Gabba against Geelong in '91. Missed the '91 Reserves Premiership after being described by coach Rodney Eade as his side's best player over the course of the year. He returned to Coorparoo as player-coach in 1992-93, tasted premiership success with Wanderers in Darwin in the 1993-94 summer season, and was a playing assistant-coach at Mt.Gravatt in 1994-95-96, losing the '96 grand final to West Brisbane. Spent 1997-98-99 as player-coach of Palm Beach Currumbin, 2000-01 in a similar role at Springwood, and after finally hanging up the boots and taking a break from the game answered a mid-season 'SOS' to take charge as senior coach at Mt.Gravatt in mid-2003, when they lost the grand final to Morningside. Retained that job in 2004-05 before coaching the Morningside U18s to a flag in 2006 and taking charge of the Coorparoo Kings in 2007-08.

Tom Gould

A member of the Queensland Schoolboys team in 1957-58, he won the J.L. Williams Medal for the B&F at the 1958 Australian carnival. A brilliant centreline player cum rover who was very quick in thought and deed, he challenges Gordon 'Freckles' Phelan as the best Kedron player of all-time. He also spent two years of a brilliant but short six-year senior career at Windsor-Zillmere. An outstanding schoolboy player, he is the youngest ever Grogan Medalist, having won the 1963 award by an equal League record 11 votes as an 18-year-old. He took the League's top honour again in 1965, winning by six votes after only playing 14 of a possible 21 games. Represented Queensland four times in an era of limited interstate football. His glittering career was cut short in 1967 by a knee injury. Coached various junior teams including Queensland representative squads from 1962-69. In 1986, after a 20-year lay-off from competitive sport, he ran in a semi-final of the World Veterans Games in Melbourne. He died suddenly in 1995. Ironically, it was the same knee injury, for which he had undergone a knee reconstruction, which caused the clot that led to his fatal heart attack.

Joe Grant

Queensland's first full-time football administrator, he was QAFL secretary for 23 years from 1958-1980 and was recognized in 1982 when the League medal for the player judged best afield in the grand final was named in his honour. Originally from Pyramid Hill in central Victoria, north of Bendigo, he was a loyal Fitzroy man but moved to Brisbane in the early '50s due to the ill-health of his wife Win. Was appointed secretary of the QAFL in 1958 in a significant advancement for the code's administration, and held that position until the AFL-funded appointment of Ken Murphy as QAFL general manager in 1980. Worked out of two inner-city offices before the League moved to Bowen Street, Spring Hill, where he was based until his retirement. Worked tirelessly to keep football at Perry Park, where it had been based through the 1950s, but was beaten for the ground by rival soccer officials who promised the Brisbane City Council they would build a 28,000-seat stadium at the venue. Thereafter he re-focused his energies to maximize the appeal of the second-choice Gabba and worked hard with club officials to expand the overall standing of the competition.

Ken Grimley

Powerful ruckman/key forward with Wilston-Grange and Coorparoo he commenced with the Gorillas as a junior in 1949. A member of Grange's first premiership side in 1955, he went to Fitzroy in 1957 and kicked six goals in his AFL debut, but returned home after just one season in Melbourne. Was responsible for re-naming the club 'Gorillas' after his time with the then Fitzroy Gorillas. Played a total of 252 QAFL games, including six consecutive QAFL grand finals from 1959-64, having joined the Roos in 1960, before finishing his career back at Grange. Represented Queensland 22 times and was captain of the

undefeated State teams in 1963-64. Won the Grogan Medal in 1964, was runner-up in 1961, and was a Hughson Medalist in 1956. He and son Brett are the only Queensland father/son combination to play AFL football, while his other son Jason was also a State representative.

Syd Guildford

A Wests junior who moved to Wilston-Grange as a wingman/defender in 1963 and became the official QAFL games record-holder at 333. Made his debut as a 17-year-old in 1963 and played through until 1981. Was a three times B&F winner and six-times runner-up, club captain 1972-74, coach 1973-74, premiership team member 1969-72, and played in the 1977 losing grand final side with a broken jaw. Played more than 20 games for Queensland between 1964-79, including the 1965-68-71-74 division two carnivals, and was State captain in 1965. Was denied a possible AFL career by a rule which prohibited interstate transfers. Was never reported and was forever a wonderful role model for the game. Honoured by AFL Queensland in 2004 with the naming of the media award for the State League Division One Competition as the Syd Guildford Trophy.

Peter Guy

A promising career as a jockey at 17, when he actually spent time in Queensland, was thwarted by a significant growth spurt. He lived in Morningside under the tutelage of Fred Best, and knocked back an offer to play for what was to become future arch rivals in the Panthers. After returning to Victoria he was a late starter to football at 19. When working as a carpenter a young John Blair was a work colleague. He quickly made his mark with 180 VFA games, a B&F and Team of the Century membership at Mordialloc. A gangly but athletic ruckman who was a priority recruit by Southport from Coolangatta for their entry to the QAFL in 1983. Won the Sharks' first two QAFL B&F awards in 1983-84, and tied for the '83 Grogan Medal with Sherwood's Bill Peirce. Played in three premiership sides in 1983-85-87 and was No.1 QAFL ruckman of the mid-late 1980s. Was a State team stalwart, wearing the Maroons jumper 13 times during the successful 1980s era. Chosen in the Southport Celebration Team of 1983-2008 to mark the club's first 25 years in the AFLQ competition, he kicked off a new AFLQ tradition in 2008 when he presented the premiership cup to his former club.

Eddie Hadwen

Aggressive Mayne ruckman/centre half back of the 1920s and '30s who was a quality performer for Queensland over a seven-year period from 1928. Widely known as 'Buckets', he was suspended for one full year after an incident in which brother Albert, also a State team regular, was outed for three years.

Ernie Hall

A Darling Downs-born Mayne junior who played senior football through the 1920s and '30s with arch rivals Windsor. Captained his club, took B&F honours and won four premierships. Was labeled the 'tin hare' (a greyhound lure) by NSW after dominating interstate clashes with his speed and skill. He could kick both feet and his pace and elusiveness saw him regularly in the best players for Windsor. Seriously injured in a heavy clash with a Mayne player, there were scenes outside the hospital as many Windsor supporters feared their star may die. He survived and went on to play for Queensland from 1926-34, and in a career highlight was 6th in the B&F medal at the 1930 carnival in Adelaide, which included such names as Cazaly, Titus and Coventry.

Marc Housley

Courageous goal-kicking rover who forged a wonderful AFLQ career through sheer persistence and hard work. Having grown up within walking distance of Kedron's Anderson Oval, he won three Kedron B&F awards and was runner-up in the 1983 Grogan Medal by a solitary vote. Thriving on the environment of interstate football, he played 24 games for Queensland and was State vice-captain in 1986 in a pre-season game against the Sydney Swans. Tried impressively at Richmond before falling victim to transfer 'red tape' which denied him a possible shot at the AFL, he also played in Tasmania and Darwin, coached on the Sunshine Coast and finished his career in Canberra.

Col Hoy

Best known as a former Test cricket umpire, and the man who gave the final Ian Meckiff run out decision in the famous Gabba Test between Australia and the West Indies in 1961, he was also well-regarded as an Australian Football reporter for The Courier-Mail newspaper through the 1950s, '60s and early '70s. Born at Windsor in Brisbane in May 1922, he died in March 1999 after a life in which he divided his sporting energies between the two codes. A product of Windsor State School, he was chosen to represent Queensland Schoolboys in Sydney pre-war but the tour was cancelled due to an outbreak of polio. Was later a player and an administrator with the Windsor Football Club before turning to journalism and editing the post-war edition of the Football Record through to the early '70s. Is also recognized as the first unofficial historian of Queensland football. He kept countless diaries that were full of sporting anecdotes, and untold tales of football and footballers have been pivotal in research for the Queensland Team of the Century and Hall of Fame. He was stationed in New Guinea with the army as a teenager during World War II, and on his return he played cricket at Valleys. Frustrated by a string of batting failures, he turned to umpiring. He made his first-class debut in January 1952, was the first Queensland to umpire Test cricket, and controlled nine Tests from 1954-61. He retired to concentrate on his own cricket at Valleys, where he played in the lower grades until 1988, plus a business career in the retail trade and with Ansett Airlines, and his part-

time journalistic exploits. He covered the 1961 Australian football carnival in Brisbane and was widely regarded as one of the code's foremost authorities for a long time. Made an umpiring comeback during the first season of World Series Cricket in 1978-79.

Max Hudghton

An adopted Queenslander who has forged a wonderful 200-game AFL career with St.Kilda after playing in the 1996 West Brisbane AFLQ premiership side as a 20-year-old. It remains one of his career highlights, and in 2006 he travelled north for the 10-year reunion of that Bulldogs side, coached by Danny Craven. Born in Melbourne, he played with Diamond Creek and the Northern Knights U18 side before moving north with his family. He was drafted by St.Kilda at No.15 in the 1996 AFL draft, and in his first season played 17 senior games including the grand final, when the Saints were beaten by the Adelaide Crows. Denied a probable Victorian jumper by injury in '98, he has been a permanent fixture in the Saints defence over 12 years and 227 games, representing Australia in the International Rules series against Ireland in 2004 and boasting seven top 10 finishes in the club B&F, including 4th in 1998-2000-2008. A resolute and ever-competitive defender, he became the eighth Queenslander behind Jason Dunstall, Gavin Croisica, Scott McIvor, Marcus Ashcroft, Michael Voss, Jason Akermanis and Mal Michael to post his AFL double century in 2007. And in '08, in one of his best seasons, won a spot in the 40-man squad from which the All-Australian side was chosen.

Des Hughes

Tall, skilful and speedy wingman he was the best flanker of his era. His height and aerial strength also allowed him to be used at centre half forward. Debuted for Coorparoo in their inaugural premiership of 1960 after starting with the club's juniors in 1953. Went on to be a key figure in the Roos' most successful decade, with further premierships in 1963-64-68. Is in the top 10 all-time QAFL games list with 279. Represented Queensland 15 times from 1962, won The Courier-Mail Media Award in 1965 and was named on the wing in the Queensland Team of the Century in 2003.

Ray Hughson

Spectacular high-flying full forward who played schoolboy rugby league, Australian football and cricket for Queensland. Was a Morningside junior who left the game for five years as a 16-year-old but returned to become one of the 'greats'. Joined Wests in 1957 and was a 'disciple' of coach Doug Pittard. Was the League's leading goal-kicker in 1958-59-62-63-64-65, kicking 100 goals four times, and but for a stint with West Torrens in 1960-61 may have topped the list eight times in a row. Still ranks second on the all-time AFLQ list behind Owen Backwell. His kicking prowess was so well known in Queensland that a manufacturer named a style of boot after him. In 2003 AFL Queensland recognised his feats naming the goalkicking medal in his honour. Represented Queensland from 1958 to

'65, and is synonymous with Queensland football via a famous Ron Lockens photograph of one of his trademark aerial feats. Named in the forward pocket next to Jason Dunstall and Owen Backwell in the Queensland Team of the Century in 2003.

Robin Hull

Dashing goal-kicking half forward flanker who was a Mayne and Kedron junior before a short break from football saw him return in 1965 for the Windsor-Zillmere Eagles. A Dick Parton protégé, he had beautiful skills that were exemplified by his deadly stab passes. Ever humble and team oriented he was rewarded in 1967 with a Grogan and a Hughson Medal. Played 125 games for Zillmere and twice represented Queensland. His glittering football career was to be somewhat surpassed when in 1980 he was appointed as the first Regional Director of Coaching for the QAFL. His first assignment was a tough one as he was charged with development of the code in Cairns, Townsville, Mt Isa and Mackay. Many thousands of miles were registered in his trusty Gemini. Almost three decades later he is still working in football, with a key role in talent development. He has spent time in football development roles in every football centre in Queensland except the Gold Coast. His genial, generous nature sees him with friends all over the football community in Queensland.

Andrew Ireland

A hugely-admired all-round football person who will forever have a place in Queensland football history as a pioneer of the code and Chief Executive of the first Brisbane Lions premiership side in 2001. And that after a key role in moving the former Brisbane Bears from the Gold Coast to make their home at the Gabba in Brisbane, and a massive all-round contribution to the code's development in the Sunshine State. Born in London, he moved to Australia with his family aged four and was a football graduate of Preston Swimmers and Ivanhoe Amateurs, where he won All-Australian Amateur selection. Played 110 AFL games with Collingwood from 1975-80, including four grand finals in 1977 (two), 1979 and 1980 for three losses and a draw, plus two night series grand finals for a win (1979) and a loss (1980), and twice represented Victoria. A biochemistry and teaching graduate, he worked as a football development officer at Collingwood before retiring aged 27 at the end of 1980 to pursue a full-time career in football administration. He moved north as QAFL State Director of Coaching in 1981 and in '82, after 12 months on the sideline, made a short-lived comeback to finally enjoy premiership success as a key member of the 1982 Mayne side under Mick Nolan. A Queensland selector from 1981-90, he was a key figure at all levels of the football 'tree'. After six years as State Director of Coaching (1981-86) he was appointed QAFL General Manager in October 1986, filling a vacancy created by Ken Murphy's appointment as first CEO of the Brisbane Bears. Then he took over as Brisbane Bears CEO in March 1990, taking up office at Carrara on an open platform that the then struggling club, under the ownership of Reuben Pelerman after the collapse of Christopher

Skase's Qintex empire, should be based in Brisbane. And by 1993 they were. In addition to his key role in the relocation he contributed significantly to the redevelopment of the Gabba and the amalgamation of the Brisbane Bears with Fitzroy on 4 July 1996 to form the Brisbane Lions. A director of the Queensland Australian Football Foundation from 1990-1996, he was also a member of the 1996 Queensland AFL Review Committee which was a pre-cursor to the establishment of the AFL Queensland Football Commission, where he was a director from 1997-2001. Also established a youth-first football policy that would later culminate in the Lions' historic premiership triumph in 2001-02-03. He stepped down after the club's first grand final win and after a much-needed 12-month break from the game joined the Sydney Swans, first on a consultative basis in 2002 and later as head of the football operation in 2003. Grabbed a unique developing states double when the club won the 2005 AFL premiership - their first based in Sydney. Received the Australian Sports Medal in 2001, was awarded Brisbane Lions Life Membership in 2004 and AFL Life Membership in 2006.

Peter Ives

Originally from Toowoomba, he was a courageous left-footed Mayne rover who twice won the Clem Ryan U19s Medal before claiming the Grogan Medal in 1978 and captaining the Tigers as a 22-year-old. Made his name over 10 years at Mayne but had to move to Southport to taste QAFL premiership success in 1983. Played 12 State games.

Lindsay Jacob

Tough and speedy rover who was an outstanding mark for his size. Joined Kedron as captain-coach in 1970-74 after playing two games for North Melbourne in 1969. Was appointed full time coach at Kedron in what was a bold move for that era. An experienced journeyman before making his mark on Queensland football, he represented the Hume League (1964-66) and Ovens & Murray League (1967-68) before his shift north. Spent a year at Ulverstone in Tasmania before returning to captain the Redlegs again in 1976-77. Had another stint at the club in 1980-81 after a short spell at Sherwood. Played 10 games for Queensland and captained the Maroons in 1970 under Dick Verdon. Winner of The Courier-Mail and Leach Motors Media Awards.

Graham Jewell

Grew up in Coburg, where he was coached as a schoolboy by the great John Kennedy. Moved to Queensland to play 251 games with Wilston-Grange from the late 1960s in a career interrupted only by a short stint as a premiership captain-coach in the Riverina. Was a dominant centre half forward/ruckman, with long arms, who regularly took freakish marks. Was recruited by Hawthorn at the same time as Peter Hudson but chose to return 'home' and represented Queensland seven times in the late 1960s and '70s.

Terry Johnston

Giant ruckman who won the Morrish Medal and represented Victorian U19s as a 17-year-old in 1961 and played exhibition matches for Melbourne against Geelong in North America in 1963. Moved to Queensland in 1965 and was a member of Morningside's first premiership side, playing a key role with rover Terry Devery as the club shed its 'easybeat' tag. He won The Courier-Mail Trophy and Morningside B&F in '67. Also represented Queensland in 1965-66, won the Grogan Medal in 1969 and was named in the Morningside Team of the Half-Century in 2001. Coached junior teams at Morningside and was politically active within the labor movement. Settled in Queensland but died tragically at an early age.

Shane Junker

Product of Morwell in the Latrobe Valley who came to Coorparoo in 1966. A centre half forward/half forward with good hands and a strong body, his overhead marking was an important feature in Coorparoo's 1968 premiership campaign and he'd played in losing grand final sides in 1969-70. Also won the B&F in '66 and twice topped the club goal-kicking. Represented Queensland seven times in an era when there was not an abundance of interstate games. Brother Denis, a former Footscray player, also wore Maroon seven times.

Barry Karklis

A hard-running centremen originally from Wilston-Grange who played 232 QAFL games. Went from being a good player to an outstanding player after two years at South Adelaide in 1977-78. Returned home to win the Windsor-Zillmere B&F in 1979, when he was runner-up in the Grogan Medal. Went one better to win the coveted medal in 1980 and played a key role in the Eagles' 1981 premiership. Played seven times for Queensland through the '80s, including the Maroons' first win over Tasmania in Ulverstone in '80. Also won the Bill Clerke Medal for the QAFL Reserves B&F in 1987.

Clark Keating

A triple premiership ruckman with the Brisbane Lions who had a massive influence on the club's September success of 2001-02-03. An athletic 199cm, he began his career as a key forward before establishing himself as the club's No.1 ruckman and played 139 AFL games with the Bears/Lions from 1996-2006, including 15 finals, rejecting lucrative offers from Port Adelaide in 1996 and Hawthorn in 2002. Such was his impact during the club's golden era that he was awarded Life Membership at his retirement despite failing to reach the standard 150-game eligibility. Born and bred on the Gold Coast and a product of Surfers Paradise juniors, he was listed by the Bears on a zone concession as a 15-year-old in 1991. He was a Queensland Teal Cup representative in 1992-93, but was five years on the list before his senior debut. A basketball and rugby union standout at The Southport School,

he quickly lived up to his junior football potential when in his first season as a full-time active member of the Bears in '94, after he'd finished school, he finished third in the Grogan Medal as a 17-year-old playing with North Brisbane and won senior Queensland selection. In '95 he retained his Queensland jumper and was a key member of North Brisbane's QAFL premiership side, saving his best football of the year for the finals. He made his AFL debut in '96, kicked a career-best five goals against St.Kilda in Round 2 1997 and later represented the Allies against WA. When long-time No.1 ruckman Matthew Clarke was traded to Adelaide at the end of '98 Keating stepped into the breach. He was always regarded as a good player, but in the 2001 finals he stepped up a notch to elevate his standing within the game, playing a dominant role in the Lions' first grand final win over Essendon. Moreover, he did it again against Collingwood in '02, when he had a career-best 39 ruck hit-outs after losing ruck partner Beau McDonald to a first-quarter shoulder injury, and yet again against the Pies in '03. And all that after he missed the entire 2000 season with a knee injury. It was a common issue, and only three times in 12 years in AFL did he play more than 15 games - 1997, 1999 and 2001. Also a member of the Lions losing 2004 grand final side, he has a unique place in Queensland football history as half of the only brother combination to taste premiership success after older brother Aaron played in the 1997 Adelaide Crows premiership side. Was Lions ruck coach in 2008.

Matthew Kennedy

A powerful key defender / utility player from the Gold Coast who played a total of 180 AFL games for the Brisbane Bears/Lions from 1990-2001. Son of ex-St.Kilda defender Des Kennedy, who missed the club's 1966 premiership side through injury, he was in Melbourne and moved to Queensland aged eight. Played junior football at Surfers Paradise and Southport, was a Queensland U17 representative, and after tasting QAFL premiership success with Southport in 1989 as a 19-year-old made his AFL debut the following year. Boasting long, curly blonde locks and renowned for his thumping long kick, he was a member of the Bears' 1991 Reserves premiership side before becoming a valuable senior player. Best served at centre half back, he also played at times on the week and was a makeshift ruckman and was one of only nine players to play 100 senior games for the club during the Bears era. Carrying a trademark shaved head in his latter days, he was sixth in the Bears B&F in 1993 and Best Clubman in 1996 after a key role in the club's first preliminary final side. Finished 3rd in the Lions B&F and won the 'Most Professional Player Award' in '98 and narrowly missed All-Australian selection in '99. Wore Origin colors for Queensland, Queensland/NT and the Allies but sadly he missed the chance to enjoy the premiership glory that he help to build. He played eight senior games in the club's first premiership year of 2001, including the preliminary final, but made way for Alastair Lynch's inclusion in the grand final after suspension. Was later an assistant-coach at Southport before rejoining the Lions as strength and conditioning coach.

Ian King

A contributor to football for over more than 30 years as a coach and administrator within the primary school system, he began his involvement in school football with his first teacher posting in 1974. He was no slouch as a footballer, playing in the Queensland Secondary Schools State team in 1968 with the likes of Don Smith and Neville Weller, and after joining the Queensland Primary Schools Association in 1979 is still an active member. Has spent several years as secretary and president of this organisation, and during this time has convened the Brisbane South/Metropolitan East region for more than 20 years. Has been Metropolitan East coach, manager or trainer most years since 1979. Coached the Queensland Primary Schools State team in 1983-84-85 and 1997, and managed the Queensland Primary Schools State team in 1987, when a certain Michael Voss was a member. Was also the National Carnival Organiser in 1986 and assisted in '92.

Otto Lather

Born at Eagle Farm in Brisbane in 1863, he played for the Brisbane club and represented the State in the 1880s when Queensland clashed with visiting teams from South Melbourne and Melbourne. Years later, after the game's revival in 1903, he played for the newly-formed Ipswich club before stamping his real mark on the code as an administrator. He was a pioneer of schoolboy football, presiding over the Schools League for a number of years before World War I. He was headmaster at Rocklea State School, and in 1911 he managed the first Queensland State School team to tour New South Wales. He formed a great rivalry with J.R. Loney, a teacher at Taringa State School at a time when Rocklea and Taringa were the mainstays of the important cog in the development of the code prior to the mid-1920s. Was Secretary of the Queensland Football League for a number of years just before and during the war, also holding the position of Treasurer in 1912-13. He was the driving force behind a young Rocklea team being admitted to the senior ranks of the League in 1913, holding secretary and treasurer positions at that club. When Collingwood, Perth, Cananore (Tasmania) and South Adelaide travelled to Brisbane for a ground-breaking carnival in 1914, he was the QFL Secretary. In the early to mid-1920s, he again filled the role of President of the Schools League, and was granted life membership of the League in 1919. He passed away in 1948.

Stephen Lawrence

A South African-born 200cm ruckman / key forward who was a member of Hawthorn's 1991 AFL premiership side. A product of Mt Gravatt juniors, he won the Larke Medal as the best player overall in the 1986 Australian Teal Cup (U17) Carnival, and made his senior State debut for Queensland a week later against Tasmania in Hobart. Was snapped up by Hawthorn after a handful of QAFL games with Morningside and played 146 AFL games from 1988-98, including seven finals. Kicked a career-best five goals on debut against North Melbourne in Round 5, 1988, when he stamped himself as a special prospect with 24

possessions, five marks and five hit-outs at centre half forward. Was injured the following week and didn't play again that season. Playing mainly in the ruck after establishing himself in the side, he had his best years in 1990 (22 games) and '91 (25 games). Played a key role in the '91 grand final win over West Coast when runner-up to teammate Paul Dear for the Norm Smith Medal after collecting 21 possessions, 10 marks and 18 hit-outs. It was an historic occasion - the only grand final ever played at Waverley Park, and the last game of AFL games record-holder Michael Tuck. In the same year he was best afield in Queensland's historic win over Victoria in a powerhouse display at the Gabba, and played in the first AFL final outside Victoria - a qualifying final against West Coast in Perth. His father Godfrey played Test cricket for South Africa.

Steven Lawrence

A fearless defender/utility who defied two knee reconstructions early in his career to play 120 AFL games with Brisbane and St Kilda. Born in Tasmania, he moved with his family to Melbourne aged four and then to the Gold Coast in 1987. A Southport junior, he was an All-Australian Teal Cup choice and Queensland B&F winner at the national carnival in 1993 and played 50 QAFL games with the Sharks before making his AFL debut in '95. He was best afield in his second AFL game against Carlton at the Gabba and won an AFL Rising Star nomination in his fourth game. Major knee surgery in 1995 and '96 cost him 18 months' football but he re-established his career in '97 and in '98 kicked a career-best five goals against North Melbourne in Round 19, finished sixth in the Bears B&F and won the '1%er of the Year' award. Also was judged 'Most Improved Player' in '99. Played a total of 81 games with the Bears/Lions before being lured in 2001 to StKilda, where father Barry was a club captain and stalwart. Played 39 AFL games with the Saints in an injury-disrupted stint from 2001-03, but did finish fifth in the B&F in 2002 when given an injury-free run. Represented Queensland twice in '94 to help launch his AFL career, and was an Allies State of Origin representative in 1998. Later captained Williamstown in the VFL, representing Victoria, before continuing his career with Port Melbourne.

Keith Leach

A dominant and highly-regarded tap ruckman with Wilston-Grange who might have enjoyed an even more distinguished career but for a serious knee injury in 1964. Made his senior debut in '57, when he was runner-up in the Grogan Medal, and won the medal in 1961-62 in addition to numerous Grange B&F awards and The Courier-Mail Player of the Year Award in 1960. Playing with Western Suburbs in Sydney in 1966-67 after moving south for business reasons, he won a premiership, the club B&F and finished third in the Phelan Medal in '66. Returned 'home' to play in Grange's 1969 premiership side to finish his career. A permanent member of the Queensland side from 1957-64, he also played in the only NSW side of his era that beat Queensland. Was a long-term sponsor of the QAFL via Leach Motors. Continued this support when his Orchid Beach Resort funded a week long camp on

Fraser Island for the first Brisbane Bears playing group. Coached in junior primary school competitions in his spare time and served as a president and committeeman at Wilston Grange. Was honoured in 2003 when named on the interchange bench for the Queensland Team of the Century.

Reg Lillywhite

Long-time driving force of Australian football administration in Cairns, the most financially secure regional football League in Australia and the envy of equivalent bodies in all codes right across the country. President of AFL Cairns from 1975-89 and vice-president since 1990, he has provided a progressive leadership after negotiating with the National Football League the freehold purchase of its headquarters at Cazaly's Stadium, formerly Australian Football Park. Has brought to the venue official pre-season AFL football and Test cricket while overseeing a major redevelopment of the facility which has included the relocation from the Gabba of the old Western Hill Grandstand in 1997-98 and a significant lighting upgrade in '98. A Cairns lawyer by profession, he also has been a much-valued member and vice-chairman of the AFL Queensland Commission.

Ron Lockens

A life-time Wilston-Grange man who as a former player and committeeman turned professional photographer is almost single-handedly responsible for the photographic library of AFL Queensland over the last 40 years. Born in Melbourne, he moved to Queensland with his family aged three in 1949 and played with Grange from the U12s. He made his senior debut as a 16-year-old and played about 50 senior games over 12 years in a career heavily disrupted by two major knee operations. Was also a member of the Grange U19 premiership side in 1962 - the first year of Colts football - and is a Grange life member after untold service as a committeeman and volunteer worker that continues today. A former sales representative for a photographic company, he was a social football photographer in the '60s and a part-time QAFL photographer through the '70s who moved into full-time photography 20 years ago. Was the first official photographer of the Brisbane Bears in 1986, and has photographed virtually every significant moment in the Bears/Lions history, including the 1991 Reserves premiership and the 2001-02-03 AFL premierships. Best known for his widely-acclaimed photograph of former champion full forward Ray Hughson taking a spectacular high mark, he received Lions Life Membership in 2008.

Tony Lynn

A much-decorated and widely-travelled local product who played 33 AFL games with the Brisbane Bears and Carlton, and was a standout in the AFLQ competition with Morningside and Mt.Gravatt. A Beenleigh junior product who switched to Morningside in 1984, he was an U16 All-Australian Schoolboy in '84 and won All-Australian selection and the Queensland

B&F at the '85 Teal Cup carnival. Won the QAFL Colt of the Year award in '86 after making his senior debut at Morningside, but missed much of the '87 season following surgery for a dislocated knee. Joined the Bears in '88 and after a strong performance for Queensland against Tasmania in Hobart made his AFL debut just after his 20th birthday. He was the club's 50th player but it was not a night to remember - the Bears copped a 140-point hiding from Essendon on a cold, miserable night at the MCG which 20 years on remained the club's biggest loss. He kicked four goals in his third game against Richmond at Carrara in Round 11, but a major knee injury in his sixth game against the Western Bulldogs at Whitten Oval in Round 18 ended his career with his 'home' club. After being released by the Bears he represented Queensland against the VFA, Australian Amateurs and ACT in '89 and the following year headed to Central Districts in the SANFL to try to reignite his career. It didn't come overnight, but after a brilliant game in the back pocket for the Queensland/NT State of Origin side that beat Tasmania in Hobart in 1993 he earned a second chance at Carlton as selection No.6 in the '93 Mid-Season Draft. He played 20 games for the Blues in an outstanding 1994 season, including a final, and added six more in the club's 1995 premiership year, but couldn't break back into the side after Round 1 of 1996. Headed home to finish his career with Morningside (1997-98) and Mt.Gravatt (1999-2002). He went out in style, captaining the Vultures to their inaugural premiership in 2002 and winning the Joe Grant Medal as best afield. A cousin of Michael and Brett Voss, he was a playing assistant-coach at Springwood in 2006-07 and non-playing assistant in '08.

Alan Mackenzie

A life-time servant of Australian Football, he has been president of Southport Football Club for almost 35 years after a distinguished playing career and has also served the code with distinction as a volunteer medical officer, coach, selector and administrator. A born and bred Queenslander, he was a foundation junior player with Sherwood and played 110 Queensland Australian Football League games with neighbouring Western Districts (1964-70). Represented Queensland at 19 and captained Wests at 23 before an injury-forced retirement the next year. Graduated in medicine from the University of Queensland in 1969, and after moving to the Gold Coast in 1972 has operated a full-time general practice in Surfers Paradise for 36 years. Was elected Southport president in November 1973 aged 27 after the club's executive committee resigned suddenly and has overseen the growth of arguably Australia's No.1 domestic football operation. Under his direction the former Southport Magpies, a powerhouse in the Gold Coast competition, stepped up as the Southport Sharks into the now AFL Queensland State League in 1983. In 35 years as president he has seen his club play in 29 senior grand finals for 18 premierships while the licensed club has grown into a much-admired \$20million business. He served the Brisbane Bears/Lions for six years (1992-98) as club doctor, selector and match committee chairman, and has filled countless similar roles with the Allies State of Origin side, Queensland Open and junior representative teams, and Gold Coast representative teams. A

Life Member of AFL Queensland, he received the Australian Sports Medal (2000), the AFL Merit Award (2003) and was the inaugural recipient of the Gold Coast Bulletin Sports Award (2003). Is set to play a key role in the birth of the Gold Coast AFL club as a director of the GC17 Bid Team.

Gary Maddison

One of the most naturally gifted QAFL players who didn't get a chance to showcase his skills at AFL level. A Norwood junior, he played with Wilston-Grange and Mayne. First joined Wilston-Grange after being lured north by captain-coach Mike Poulter in '79, but played the bulk of his glittering QAFL career with Mayne. Won U19 B&F at Norwood as a 17-year-old before playing 15 SANFL games. Shifted to Queensland at an early age and emerged as one of the QAFL's truly classy players. Superbly skilled and capable of playing in just about any position, he dominated the competition in the midfield through the 1980s. Was a key member of the Tigers' 1982 premiership side and was a regular star through 19 games for Queensland, captaining the Maroons in '84 to the second leg of their interstate shield trifecta (1983-84-85). His quality performances against AFL opposition had locals suggesting he should have played at the highest level, but persistent knee injuries brought a sad and premature end to his top-level career in 1984 aged just 26.

Bill Magin

Originally from Seaford in Victoria, he is a 650-game icon of Sunshine Coast football with 26 years as a player/coach/administrator of the Pomona club. His Pomona commitment was interrupted by stints at Centrals Alooomba in Cairns and time in Victoria, Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory. Boasts an extraordinary list of highlights that include 12 club B&F's, three League B&F's - two on the Sunshine Coast and one in Cairns - and 10 League leading goal-kicker awards, plus four 100-goal seasons. Representing South Queensland, North Queensland and the Sunshine Coast, he won an incredible nine country carnival B&F's. He had the privilege of playing in every country centre in Queensland that plays the Australian game and toured New Guinea with the Cairns League in 1981. His slight and wiry frame belied his undeniable talent. He had a prodigious leap and uncanny goal sense. Has continued to play in Masters competitions where the awards, accolades, goals and good times have continued. Still contributes through countless hours of junior coaching and was extremely proud when son Rhys was elevated off his beloved Essendon Bombers Rookie list to debut in the AFL competition in 2008.

Percy Marsh

Vigorous defender/utility who filled a variety of roles through a distinguished career. Originally from Victoria, he played for Queensland over an 11-year period from 1926-36 and skippered the Maroons in the 1933 carnival in Sydney. Had a break from Australian Football in 1929 when he played Rugby Union for the Reds. Was a premiership player at Brisbane who also played for Valleys and also represented Queensland in soccer. Not only was he a champion sportsperson he was a champion bloke. He was a warm-hearted humanitarian who stayed behind with the wounded at Singapore Hospital in World War II. Was transferred to Changi prison where he cared for the sick and dying. He was then taken on the Japanese Hell Ships to work in the coal mines. He sustained horrific injuries that were to scar him for life. This did not stop his involvement in the Surf Life Saving movement where he gave many years of service. His father George played 7 games for Collingwood in 1905.

Ray Marshall

One of the great full forwards of the 1950s, he was the Windsor spearhead of the end of the club's domination of Queensland football. Relatively small for a full forward, he compensated with great pace and a strong mark and developed a magnificent combination with Jim Trewick. His spectacular high flying finger tip marks and prolific goal-scoring were credited with a resurgence of spectator interest in the code in matches at Perry Park. Hughson Medalist in Windsor's successful years of 1950-51-52, his 123 goals in '51 is the third highest in the post-World War II era. He was the first player in Queensland to kick 100 goals in a season. Essendon and Glenelg tried to attract him south but a lack of employment opportunities kept him with the Eagles. Ended his career with Coorparoo. Played six games for Queensland in 1949-50.

Leigh Matthews

A Legend in the AFL Hall of Fame and a member of the AFL Team of the Century, he played a pivotal role in the development of Australian Football in Queensland during a golden 10-year reign Brisbane Lions coach from 1999-2008. Voted 'Player of the Century' in 1999, he played 332 games and kicked 915 goals for Hawthorn from 1969-85, including 29 finals. A member of the Hawthorn Team of the Century, he was club captain from 1981-85, played in four premierships in 1971-76-78-83, plus three losing grand finals in 1975-84-85. Also won eight Hawthorn Best & Fairest awards in 1971-72-74-76-77-78-80-82, and was the club's leading goal-kicker six times in 1973-75-81-82-83-84. Won the AFL Coleman Medal in 1975, and six times finished top 10 in the Brownlow Medal. Coached Collingwood from 1986-1995, shedding the dreaded 'Colliewobbles' when he guided the club to the 1990 premiership. After three years in the media he headed north to take charge of the Lions after they'd collected the 1998 wooden-spoon, masterminding the historic premiership hat-trick of 2001-02-03. Became just the second person in AFL history

alongside Ron Barassi to enjoy premiership success with three different clubs when in 2001 the Lions became the first club from a 'non-traditional football state' to win the flag. A former Victorian captain, he was Victorian State of Origin coach in 1997-98, was All-Australian coach to Ireland in 1998 and was 'Coach of the Year' at the Queensland Sport Awards in 1999, 2001 and 2002.

Tom McArthur

A field umpire who was chosen as the Queensland Umpire of the Century in 2003 after officiating in a national record 502 senior QAFL games over four decades from the 1950's to the 80's. A born and bred Queenslander, he was selected to play at the 1951 All-Australian Schoolboys carnival in Melbourne but after an outbreak of poliomyelitis at host club Footscray the Queenslanders were not allowed to travel. He played junior football at Taringa State School and joined Western Districts aged 13, making his senior debut in 1955 after breaking into a side coached by the legendary Doug Pittard that had won the 1953-54 premierships. Played 58 senior games as an on-baller/wingman to the age of 20 when a car accident early in 1958 ended his playing career. Having made his senior QAFL umpiring debut in 1959, he controlled seven QAFL grand finals in 1960-63-64-65-66-68-72, was emergency umpire a further seven times, and had 10 interstate assignments, including the 1960 NFL Division Two Championships in Canberra featuring Queensland, NSW, ACT and the Australian Amateurs. He retired in 1985 due to a bad back in what he described as the only regret of his extraordinary career. Recipient of the 1976 NRL Merit Award and a 2000 Australian Sports Medal for Services to Football, he was named with Kevin Symmons, Darren Morris and Martin Hopp as the field umpires in the AFL Queensland Umpires Association 'Team of the Century' 1904-2003. In 2008 became the first resident Queenslander inducted into the AFL Hall of Fame.

Artie McCaul

Goal-kicking on-baller from South Brisbane who played for Queensland Schoolboys in 1909 as a member of the Locomotive juniors. Made his senior representative debut in 1910, and wore the Maroon jumper proudly over a 15-year period, captaining the State side in the early 1920s. Renowned as a beautiful kick, he went on a goal-scoring spree during the 1921 season. Played a pivotal role with Harry O'Callaghan in forming the Windsor club, and was their first captain-coach in 1924.

Alex McGill

Schoolboy champion who made his debut for Mayne as a 16-year-old and played 160-plus games from 1953-63. Always superbly balanced, with brilliant disposal, he was ever-dangerous around goals. A member of the Tigers' 1958-61-62 premiership sides and captain in '58, he also played in a losing grand final in 1963. Was invited to trial with Fitzroy, StKilda and Hawthorn in the mid-1950s but a broken knee cap in '56 put paid to

his AFL aspirations. Vice-captain of Queensland at age 20 to the Centenary Championships in Melbourne in '58 under Norm Reidy, he played regularly for the State from 1954-62 and was State captain at the Division Two Championships in Sydney in 1960 to top off a glittering representative career. Was runner-up to Tom Pelly in the 1956 Grogan Medal despite the knee injury which cut his season in half, and was in a five-way tie for second in the 1957 Grogan Medal. Also coached Mayne in 1959.

Neville McGuinness

Tough centre half back who was a member of Morningside's first premiership team in 1965 and was named in the key defensive spot in the club's 'Team of the Half Century' in 2001. Played 214 games for the Panthers, and represented Queensland 11 times between 1960-67. Brother of dual Grogan Medallist Noel McGuinness.

Noel McGuinness

Prolific ball-winning midfielder who won the Grogan Medal in 1953-54 and was runner-up by one vote to teammate Henry Maguire in 1955. A product of the Morningside State School and the Hawthorne juniors, he represented Queensland at schoolboy level in 1949 with Darryl Sanders. He captained the Hawthorne U18s to a premiership in 1951. Shifted to Morningside and captained them to a Reserves premiership, picking up the individual honour of the QANFL Reserves B&F medal in his first year of senior football in 1952 when Morningside only played at that level. Stepped up in class when the club moved into Open ranks in '53, winning his first Grogan at age 18 under the tutelage of Clem Ryan, who was the first coach of the Panthers. Was recruited by St Kilda but was a victim of a freak accident when filling in for the Morningside Reserves in a practice match. Scheduled to head to Melbourne the following day, he suffered broken ribs that were not detected until he was under air cabin pressure. He was hospitalised on arrival and subsequently sent home. Missed the first nine games of the season, but recuperated to poll an amazing 27 votes in the remaining games to pick up his second Grogan Medal. Was later lured to Coorparoo by Jack Handysyde like many other gun players of that era such as Ray Marshall, Dick Verdon and Ken Grimley. Won the Roos' B&F in 1956-57 and played a key role in the club's first finals appearances. Represented Queensland from 1953-58 and was an avid supporter of the code via a media role for many years thereafter. Reported the 1963 Football Record: "The Panthers' centre had the anticipation of a true champion, kicked truly with either foot and was safe in the air. I've not seen another footballer who could emerge from the pack with the ball and get away so quickly to a team mate ... Noel McGuinness is the best I've seen here."

Don McIvor

A lightweight goal-kicking Windsor rover who formed a formidable combination with Ray Drabble through the 1950s. Exceptionally quick, he finished third in the Grogan Medal in 1958 and was a regular Queensland representative from 1953-58, playing more than 10 games for the Maroons. Uncle of Scott McIvor.

Scott McIvor

A prolific midfielder/utility who played 200 AFL games with Fitzroy, the Brisbane Bears and Brisbane Lions from 1985-97, was named on the wing in the Queensland Team of the Century and was an assistant-coach of the Brisbane Lions' 2001-02 premiership sides. A Brisbane-born Wilston-Grange junior, he was Queensland Teal Cup captain, B&F winner and All-Australian Teal Cup selection in 1983, and was a State senior representative at 17 in 1984. Recruited under the old 'Form Four' system, he played 55 games with Fitzroy (1985-87), finishing second in the B&F in his second season and winning it as a 21-year-old in '87. But despite having a promising career ahead of him in Melbourne he took the first opportunity to return 'home' and join the then Brisbane Bears in '88. Quickly becoming a key figure with the Queensland club, he played 65 consecutive games in 1988-89-90, finishing top four in the B&F each year, but suffered recurring injuries in 1991-92. Vice-captain in 1990-91, he bounced back in 1993-94-95 to post three more top 10 B&F finishes and play a key leadership role in a young side. A member of the Bears first finals team in '95, he had further injury problems in 1996 but at the end of the Bears era he ranked third in all-time appearances behind Roger Merrett and Marcus Ashcroft. Was a member of the first Brisbane Lions side in '97 and in Round 19 became the second Queenslander behind Jason Dunstall to play 200 AFL games. He retired at the end of the season due to injury and was honored with the club's first post-merger Life Membership. Vice-captain of the Queensland side at the 1988 Bi-Centennial Carnival in Adelaide, he represented Queensland 14 times and also played for Victoria 'B' in 1989. A part-time assistant-coach and skills coach with the Lion Cubs in 1999 before a full-time role in 2000-01-02.

Brendan McMullen

Hard-running Coorparoo rover who enjoyed a unique moment in Queensland football history, winning the Grogan Medal and Grant Medal in the Roos' premiership year of 1984 - the only person in AFLQ history to have achieved this double. And just for good measure he also won the 1984 Coorparoo B&F. Added a second premiership in '86 in a career which included 112 games and 184 goals. He also played 11 times for Queensland, including the successful 1985 Escort Shield campaign, and was a member of the first Brisbane Bears training squad, playing in the club's very first official pre-season match against the Sydney Swans at the SCG. Was also an Australian schoolboys cricket star and gifted schoolboy rugby union fullback who represented Suva in rugby when, in AFLQ retirement, business interests took him overseas.

Paul Meakin

Powerhouse Mayne ruckman who began a 226-game senior career as a 16-year-old in 1967. Started his football with Mayne Juniors as a nine-year-old in 1960. Was short by ruck standards but was a most effective and fierce competitor, and a wonderful overhead mark. A dual premiership player in 1967-73, he played 10 games for Queensland from 1968-76, broken only by a one-year stint at Coolamon in the Riverina. Was once lured to do a pre-season with Norths rugby league club but soon returned to Windsor Park where he won three B&F awards.

Roger Merrett

One of Queensland football's favourite adopted sons, having captained the Brisbane Bears and coached the Brisbane Lions after twice tasting AFL premiership success at Essendon. A fearless and inspirational key forward and leader, he played a total of 313 AFL games and kicked 433 goals with Essendon (1978-87) and the Bears (1988-1996). Arguably the greatest recruit in the Bears' 10-year history, he was recognised as the club's first Life Member after his retirement in '96, when he was the AFL's oldest player at 36. Recruited by Essendon from Kaniva in western Victoria, he was a late football developer, winning the 1982 AFL Gardiner (Reserves) Medal and two Essendon Reserves B&Fs before securing a regular senior spot. But by '87 he was regarded as one of the game's best, having played in the 1983-84-85 grand finals and shared premiership success in 1984-85. He represented Victoria four times from 1984-86, captaining the "Big V" in '86, and won All-Australian selection in 1984-85. He moved to Queensland in 1988 and set about writing a similarly impressive CV with the Bears. He played most games (164) and kicked most goals (285), finished B&F top 10 six times, led the goal-kicking three times, was captain for a record seven years, and took the side to the finals in 1995-96. He also was captain of the 1991 Queensland team that scored an historic win over Victoria at the Gabba, played a total of 16 finals, and was 10th in the Brownlow Medal in 1984 and eighth in 1989. Was rewarded for his massive contribution to the game in Queensland when the Bears declared 1994 his Testimonial Year. He was appointed Bears assistant-coach while still playing under Robert Walls in mid-1995, and carried that role through the final season of his illustrious playing career under John Northey in 1996. In 1997 he became a non-playing assistant-coach of the Brisbane Lions following the Brisbane/Fitzroy merger, and prior to the start of the 1998 season he was appointed coach of the Lion Cubs, the new development side in the then QSFL competition. In Round 12, 1998, after Northey's dismissal as senior coach, Merrett served as Lions caretaker coach for the remaining 11 games of the 1998 season before making way for Leigh Matthews in '99. He was further honoured along with Fitzroy games-record-holder Kevin Murray post-merger when the symbol of the Brisbane Lions club championship was named the Merrett/Murray Medal. In 'retirement' he has been a popular AFL columnist with the *Gold Coast Bulletin* and a commentator on ABC radio while lending his expertise to Southport as an assistant-coach

Mal Michael

Powerhouse fullback and member of the Queensland Team of the Century, he played 238 AFL games with Collingwood, the Brisbane Lions and Essendon from 1997-2008 was a key figure in the Lions' premiership hat-trick of 2001-02-03. He will always hold pride of place on the AFL trivia list - he was the first player ever to be elevated from a rookie list to play senior football, and was the man on the mark when Tony Lockett kicked his record-breaking 1300th AFL goal in 1999. Born in Papua New Guinea, he moved to Brisbane with his family aged three and played with the Kenmore Bears. He was recruited to Morningside in 1994 and in '95 he represented Queensland and was a member of the Panthers' grand final team as an 18-year-old. Having done off-season training with the Brisbane Bears, he was overlooked by his 'home' side and instead was snapped up by Collingwood as a Supplementary List player in 1996. In his first season, in which he became the first PNG AFL player, he finished eighth in the B&F and won a Rising Star nomination. He played 61 games with the 'Pies from 1997-2000, with three top 10 B&F finishes, before being traded to the Lions for Jarrod Molloy and a first-round draft pick in 2001. It proved a golden move as he enjoyed a role in Brisbane's triple premiership success and also played in the losing 2004 grand final. In six years with the Lions he played 140 of a possible 145 games, finished top 10 in the B&F every year and represented Australia in the International Rules series in 2004. He was widely regarded as being one of the best two or three fullbacks in the competition, and was desperately unlucky not to win All-Australian selection. He surprised many by announcing his retirement at the end of the '06 season, but 50 days later he confirmed a comeback with Essendon. Played 37 games with the Bombers in 2007-08 before hanging up the boots for the last time. In early '06 he established the Mal Michael Foundation in 2006 and is working to raise funds for prospective AFL players in PNG.

Kelvin Mills

A high-flying and strong-marking Kedron centre half back who enjoyed a short but productive QAFL career. A product of Kedron Juniors, he made his senior club debut at 17 in 1967 and followed with his interstate debut in '68 before claiming three club B&F awards and the 1970 Grogan Medal by eight votes. Was also Grogan Medal runner-up in '72, and folklore says he might have been a leading contender but for suspension in '71 when the votes of players ineligible for the award were not disclosed. Left the game at the height of his career and played in a premiership side with Palm Beach on the Gold Coast in '73. Played six times for Queensland, including a game against St Kilda at the Exhibition Ground in 1969 when he changed in the ruck with Carl Ditterich, who was playing against his own side.

Darren Morris

A former Coorparoo junior turned field umpire who controlled 88 State League matches including the 1997 and '98 grand finals. Headed to Melbourne in '99 and officiated in 100 AFL matches including a stellar 2002 when he controlled a Preliminary Final and was the emergency umpire for the Grand Final. Was named in the AFL Queensland Umpires Association Team of the Century in 2003.

Katrina Morris

Coorparoo High School student who began a ground-breaking umpiring career as an 18-year-old in 1989 after being recruited to football through a school's recruitment campaign conducted by former AFL Grand Final umpire Neville Nash. Officiated in 212 State League matches, including the 1996 and 2000 grand finals. Created unprecedented interest upon her appointment as the first female umpire in AFL history in May 2000 at the Gabba when the Brisbane Lions played Richmond. There were extraordinary scenes when the Gabba crowd at the school end gave her a standing ovation as she positioned herself for the start of the match. Umpired 28 AFL games, including several at the SCG and MCG. After retiring from umpiring in 2004 she filled various assistant and head coaching roles with local goal umpires. Awarded Life Membership of the AFL Queensland Umpires Association in 2002 for her contribution to that group, she also performed several ambassadorial roles for various state and federal government initiatives. Was awarded the Queensland Sports Federation's Officiator of the Year in 1998 and the Essendon Football Club's Women's Network Football Woman of the Year in 2001.

John Morton

An icon in the sports media industry, he is believed to have been the first journalist assigned to cover Australian football full-time in Queensland and afforded great support to the code during 40 years with the *Telegraph*. Born in Sydney, he moved to Queensland as a youngster and lived in Mackay before World War II, but when his father was sent overseas to help the war effort he moved with his family, brother and sister back to the family home at Yackandandah, near Albury. Returning to Brisbane after the war and completing his schooling at Brisbane State High, he followed North Melbourne in the then VFL and after the war had the pleasure of meeting Kangaroos champion Allen Aylett, who later became chairman of the club and then the AFL. A self-confessed all-sports addict, he got into the newspaper game when he knocked on the door of the *Telegraph* and was given a job as a copy boy. He covered the 1956 Olympics, and after his return from Melbourne was given the job of full-time reporter of Australian football in late '56. In 1960 he produced a Yearbook which effectively became a history of the code in Queensland after a lot of records were lost or destroyed during the 1950's. He covered the 1961 interstate carnival in Brisbane for the national papers, including the *Sporting Globe*, and recalls how the Victorian side, captained by Ron Barassi with Ted Whitten as

his deputy, stayed at The Gresham Hotel in the City. He nominated Keith Leach, Noel McGuinness, Dick Verdon, Alex McGill and Ken Grimley as the five best players of his era. Became assistant sports editor of the *Telegraph* in 1962 and sports editor in 1967, but kept a close watch on the code right through until his retirement in 1988 when the paper closed.

Terry Moule

History-making coach who was among five final nominations for the Coach of the Century in conjunction with the Queensland Team of the Century in 2003. Originally from Victoria, he played with Richmond U19s and in the VFA before moving to Queensland in 1969. Appointed captain-coach of Sandgate in mid '69, he revolutionised the style of the star-studded Hawks, insisting that the ball be moved quickly, and took the club to consecutive premierships in 1970-71. Represented Queensland as a player in 1972 before coaching coached Kedron in '74 and Coorparoo in '75. Also coached Queensland to their first NFL Division Two Championship in 1974 and to their first win over Tasmania in '75.

Ken Murphy

Played a pivotal role in the development of Australian Football in Queensland through the 1980s as the first full-time General Manager of the QAFL and later as the first Chief Executive of the Brisbane Bears. Originally from Melbourne, he was a commerce graduate from Melbourne University and did army national service and served as an army officer in 1972-73. He worked in hospitality before joining AFL club St.Kilda in 1976, first as appointed management accountant before taking over as General Manager in '77. In addition to his football responsibilities he negotiated for the first Melbourne games in World Series Cricket to be played at Moorabbin when other venues shunned the breakaway group. He spent three years as General Manager at St.Kilda before being recruited by the QAFL on the strong recommendation of former St.Kilda and Hawthorn coach Allan Jeans. It was a move critical to the growth of the code, adding an extra level of professionalism to the game's administration. He embraced the strong culture of representative football at the time, relishing Queensland's Escort Shield / Foster's Shield hat-trick of 1983-84-85 that was a key platform for the eventual 'birth' of the Bears in October 1986. Was vitally involved alongside John Collins and Alan Piper in the battle to secure a Queensland AFL license, and when finally the license was awarded to a joint Paul Cronin/Christopher Skase/QAFL syndicate he was recruited to head the club's full-time administration for their entry to the national competition in 1987. Filled that role for three years before an extended stint as Chief Executive of the Queensland Newsagents Federation. In an 18-year involvement with Queensland football he also had a voluntary stint in 1991-92 as Chairman of Selectors with QAFL club North Brisbane, coached by Wayne Brittain, and coaching stints at Jindalee and Wests Juniors.

Mick Nolan

A colossus in every sense of the word, the 125kg ruck giant was a massive contributor to Queensland football after a stellar AFL career with North Melbourne. Originally from Wangaratta, he played 107 AFL games with the Kangaroos from 1973-80, kicking 40 goals and earning the nickname 'The Galloping Gasometer' from noted commentator Lou Richards. He was a member of North's first premiership side in 1975, finishing third in the B&F in a side which included no less than nine future AFL Hall of Famers. He also played in losing grand finals of 1976 and '78, and missed the '77 drawn grand final and the replay win through injury. Rated by Barry Cable as the best palm ruckman he played with, he was sent north to Queensland by then VFL president Allen Aylett to help foster the game in the Sunshine State. And that he did. He was Mayne captain-coach from 1981-85, playing 103 QAFL games and taking the Tigers to what turned out to be their last flag in 1982. He returned as coach from mid-1996-97 when the club was in crisis, and also had a long stint as Chairman of Selectors. Was also a wonderful servant of State football and a well-respected newspaper columnist in the early 1980's era that was a critical pre-cursor to the establishment of the Brisbane Bears. He played 11 times for Queensland from 1981-84, captaining the Maroons to the first leg of an historic hat-trick of interstate titles against NSW, ACT and Tasmania in 1983 before being in the second leg in '84. He also coached Queensland in 1987-88, was assistant-coach under Peter Knights at the 1988 Bi-Centennial Championships and likewise under Tommy Hafey at the 1989 Division Two Championships. Also served as a State selector. Larger than life itself, with a personality to match, he was given a massive send-off by football people from across Australian when he died on 27 May 2008 of cancer.

George Nuss

A tough rover in the Leigh Matthews mould who won the J.L. Williams Medal for the 'best and manliest player in the Commonwealth' at the 1932 and '33 national schoolboy carnivals. Forged a splendid career with Mayne despite a lengthy suspension which was overturned after a Queen's pardon. Played for Queensland from 1938-49 and was regarded by many as being among the best players of his era.

Harry O'Callaghan

An icon of Queensland football from the 1920's through to the 70's who excelled as a player, coach, umpire and administrator. Born in Terang, Victoria, he represented Victorian Schoolboys in 1914 before moving to Queensland with his family aged 18, captaining the 1921 Queensland Junior Team in his first season. He initially played at South Brisbane where in 1922 he played in two grand finals on one day - in the Juniors and the A-Grade. In 1924 he helped to establish the Windsor Football Club, and later that year represented Queensland at the National Carnival in Hobart. A regular State representative, he was Windsor captain-coach from 1928-31, including the club's first premiership in 1929, and

did not miss a game from 1924-30. He retired at the end of the '31 season after a severe bout of peritonitis, but returned as captain-coach of South Brisbane in 1933-35. There he played until the end of '38 when, as a result of a challenge from a League official, he took up umpiring. He began in reserve grade but in his first season was promoted to A-Grade, officiated at interstate level and controlled the grand final. He built a fine reputation as Queensland's No.1 umpire through the war and beyond, controlling numerous grand finals, interstate matches and service games, finally retiring at the end of '48. In '49 he was appointed Umpires' Coach, and he later established the Queensland Umpires' Association. He served for 22 years as the Queensland delegate to the National Football Council, and was patron of the Queensland Junior Australian Football League, who named a medal for the most B&F votes in all grades in his honour. A Life Member of the NFC and Queensland Australian Football League, among other bodies, he was further honoured when the homeground of Windsor-Zillmere AFC at Zillmere was named after him. Also a life-time servant of Queensland Surf Lifesaving, he passed away in the 1980's.

Leo O'Connor

Captain of Queensland's first Sheffield Shield side in 1926, he was also a footballer of high repute. Originally from Warracknabeel in Victoria, he played 10 games for Essendon in 1910-11. Shifted to Queensland in his employment in 1911 but World War 1 and work pressures kept him out of football until 1919, when the QAFL resumed after a five-year break. He captained Valleys from 1919-24 and skippered Queensland from 1919-22. A key position utility player, he was the 'gun' player of his era, an aloof but highly-respected leader who played a pivotal administrative role. Took over as president of the League immediately after he retired, and was credited with giving the game the impetus to grow through the late 1930s. Was involved in failed merger talks and experimental matches with rugby league in the early 30s. Later was a long-time Queensland delegate to the NFL and was awarded an NFL Merit Award in 1971, marking more than 50 years of service to Australian football in Queensland. In a stellar cricket career he scored a century in each innings of a match against NSW at the SCG, and he was touted by the local press as the second wicket-keeper for the 1930 Ashes tour, but as a 40-year-old was not chosen. Passed away at 95 in 1985 after returning to Melbourne.

Kevin O'Keefe

Fearless defender who was an enormous contributor to Coorparoo and Queensland sides from 1983-89 after 92 games at Fitzroy from 1973-82, and two seasons with East Perth in 1980-81. Was catapulted into the Queensland side within a fortnight of arriving in Brisbane in 1983, and would have played more than his 16 interstate games but for injury. Among other highlights for the running half back flanker were premierships in 1984-86, the State captaincy in '86 and a stint as Coorparoo coach in the late 1980s.

Terry O'Neill

Ever-reliable fullback/key position player who became a 100 game club favorite at Coorparoo after 101 AFL games with South Melbourne (1975-80) and Fitzroy (1981-83). Played 25 times for Queensland after moving north in 1984, and captained the State side in '88. Was a key member of Coorparoo's 1984-86 premiership wins and went on to coach the Roos in 1987-88.

George Paget

An early southern import who played in the very first game of the 20th century at the Botanical Gardens in 1904, he was a half back flanker cum rover renowned for pace, skill, elusiveness and work ethic. Born on the Port Louis Island of Mauritius in 1871 to an English father and a French Mauritian mother, he started his career in the lower grades at South Melbourne and played senior representative football in Adelaide and Broken Hill before moving north. His relocation to Queensland was precipitated by his employment. He drove cattle from South Australia up the Birdsville track to places such as Thargomindah, Windorah, Bedourie and Victoria River Downs. When at home he played for various clubs, settled in Queensland and started farming on the Gold Coast. Was a huge success story pre-World War 1, playing a key role in code's popularity revival and the escape from a slump which had followed an 1880s golden era. He was part of the Wynnum Gordon's 1909 premiership and also spent time at the Brisbane, Ipswich, Wests and City clubs. Captained Wynnum and Ipswich and was known to travel up to 40 miles by horse for a game. A member of Queensland's first interstate team of the new era in 1904, he played for his state every year until 1912, except 1911 when there were no interstate games. Was Queensland vice-captain from 1905-09 and captained his adopted State in 1910. In 1912 he was part of a Brisbane team that played matches against Central Queensland and Mt Morgan. He received a gold medal as best player of this series and his stellar play had CQ rugby enthusiasts lamenting ... "We regretted George was not a member of the rugby union - his pace, dash and judgment would earn him a place in any rugby team in Queensland." Was also a committee member of the Mt Cotton Racing Club when he lived in the Redland District.

Dick Parton

A high-flying centre half forward with a prodigious drop kick who had a magnificent career with Windsor through their golden era after being a junior rugby league star. Honoured in 2003 when named in the key forward position for the Queensland Team of the Century, he was a member of a staggering eight premiership sides in 1937-38-39-40-47-49-50-51 despite the severe interruptions of World War II. Once kicked nine goals in an interstate match against NSW to highlight a brilliant representative career that spanned 1937-52. Was State captain in 1946-47, won the Grogan Medal in 1949 and the NFL Merit Award in 1957. It was often said: 'Stop Parton and you stop Windsor'. Coached Windsor Zillmere in their early years in the QAFL.

Harold Perkins

The best centre half back of his era and, with Dick Parton, was the backbone of Windsor's magnificent five premierships in a row from 1936-40. Widely known as 'Toby', he represented Queensland from 1934-40. His son, also nicknamed Toby, played 208 games for Wilston-Grange in the 1950s and '60s, and his grandson also played with the Gorillas.

Gordon Phelan

A standout centreline player of his time with Kedron and an automatic State team selection over a 13-year period before and after World War II. Exclusively known as 'Freckles', he started his football with a premiership in the 'Past Pupils' grade with the Wooloowin club in 1935. Wooloowin were to merge with Kedron, turning the Redlegs into a formidable rival to Windsor in the 1940s. He represented Queensland as a 17-year-old in 1938 and was Queensland's best State player in 1946. A superbly skilled left-footer, he also had an astonishing vertical leap and was renowned for his freakish marking ability. Chose Australian Football over rugby league and is regarded by many as Kedron's greatest ever player.

Alan Piper

A hugely-respected businessman and football visionary who played a pivotal role in the establishment of AFL football in Queensland via the Brisbane Bears in 1987, and the club's relocation from the Gold Coast to Brisbane in 1993. Originally from Melbourne, he moved north in 1976 to become a State team sponsor, State selector and QAFL executive member, and was among the selectors who in 1984 first picked an untried Jason Dunstall in the Queensland side, helping to set the future Hawthorn champion on the path to greatest. A staunch Coorparoo man, he was the architect of a plan which ultimately secured a Queensland AFL license for a joint QAFL/Paul Cronin syndicate in 1986, and later served as an influential Deputy Chairman of the Brisbane Bears/Lions. Born to a working class family in Melbourne, he was a standout junior sportsman, representing Victorian schoolboys in cricket and football, and was vice-captain of the VFL U19s. With a few extra centimeters, he would most probably have played League football at Hawthorn, where he shared a premiership in the U17s, captained the U19 and worked as assistant-football secretary. He later played with Waverley in the VFA and coached Hawthorn Amateurs, kicking 100 goals in a season at full forward. Also won a premiership as captain-coach at Wattle Park, now known as StLeo's. A market leader in the motor vehicle industry in Queensland after his move, he formed Alan Piper Motors in 1978, later to become *the* A.P.Group Limited and Eagers Holdings before a merger with Eagers to form A.P.Eagers. A man of great business acumen and enormous principle, he always believed the Bears should have been based at the Gabba, and worked tirelessly behind the scenes to help engineer the eventual relocation. Sadly, as the club he helped to establish grew in strength his health declined, and ultimately a four-year battle with cancer would deny him the chance

to see his club win their first flag in 2001. As the inevitable approached, he was awarded Life Membership in his hospital bed in recognition of his massive contribution. He died on 11 April 2001, aged 55 and wearing his Lions tracksuit. He was buried six days later wearing his match day uniform - a club blazer, shirt and tie, slacks and shoes. A Lion to the very end.

Doug Pittard

Centreman in the Queensland Team of the Century, he was a champion product of Taringa State School via Brisbane Boys College who shares with 1930s star Jim Davies the honour of being the only triple winner of the League's senior B&F medal. And that despite the disruption of World War II service from 1942-45. A Queensland Schoolboys captain, he replicated the feat of Clem Ryan in going on to captain the state at senior level and was a quick, skilful and highly dedicated pivot. His liking for medals surfaced early when he won the Reserves Medal as a 16-year-old in 1936 playing for Taringa despite missing almost half the season and making his senior debut along the way. In 1940 he won the De Little Medal, a forerunner to the Grogan Medal, before mid-war playing stints in Sydney and with the Footscray Reserves, where he broke his ankle. Returned home to win the newly-named Grogan Medal in 1946-47 for his newly named club Western Districts, which carried the same colours and the same players as Taringa. Was also Grogan Medal runner-up by a vote in 1950. A trustee, foundation member and inaugural captain for the transformation from Taringa to Western Districts, he played more than 20 games for Queensland from 1940-50, and was captain from the 1949 carnival through until 1952. Was also a highly-regarded club and State coach, winning the NFC Merit Award in 1958. He retired in 1959 and was club president from 1961-64. Pioneered coach development in Queensland and was a much sought after public speaker. He was a gentleman of the highest calibre who was revered as a mentor and leader both at his club Western Districts and in broader circles within Queensland. Was appointed the first State Director of Coaching but sadly passed away before taking up the appointment, allowing Ron Spalding to fill this role.

Craig Potter

An outstanding junior from Western Districts who won All-Australian selection and the Queensland U17 B&F in 1982 who might have been one of the State's 'greats' but for chronic injury woes. An outstanding centre square exponent, he played 55 AFL games with the Sydney Swans in 1984 and from 1987-90, and the Brisbane Bears from 1991-92. He missed at least as many games again through injury before a bad knee brought a premature end to his career. His time at the Swans coincided with midfield aces Gerard Healy and Greg Williams feeding the high-flying Warwick Capper at full forward, and he was very much an unsung hero of this successful period.

Queensland Team 1974-75

Australian Football in Queensland made massive strides in 1974-75. Attendance, media coverage and facility development increased apace. There were many factors, but many pundits consider the most powerful driving force was the combined effort of the State side over this period. It began in Sydney in June 1974 at the AFC Section Two Championships. The Maroons were rank outsiders to win their first ever championship in its 24-year history but win it they did as thousands of Queenslanders listened to the final carnival game via radio. It was a triumph for those connected with the effort - coach third-year coach Terry Moule, selectors Ron Spalding, Alan Farry and Ron Albury, and League President, Norm Crimmins. On the Monday afternoon immediately following the game unprecedented scenes of emotion from Queensland officials were a sure sign that the expense and effort had all been worthwhile.

The Queensland side against NSW on Saturday, 15 June was:- Warren Lloyd, Peter Stephens, Darcy Robinson, John Bangle, Rod Diprose, Don Smith, Lindsay Jacob (v/c), Denis Pelly, Nev Weller, John Turnbull, Bill Farrelly, Bruce Rohde, Gary Wagner, Barry Roberts-Thomson, Warren Roper, Bill Ryan (c), Paul Meakin, Syd Guildford, John Stackpoole, Gary Jones.

The side against Canberra on Monday 17 June was: Warren Lloyd, Dennis Junker, Peter Stephens, Darcy Robinson, Howie Nielsen, John Bangle, Rod Diprose, Don Smith, Lindsay Jacob (v/c), Denis Pelly, John Turnbull, Barry Denny, Bruce Rohde, Gary Wagner, Barry Roberts-Thomson, Warren Roper, Bill Ryan (c), Paul Meakin, Syd Guildford, John Stackpoole.

Team Officials: Coach: Terry Moule, Manager: Harry Connelly, Head Trainer: "Bluey" Wiltshire, Assistant Manager: Wally Wilson, Assistant Trainer: Ken Fisher, Timekeeper: Charlie Tweedale. Umpire: Kev Symmons.

In 1975 the State side played three matches - against Northern Territory, Tasmania and South Australian Youth. The highlight was the historic win over Tasmania at the Gabba on 18 May. Earlier, Queensland opened its account for 1975 with a convincing win over the Territory at the Gardens Oval, Darwin, where centremen Col Kimmorley was best a field. The Maroons won Queensland 18-10-118 to the NT's 10-11-71, with Garry Jones kicking seven goals, Jeff Ebert four and Owen Backwell three.

The Queensland side was:

B: Darcy Robinson, Barry Roberts-Thomson, Dennis Junker

HB.: Bruce Rohde (v/c), Barry Denny, Bill Farrelly

C: Danny Brennan, Colin Kimmorley, Gary Wagner

HF: Jeff Ebert, Bill Ryan (c), Hedley Thompson

F: Warren Roper, Gary Jones, Shane O'Sullivan

FOLL: Paul Meakin, Nev Weller, Owen Backwell

Res: John Stackpoole, Brian Fegan,

Emerg: Ken Hayes

After 10 years of waiting for the Apple Islanders to accept the challenge Queensland finally played Tasmania at the Gabba on Sunday 18 May 1975 in front a huge crowd. In an inspiring performance the headlines the next day told the story best. There was "Rules Finest Hour" and "Queensland Whips Tasmania". Also, "Queensland's Great Win in Exciting Rules Game" and "Look out Victoria in 10 Years". All Brisbane buzzed that night and for days after. Queensland football had arrived via the 16-29-125 to Tasmania 16-7-103 victory. Bill Ryan topped the goal tally with five, while Gary Jones and Hedley Thompson booted four apiece as ruckman Darryl Dunlop was judged best afield from John Stackpoole, Ryan, Gary Wagner, Ron Thomas, Thompson, Don Smith and Nev Weller. Queensland umpire was Nev Sandford.

The Queensland side was:

B: Bill Farrelly, Barry Roberts-Thomson, Nev Weller

HB.: Barry Denny, Don Smith, Bruce Rohde (v/c)

C: John Stackpoole, Colin Kimmorley, Syd Guildford

HF: Jeff Ebert, Hedley Thompson, Ron Thomas

F: Owen Backwell, Gary Jones, Bill Ryan (c)

FOLL: Darryl Dunlop, Dennis Junker, Gary Wagner

Res: Danny Brennan, Shane O'Sullivan

The third game against a SA Youth side was played at Football Park, Adelaide, on Saturday 14 June. The Maroons, perhaps suffering a post-Tasmanian letdown, lost 18-17-125 to 22-17-149. Thompson, Jones and Backwell kicked three goals apiece while Wagner, Backwell, Thompson, Stackpoole and Roberts-Thomson were judged the Maroons best. A disappointment but still a part of a wonderful era.

The Queensland side was:-

B: Bill Farrelly, Barry Roberts-Thomson, Warren Roper

HB: Barry Denny, Don Smith, Bruce Rohde (v/c)

C: John Stackpoole, Colin Kimmorley, Syd Guildford

HF: Hedley Thompson, Bill Ryan (c), Danny Brennan

F: Jeff Ebert, Gary Jones, Owen Backwell

FOLL: Darry Dunlop, Nev Weller, Gary Wagner

Res: Denis Pelly, Paul Meakin.

EMERG: Shane O'Sullivan.

Team Officials: Coach: Terry Moule, Manager: Harry Connelly, Doctor: Dr Bob Green. Head Trainer: "Bluey" Wiltshire, Assistant Manager: Wally Wilson, Assistant Trainer: Ken Fisher, Timekeeper: Charlie Tweedale. Umpire: Kev Symmons.

Norm Reidy

A versatile type noted for his toughness and courage who played anywhere from fullback to ruck-rover and full forward. A former Fitzroy player, albeit only for one senior game in 1946, he moved to Queensland in 1949 to join Mayne and later was Sandgate's first premiership captain-coach in 1956-57. Also had a brief stint at Windsor. A State team regular through the 1950's, he was Queensland's best player at the 1950 carnival in Brisbane he also coached the state side. Later became club president and is something of a Sandgate icon.

Nick Riewoldt

Queensland's first and only No.1 AFL draft pick, he is one of St.Kilda's all-time greats at 26 and is destined for a place in the AFL Hall of Fame. Born in Tasmania, where his family is a football institution, he moved to the Gold Coast aged 10 but didn't take up football seriously until age 13, preferring soccer in his youth. But he's more than made up for lost time after graduating from the junior ranks at Broadbeach to play in Southport's 2000 AFLQ premiership side aged 17 after he'd starred for Queensland at the 2000 Australian U18 Championships. He was identified as the No.1 junior in the country when drafted by the Saints at No.1 in the 2000 AFL National Draft. Even before he'd played a game he was a champion in the making, lumbered with lofty expectation when described in the 2001 AFL Guide as "expected to be the future of St.Kilda". After an injury-plagued first year which restricted him to just six AFL games he's now totaled 158 games and kicked 320 goals to rank sixth on the Saints' all-time goal-kicking list. He won the 2002-04-06-07 St.Kilda B&F to equal the record of dual Brownlow Medalist Robert Harvey and 1920's star Bill Cubbins, and was set to beat it until surprisingly beaten for 2008 B&F honors by Sam Fisher. Among other honors, he won the AFL Rising Star Award in 2002, was All-Australian in

2004-06-08, won the AFLPA MVP in 2004, was equal 7th in the Brownlow Medal in 2004, represented Australia in International Rules in 2004, was captain at 22 in 2005, co-captain in 2007 and sole captain in 2008. A member of St.Kilda's 2004 Pre-Season Premiership side, he captained the NAB Cup champions in 2008. Twice he has kicked nine goals in a game - against Melbourne in round 15 2004 and Carlton in round 8 2006 - and three times he has topped 50 goals in a season - 67 in 2004, 60 in 2006 and 65 in 2008. A key forward with the running power of a midfielder, he has been a standout performer on and off the field, establishing real celebrity status among the football capital of Melbourne without ever losing touch with friends, family and football at 'home'. Was 2007'08 captain of the Queensland Team of the Year, instituted in 2007 and chosen on State of Origin guidelines.

Barry Roberts-Thomson

A Tasmanian-born fullback who represented the Apple Isle at schoolboy level and moved north as a teenager. Commenced his Queensland career at Ipswich, where he started as a full forward. Won the George Hall Medal (Reserve Grade) in 1967 while playing in Ipswich's senior team that played reserve grade only. Was lured to Kedron where he was a triple B&F winner and a State team fixture through the 1970s. Was a member of the champion Queensland teams of 1974-75 which swept all before them, including an historic win over Tasmania at the Gabba in '75, he had the honour of captaining Queensland in 1977. Finished his career with Sandringham in the VFA. His son Lewis is a premiership player with the Sydney Swans.

Bill Ryan

Champion centre half back/forward from Geelong who played 167 AFL games from 1963-72, represented Victoria in 1971 and was a member of the losing 1967 grand final side. Moved to Queensland in 1973 to join Coorparoo and captained Queensland in 1974-75, including the famous Gabba win over Tasmania, when he kicked five goals. Played a total of six times for Queensland and finished his career with Southport on the Gold Coast, where he played in five premiership sides. His strong presence on the Gold Coast was a catalyst to the upsurge in the game, eventually leading to the entry of the all-powerful Sharks to the QAFL in 1983. Was honoured in 2004 when the media award for the second division of the State League was named the Bill Ryan Trophy.

Clem Ryan

An interchange selection in the Queensland Team of the Century, he was a utility defender who ranked among the best of his era. Captained Queensland in the first national Schoolboys Carnival held at Perry Park in 1922 and later captained the Queensland Open side in a double matched only by the great Doug Pittard. He graduated from his school team at Fortitude Valley Primary School to play for Valleys and Windsor juniors before posting more than 250 senior games at Mayne. Twice won the De Little Medal for the best

player in the League, was twice runner-up, and was a member of numerous Mayne premiership sides, including their undefeated team of 1934. Played for Queensland over an 11-year period, including seven years as captain, and went on to be coach and manager of the State side. His work in the schools as a pioneering development officer was pivotal to the growth of the game, and culminated in the QAFL U19 Medal being named in his honour. A key figure in the formation of the Yeronga, Coorparoo and Morningside clubs, he was coach of Morningside's first premiership side in 1952 when they only played Reserve Grade. Was also the Panthers' first A-Grade coach when they entered the senior QANFL competition in '53. Like Bill Becker, with whom he played for nine years in the Queensland team, he passed away in 1957 at the age of 50.

Darryl Sanders

An unselfish and powerful utility player who started his 303-game AFLQ career at full forward, finished at fullback, and played right down the spine, even playing in the ruck for Queensland once. Began his senior career with Yeronga as a 14-year-old in 1949, was part of the Coorparoo-Yeronga merger, and finished with Coorparoo in 1966. Was a member of Coorparoo premiership sides in 1960-63-64, and also played in losing grand finals in 1961-62. Was QAFL leading goal-kicker in 1954 with 92 goals, receiving a retrospective Ray Hughson Medal. Represented Queensland over 13 years from age 17 in 1952 to 1964, playing 25 games to rank among the State's most capped players. Once played alongside brothers Ley and Al in the same State side. Also a standout cricketer, he captained the Queensland Schoolboys against a NSW Schoolboys side led by Bob Simpson, and also played two years with Colts in the Brisbane A-Grade competition before choosing football over cricket as his sporting priority.

Alf Shaw

A colourful media personality who also made a contribution as an umpire. Retired from a playing career at community level in Deniliquin in southern NSW to take up umpiring. Officiated in various country leagues before a stint in the VFA and eventually moved to Sydney where he was in charge of an SFL grand final between North Shore and a Newtown team that contained boxing icon Johnny Lewis. He is a boxing aficionado who shifted to Brisbane as a media manager with an advertising agency. He continued his umpiring career, officiating in QAFL matches at the Gabba and Perry Park. He recalls that "Perry Park was as hard as flint and so were most of the blokes who played. One game between Mayne and Sandgate resulted in 14 reports and we could have got another 20." He was the sports broadcaster for Radio 4BK, where QAFL Match of the Day commentaries would be littered with his unique colloquialisms. He also made contributions to the QAFL Football Record, once interviewed Muhammad Ali, called a race meeting at Moulamein in southern NSW where a kid named Roy Higgins had his first ride, and replaced John Laws as breakfast announcer at 3BA Bendigo in 1955 when "Golden Tonsils" left after a dispute

with management. While Shaw's boxing broadcasts gained notoriety when he moved to Brisbane in 1965, his first sporting love was Australian Football. He would sign off from his radio broadcasts from QAFL matches each with his inimitable Australian drawl by saying, "I'm Alf Shaw ... and that's for sure!"

Bill and Marj Shaw

The Shaw name is synonymous with Australian Football on the Darling Downs. Bill and Marj Shaw are two football identities always mentioned in the same breath, hence their joint induction. When people discuss the formation and development of the code in the Downs region the Shaw's are always first mentioned. Marj Shaw, actively involved in the code's administration from 1970-96, was the first secretary/registrar of the Darling Downs Australian Football League (DDAFL) in 1970 and held that position for more than 20 years, broken only by a stint as president in 1975. She also was secretary of the South Queensland Regional Association (SQRA) for more than two decades, received an NFL Merit Award in 1983 and life membership of the DDAFL (1977) and the SQRA (1996) and Coolaroo AFC in Toowoomba (2007). Bill Shaw OAM, actively involved from 1970-89, was the foundation president of the DDAFL and Coolaroo AFC and a self-taught central umpire for 18 years and a goal umpire through until the age of 68. Also coached the Coolaroo reserves to premierships in 1975-76, won the DDAFL 'Golden Whistle' in 1988, received life membership at Coolaroo (1979) and the DDAFL (1980), and an OAM for Civil, Welfare, Service and Sports Groups in 2002. A unique couple who have made contributions in a quiet and humble way, dedicating countless hours to school competitions and other development initiatives, they are foundation members of the Brisbane Bears and current members of the Brisbane Lions, still travelling regularly to the Gabba.

Robert Shepherd

Gifted half forward who was All-Australian Schoolboys vice-captain in 1972 after winning the J.L. Williams Medal as the best player at the national carnival. A Sherwood junior, he was highly skilled, quick and elusive. Runner-up in the Grogan Medal in 1974 playing with Wests, he earned a ticket to Fitzroy where he played 43 AFL games from 1975-77. Was joint runner-up in the Grogan Medal again in 1980.

Bert Skuce

Valleys ruckman whose best years were disrupted by World War 1. Played for Queensland from 1914-24 - a period rarely matched at State level - and captained Valleys to the 1913 premiership in an era when the game was at one of its strongest points. Originally played in the SANFL, he spent a year playing in Tasmania for the strong Zeehan club before settling in Queensland. Continued to play well into his 40s, he was always mentioned in Queensland's best players.

Don Smith

Champion Sandgate centre half back and captain from the Sunshine Coast who played 300 games from 1970-84 and was selected in the Queensland Team of the Century in 2003. A 1968 All-Australian U15 Schoolboys selection, he won the Grogan Medal as a 20-year-old in 1973 and again in '79. Enjoyed premiership triumphs in 1970-71-74-79, and played in losing grand final sides in 1972-73-76. A seven-time club B&F winner in a very handy team, he played 21 State games despite some early indifference to representative football. Pursued by several AFL clubs, he once trialed with Collingwood before rejecting Melbourne's inclement weather. Was senior captain-coach of Nambour from 1985-88 where he played 70 games. In 1992 his thirst for football was not sated and he gained All-Australian selection in the over 35's Super Rules. A junior coach with the new Coolum Beach Football Club in 2007-08, he is honoured each year by the Brisbane Lions when the club presents the Don Smith Most Professional Player Award, named in his honour.

Ray Smith

Running defender who was the first Queenslander to play 100 AFL games. A product of the Sherwood State School and the Sherwood Football Club via Western Districts, he played senior football at 15. Enjoyed a unique football treble in Queensland, commencing in rugby union playing for the Reds U19s, playing at interstate level in Australian football on three occasions, and adding representative rugby league after a mid-career stint in the rival code. He tasted premiership success in rugby league with Valleys in 1970. Played 104 games with Essendon (1971-75) and Melbourne (1975-76) and finished his career as a captain-coach in the VFA. Was recognised by the Brisbane Lions via the 'Ray Smith 100-Game Honour Board, which hangs in the player rooms at the Gabba, while brothers Bruce and Tony were premiership players Kedron and wore the Maroon jumper with distinction.

Barry Spring

A 168-game and 585-goal powerful Mayne forward who was a dual premiership team member in 1966-67 and last-gasp winner of the '66 Hughson Medal when he kicked nine goals in the final game of the home and away season. A dual Tigers B&F winner and life member, he was a big-time performer and also kicked nine goals in a preliminary final against Wests. Played nine times for Queensland in 1963-64-65-66-67 and was one of great players of his era through the mid-1960s. Old-timers recall his brilliance at interstate level, and particularly a match where he overshadowed Alex Jesaulenko, his ACT counterpart at centre half forward. A prodigious drop kick, he was lured to rugby league in 1968, and completed a unique premiership hat-trick with Norths in his first season in the rival code. Such was his effectiveness with the two-point field goal that he saw the value of this 'score' cut to one point. Returned to Australian football to finish his playing days with Banyo, kicking 20 goals against University on one occasion.

John Stackpoole

A 251-game Sandgate champion and long-serving club captain who is one of the Hawks' all-time greats. Named on a half forward flank in the Queensland Team of the Century in 2003, he was a late developer, blossoming from an unlikely career beginning in which he was too small for football and instead played baseball in his youth. Dabbled in football with the Teachers club in 1966-67 and made his senior debut with the Hawks in '68.

Predominantly a centremen, with a beautiful left-foot kick, he played in four premierships sides in 1970-71-74-79. Was the Hughson Medalist in 1973, which ironically was the only year from 1969-79 in which he didn't play for Queensland. Was State captain seven times during his illustrious 24-game career for the Maroons, which included historic victories over the VFA in 1977-78. Also a very good A-Grade cricketer, he later umpired at community level. Coach of Strathpine senior and Sandgate junior teams which included Brisbane Lions ace Jamie Charman, he played a key role in the introduction of Australian Football to one of Australia's proudest rugby nurseries; Nudgee College. Coached their First XVIII to victories in the now prestigious Jason Dunstall Cup in 2006-07-08, defeating Ipswich Grammar by 20 goals in the '08 grand final. His father Jack played in the QANFL prior to World War II, was an administrator at Sandgate and as a fast bowler for Queensland once dismissed the great Don Bradman first ball for a duck. John's son Sheldon is now a young administrator at the Hawks, spanning the family involvement to three generations.

Grant Staunton

A playing veteran of more than 25 years with the Hervey Bay Bombers Club in the Bundaberg Wide Bay League, he boasts a record unrivalled in Queensland country. He has played in no less than 12 senior premierships and collected 12 B&F's, the vast majority at his beloved Bombers. Later in his career he won the Bundaberg Wide Bay AFL League B&F's Medal in 1996-97 and was runner-up in 1995-98. Having started his junior football there in the 1970s, he was a three time Queensland Country representative. Also collected awards in the strong Sunraysia League in Victoria and in Geraldton in Western Australia. A Life Member of the Hervey Bay and the AFL Bundaberg-Wide Bay League, he has also spent time as a junior coach.

Andy Stewart

A left-footed centre half forward/ruck rover with an immaculate kick who played more than 300 games of senior football over 17 years. Won the Grogan Medal in 1958 by eight votes after being runner-up in 1956 and was instrumental in Ray Hughson's unsurpassed goal-kicking feats of the late 1950s and early '60s. Such was Hughson's appreciation that he once presented his long-time mate with one of his six Hughson Medals in special acknowledgment in the part he played. Spent one year as captain-coach at Morningside in

1957 before returning to Wests to finish his career. Was a multiple B&F winner with the Bulldogs, including three in a row at one stage, and enjoyed a long and distinguished representative career for Queensland from 1953 through into the '60s.

Wayne Stewart

A renowned big-game performer who played 289 games with Mayne and Coorparoo from age 17 through until his mid 30s, tasting premiership and B&F success with both clubs and earning selection in the Queensland Team of the Century. A Zillmere junior after learning his early football at Geebung State School, he was an ever-competitive ruckman / key defender and was regarded as one of the most feared and intimidating figures of his time. A standout junior, he won the Max Poulter Trophy as the best schoolboy player four years in a row, but lost a kidney after he captained the State schoolboys side to Perth in 1958 and gave the game away. Took up professional running and had a year as a senior boundary umpire before a protective guard allowed him to return to football in '64. Was recruited by St Kilda in 1966, the year of the club's only AFL premiership, and was chosen to play on the wing in Round 1 against Collingwood before being denied an interstate transfer. Returned home to play in the Mayne premiership side of the same year, and switched from the Tigers to the Roos as captain-coach at the tender age of 24 in '67, taking them to the 1968 premiership. Represented Queensland 16 times from 1965 through to the early 70s, captaining the State in 1971-72-73, and later played three years at Coolangatta before a serious knee injury sustained in a heavy fall after a marking contest with Bill Ryan ended his career. Renowned for his bone-crunching shirt front tackles, he was one of the codes personalities whose speed, size and ruthlessness saw him labeled the 'Captain Blood' of QAFI football and generated great excitement among all supporters. Blessed with exceptional marking and long kicking skills to complement an extremely strong competitive drive and first-class leadership capabilities, he was sometimes labeled a hothead on the field but otherwise was a perfect gentleman. Finished at Coorparoo as club president in the early 80s.

Kevin Symmons

Originally from Tasmania, he was a Hawthorn U19s and Reserves player who moved to Queensland in 1970 to carve out a brilliant umpiring career. Officiated in 260 QAFI matches, including a record equalling seven grand finals (with Tom McArthur and Matt Lee-Archer) and four interstate games, and had a brief stint as umpire's advisor. The State's best umpire of the 1970s and a good performer well into the 80's, he was named with Tom McArthur, Darren Morris and Martin Hopp as the field umpires in the AFL Queensland Umpires Association 'Team of the Century' 1904-2003.

Col Taylor

A life-time advocate of Australian Football in Queensland who contributed significantly as a player, coach, media commentator and a fine student of the game. Commenced his senior career at Kedron in 1942 after converting from a rugby league initiation at St Columbans College at Clayfield. Went on to play more than 120 games for the Redlegs, generally in the ruck or at centre half forward. After a promising first season his football career was interrupted by four years of service in the army (1943-46) in World War II. He debuted for Queensland in 1947 and played three State games in 1947-48. After his retirement as a player he coached the Kedron U18 side to a premiership in 1951 and guided Kedron to four finals series, two grand finals and a premiership in 1957 in a six-year senior coaching stint through the late 50s and '60s which included appointment as Queensland coach in 1967. Later spent 10 years as Chairman of "The Leach Motors Football Forum", a popular radio program, and contributed as a board member at Kedron and club delegate to the QAFL. The Football Record of 1962 said of Taylor: "... he is a quiet, scholarly, still-young man who has the respect of every member of his team - and of all who know him - and who is responsible for the 'Raging Redlegs'." John Morton, former football writer with the *Telegraph*, describes him at the time of his coaching as a quiet, conservative and tactful man. He was a real student of the game who did all he could to further his understanding.

Zane Taylor

One of the great Queensland players from the late 1970s, right through the early 1990s, and the official record-holder of most games for the State at 26. A fearless midfielder cum half back flanker, he joined Southport from Footscray as a 17-year-old and played 200 games with the club, including time in the Gold Coast League. Played in a staggering 16 grand finals in 16 years from 1975-90 - missing out altogether in 1984 but playing in two grand finals in '78 with Windsor-Zillmere and Southport under a curious permit arrangement. Had a stint at Geelong, playing 27 AFL games from 1980-83 and appearing in three consecutive AFL Reserves grand finals. Won the 1985 Grogan Medal and missed a share of the '83 medal when he tied with teammate Peter Guy and Sherwood's Bill Peirce but was ineligible due to a controversial report from a goal umpire. Won the Joe Grant Medal in 1983 and '90, four B&F awards with the Sharks, and was captain of three premiership sides. So highly regarded was he as a State team captain and performer that the Zane Taylor Medal is now awarded to the best Queensland player in interstate matches.

Jim Trewick

A four-time premiership player at Windsor who was the youngest of the famous Trewick brothers behind Alan, Ken and Phil, who all represented Queensland. He was a centre half forward cum on-baller who was regarded as a reliable team member, fast and hard, with a good kick. Was a member of Windsor's last four premiership sides in 1947-49-50-51 and formed an unbeatable combination with Ray Marshall, the boom full forward of the same era. Was the QAFL leading goal-kicker in 1947 and represented Queensland from 1946-53.

Dick Verdon

Fullback in the Queensland Team of the Century, he was a homegrown 240-game champion 'stolen' from rugby league to play in four QAFL premierships - two each with Sandgate and Coorparoo. He made his senior debut at Sandgate aged 18 in 1954, and played 120 games for the Hawks from 1954-61, including the 1956-57 premierships and 1954-60 grand finals. He won the Sandgate B&F in 1955-56-57, was runner-up in 1958-59-60-61 and club captain in '61. Was a protégé of Norm Reidy when he transformed the Hawks into a formidable unit in the late 1950s. A successful captain-coach and representative selection with Henty in Victoria's Farrar League in 1962-63, he was captain-coach at Coorparoo '64 and played about 100 senior games with the Roos after paying a transfer fee of 200 pounds himself. Won the premiership as captain-coach in '64, stood down in 1966 and after a year out of the game made a comeback in 1968 to share in another flag. Was Runner-Up in the Grogan Medal three times in the 1950s, won the 'Telegraph Blue' award for best QAFL player in 1955 and the corresponding award from The Courier-Mail in 1956 and '64. Signed on a 'Form Four' by St.Kilda in 1956, he rejected repeat offers for employment reasons, prompting the Saints to instead recruit Verdon Howell, who became a member of their only AFL premiership side in 1966. Represented Queensland with distinction 20 times from 1955-65, was State captain in '61 and at the '65 carnival in Brisbane, and coached Queensland from 1958-61. A sailor of international class, he was chosen to represent Australia in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics but withdrew to play with Sandgate in the grand final and complete his national service. Later became an influential football administrator in regional Queensland, serving as a coach at club and representative level and on the tribunal in Hervey Bay, and as a coach and League official in Mackay.

Bill Vidgen

A long-serving Taringa captain who was a solid centre half back renowned for his grand high mark and brilliant long kick. Represented Queensland from 1929-36 and was the Maroons' best player at the 1933 carnival in Sydney, where Haydn Bunton and Gordon Coventry were standouts for Victoria. Brother Pat also represented Queensland at full forward and won the De Little Medal.

Michael Voss

Captain of the Queensland Team of the Century, he is widely regarded as Queensland's greatest AFL player, and one of the best players in the game in the early 21st century. Born in Traralgon in eastern Victoria, he spent his early childhood in nearby Orbost but was a Queenslander from age 10, learning his football at Morningside. He won the Division 2 B&F Medal and All-Australian selection at the 1992 Teal Cup carnival after kicking 14 goals in one game - still a carnival record. He graduated to senior ranks aged 17 years 11 days in 1992 to begin an extraordinary AFL career that spanned 289 games with the Brisbane Bears/Lions until 2006. He became the first Queenslander to win the Brownlow Medal in 1996 and had six top 10 finishes in the medal in 1995-96-2000-01-02-03. Was an inspirational captain of the Lions' 2001-02-03 premiership sides, plus the losing 2004 grand final side. Among other highlights were five Bears/Lions B&F awards in 1995-96-2000-01-03, five All-Australian selections in 1996-99-2001-02-03 (vice-captain 2000, captain 2002-03) and 10 years as club captain from 1997-2006. He won the 2002-03 AFLPA 'Most Valuable Player Award' after being runner-up in 2001, and was voted AFLPA 'Best Captain' in 2001-02-03-04 and 'Most Courageous Player' in 2001. He retired at the end of 2006 after representing Australia in the International Rules series in Ireland and served two years as a part-time coach of the AIS/AFL Academy while working in the media. A 1996-2001-02-03 finalist in the Queensland Sports Star of the Year award and AFL Personality of the Year 2006, he was appointed Lions senior for 2009.

Gary Wagner

A fleet-footed rover/wingman who won four B&Fs at Sandgate. A product of Sandgate High School, he played 214 games over 15 years and was a key member of the club's successful 1970s era, which included four premierships. Also represented Queensland many times through the '70s. Took a famous mark at the Gabba as he soared above the pack with umpire Tom MacArthur at his feet. Son Scott was a Queensland U17 captain who played for the Brisbane Bears Reserves.

Keith Wallis OAM

A product of Western Districts, he is the doyen of junior coaching in Queensland. In 1961, after several years as a solid performer in lower grades at the Bulldogs, he took over from Tom McArthur as schools coach. He spent time at Sandgate as a skills coach (1980-81), was Director of Football at South Brisbane (1982-83), and coached at Wests Juniors (1984-85) before a season as head coach at Kedron (1986). Has conducted a highly successful summer training program for more than 30 years and has been involved in coaching, predominantly at junior level, for most of his adult life. One of the first in Queensland to be an accredited Level 3 coach, he has coached more than 700 games. He is a Life Member at Wests Juniors and the Brisbane Junior Australian Football League

(BJAFL), was awarded an Australian Sports Medal in 2000 and further honoured when the AFL Queensland Division U18 division one medal was given his name.

Noel Wallis

From the well known Wallis football family, his contribution to Australian football in Queensland has largely come as a 26-year senior administrator at grass roots level in the Brisbane region. In July 1975 he was appointed secretary of the South Queensland Australian Football Association (SQAFA). He saw that body through several metamorphoses to resign in late 2001. Before his outstanding administrative career, like his brother Keith, he was a product of Western Districts, playing about 200 reserve grade and 15 senior games for the Bulldogs. Also spent some of his 375-odd senior games at Geebung and Aspley. He coached junior football at Wests and Aspley for eight years and was a senior coach at Geebung and Aspley for five years. His contribution as an administrator began with 13 years on the committees of Aspley and Geebung, but it was in his role with the SQAFA and later the Brisbane Australian Football League (BAFL) and AFL South Queensland, that he made his mark. The 1980s and '90s were difficult times for community football as interest, funding and volunteers drifted to the Bears/Lions. He was a strong advocate for the clubs at the bottom levels and made sure that this vital link in the code's development chain remained viable and relevant. During his tenure, machinations outside of Brisbane that included the collapse of the Sunshine Coast League and changes to the structure of Gold Coast football saw him negotiate difficult times with composure and forethought. Is an Aspley and AFL South Queensland Life Member.

Dean Warren

An outstanding Queensland servant of Australian football on and off the field, he enjoys the rare distinction of climbing to the top of the tree as a local player before become a senior member of the AFL management team. Born in Melbourne but raised in Gympie, he joined Wilston-Grange Football Club in 1986, was a member of the inaugural Brisbane Bears training squad and was on the Bears Supplementary List in '89. Won the 1987 QAFL Colt of the Year award and in the same year was equal runner-up with the great Gary Dempsey to Grogan Medalist Terry Simmonds. Went one better in '93 when he shared the Grogan Medal with Daryl Bourke and Jason Cotter. Played 170 senior games with Wilston-Grange and Kedron-Grange in a career highlighted by Kedron-Grange B&F wins in 1992-93 and the club captaincy from 1992-95. He represented Queensland six times, including the Bi-Centennial Carnival in Adelaide in 1988, and was deputy vice-captain of the Maroons in 1994 before retiring in '96. Has also worked in football for 21 years - 14 in various game development roles in Queensland before moving to AFL headquarters in Melbourne in 2002 as National Youth Co-Ordinator. Was promoted in '04 to the role of National Participation Manager, responsible for the strategic growth and development of the game at all levels below the AFL competition.

NevilleWeller

A foundation member of the Windsor-Zillmere club as an 11-year-old in 1963 who went on to play 236 games for the Eagles as a hard-running, rugged and mobile ruckman. A member of Queensland Schoolboy teams in 1967-69, he was an uncompromising competitor who formed the backbone of Zillmere's first premiership side in 1975 before a stint at Richmond in '76. Didn't enjoy Melbourne and returned home mid-season as the Eagles completed back-to-back flags. Picked up another premiership in 1981, and played 16 times for Queensland between 1970-79, invariably among the best players. More recently he has contributed at a community level, with 10 years as president of the Northern Raiders. Son Luke, another product of the Eagles and Aspley juniors, played 11 AFL games for the Brisbane Lions, including four in the 2003 premiership year, and seven games for Richmond in 2004 before returning to the Eagles in '05 and earning the State captaincy.

Thomas Welsby

The Chairman of the Queensland Football Association (QFA) when a football controversy raged in Brisbane in 1884 as rugby and Australian Football battled for the hearts and minds of Queenslanders. He was a staunch advocate for Melbourne Rules and acknowledged at an acrimonious QFA meeting in 1884 "the history of the Melbourne game in Queensland up to the present time", and claimed it to be unquestionably the game of the colony. Born in Ipswich in 1858, one year before Queensland's separation from New South Wales, he was educated at Ipswich Grammar and later lived in Brisbane and played Melbourne Rules for the Brisbane Football Club. He won election to parliament and earned the nickname of "Bung Bung", which reflected his geniality and popularity. He wrote several books about the history of the Moreton Bay region. He was the key person in the hopes of Australian Football maintaining its position of dominance over rugby in the early to mid-1880s. At this time he was obviously young but beginning to make his way in the business world of Brisbane. He was an intelligent man who, from newspaper accounts, was not one for great oratories as seemed to be the fashion of other football administrators at that time. His literary and financial skills were a strength and benefit to the many voluntary organisations he patronised. A significant contribution to Australian Football was his publication in 1883 of a much-lauded booklet entitled *Queensland Footballer*. Within this publication, he was to make the following prophetic statement concerning the playing of Australian Rules within the grammar schools: "So long as the Melbourne game is played in our public schools, we need never fear for the rugby ... If that game [rugby] takes root in the Brisbane schools, let alone Ipswich or other towns,[however], then say good bye Melbourne, prepare your own epitaph, select your burial year and place, your death is nigh at hand.". In 1884, while what the *Brisbane Courier* described as a football controversy brewed, Tom Welsby's voluntary and professional associations positioned him to feel the full force of its eventual eruption. He had held the highly respected position of secretary/treasurer of

the Brisbane Football Club from 1879 after joining the club in 1874. Many of his friends and business associates would have been those Brisbane and Wallaroos members whose allegiances lay with rugby. Welsby was renowned for his loyalty. He was a strong and articulate advocate for the national game when it was reaching its darkest hour in the late 1880s. There was no more influential figure in 19th century Australian football in Queensland. The eventual demise of the code was no fault of his. He returned to assist in the administration of the sport when it re-emerged in the first decade of the 20th century and was patron in the early 1920s to mark more than 40 years with the Australian game. In 1928 he helped revive Rugby Union and is key figure in the history of the QRU as well.

Terry Wilson

The doyen of AFL journalists on the Gold Coast, he has covered the code for the *Gold Coast Bulletin* for 26 years since Southport joined the then AFLQ competition in 1983. Born in Sydney, he spent part of his early childhood in Port Morseby before living in Cairns from 1956-71, playing Australian Rules on Saturdays and Rugby League on Sundays. He moved to the Gold Coast in 1973 and first worked at the *Bulletin* as a type-setter. He later did some part-time writing on rugby league and greyhounds from the mid-70s, became a full-time sports journalist in '81 and took on the AFL "round" in 1983. Also a noted golf and cricket writer, he received the Australian Sports Medal in 2000 and has enjoyed the wonderful success of the Sharks and the rise, fall and imminent rise again of AFL football on the Gold Coast.

Windsor Football Club 1924-62

The dominant club in Queensland up until the early 1950s, they won 12 premierships in what was a benchmark for the senior competition until bettered by Southport Football Club's 13th State League title in 2008. The Eagles, led by Harry O'Callaghan, won their first senior premiership over Mayne in 1929 at Perry Park. Ernie Hall was an early star for the club with the interesting colour combination of chocolate and blue. A large crowd was controlled by mounted police as they wildly celebrated their first grand final win over the Tigers in '29. A quaint rule existed at this time that meant that the minor premiers had the right to challenge for a rematch if they were beaten in the premiership decider. They say that League officials were so confident that Windsor would go back-to-back in 1930 that no provision was made for a ground for Windsor to exercise their right of challenge when they lost to the Tigers in the final. Windsor claim that they eventually obtained access to the No.2 Oval at the RNA Showgrounds and that Mayne refused to play. So the records credit the two clubs with having shared the premiership. More premierships were to follow in 1932-33. Then came their feat that has yet to be matched in Queensland football history when they won five premierships in succession from 1936-40. A change in club colours from chocolate and blue to white with a green 'V' was a good portent for the

boys from Windsor. Coach for that era was Hall of Fame member Jim Freeman. Other Hall of Fame inductees in that team included Jim Davies, Toby Perkins and a young Dick Parton. Whether the best Windsor team of the pre-war era was better than its great post-war side was debated by Eagles fans well into the 1960s, '70s and even the '80s. During the war the Eagles stayed intact while many other clubs in Australia went into recession. The highly successful club had to wait another seven years before it tasted premiership success again in 1947 with victory over Kedron. The Redlegs were successful in '48, before a triple premiership treat for Windsor from 1949-51. A fine Windsor winger in those days was Aub Carrigan who later emulated the great Leo O'Connor in playing Australian Football for Queensland and captaining Queensland in Sheffield Shield cricket. In the late '40s a mop-haired, skinny boy walked into a Windsor Park training session, announced he would like to play football and that he would like to play full forward. His name was Ray Marshall, and he went on to win three Hughson Medals and become the first Queenslander to kick 100 goals in a season. Another post-war player of note was Parton, the Queensland Team of the Century centre half forward. Jim Trewick, too, was a key person in the dominance of Windsor, while other Windsor players to represent their state post-war included Jim's three brothers, Phil, Ken and Alan Trewick, plus Ralph Geschke, Ray Warren, Keith Lacey, David Pie, R Alford, J Hopkins, P Cleak, R Harpur, C Hunter, W Byers, T Earl, N Hollingworth, K Hurley and K Drabble. After success in 1951 the Eagles played in final series in 1952-54-56 and finally in '57. Right through the era that saw the demise of the club in 1962 when it merged with Zillmere, Don McIvor was a standout player who also represented his state. Perhaps the greatest Windsor performance came from Jim Freeman, who coached the club pre-war and post-war when an incredible nine premierships were secured.

Dale Woodhall

A Sandgate, Windsor-Zillmere and Aspley junior who forged a magnificent QAFL career with Mayne. A spectacular, high-marking full forward after making his debut in defence, he was the QAFL's No.2 goal-kicker in his first season in 1977 with 85 goals, behind only Owen Backwell, and went on to win Hughson Medals in 1979-81-82. He was a premiership team member in '82 and Mayne B&F winner in '83. Signed by South Melbourne in 1978, he didn't move to Melbourne until 1984 when he joined Collingwood. Played 12 AFL games with the Magpies in 1984, for 32 goals including seven goals in his third AFL outing against Sydney. Followed sacked Collingwood coach John Cahill to West Adelaide in '85 and enjoyed a stellar time with the 'Bloods', playing 62 games. Returned home to finish his 142-game QAFL career at Mayne. Also played 10 times for Queensland.