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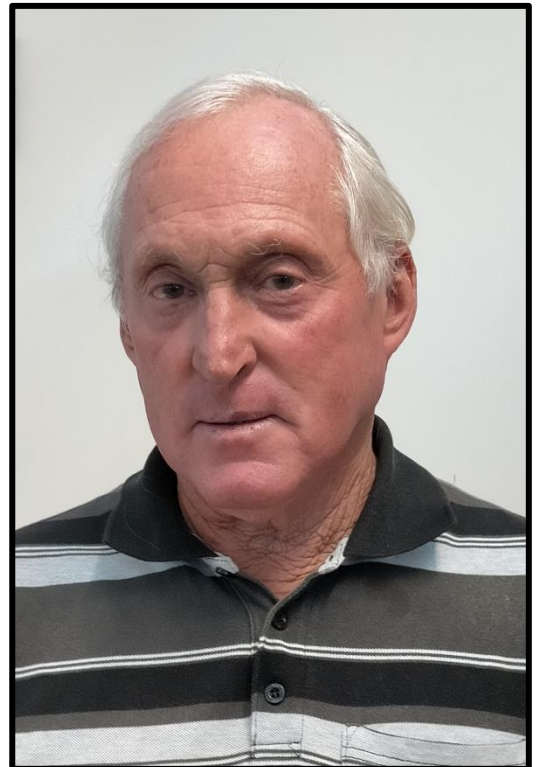
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DAVID BONSHOR, Richmond

‘I JUST LOVED FOOTY, IT WAS IN MY BLOOD... ON THE NIGHT BEFORE MY LEAGUE DEBUT, ALL THE FAMILY CAME AROUND TO CELEBRATE, BUT I WAS IN BED TRYING TO SLEEP. WHEN I RAN OUT ON THE GROUND, I KNEW I HAD ACHIEVED MY AMBITION.’

Growing up a stone's throw from where the club made their home at Richmond Oval, David played football for the West Adelaide Football Club from 1962 to 1972 playing 140 games from juniors to league level in 1971.

Known as the 'Bloods', the West Adelaide Football Club boasts 14 Magarey Medal winners and 139 State Players.



David talks enthusiastically about the club and many notable players he has played with and against, and those who were prominent in the past.

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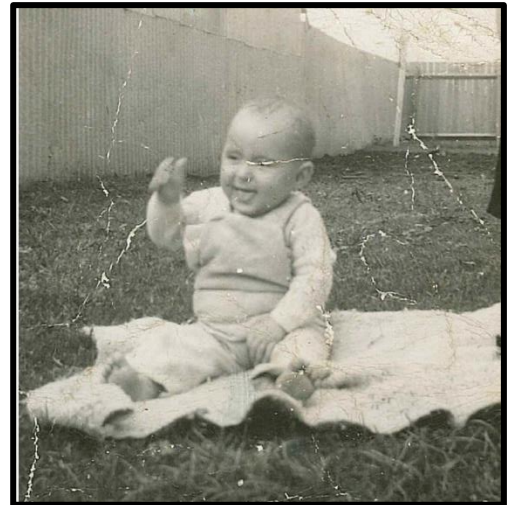
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Arthur David Bonshor

David was born in 1947 and lived in Richmond at the northern end of what is now the Richmond Oval.

The houses were surrounded by several paddocks which were the source of a lot of fun for the local children. Richmond Oval was opened on the 26 April 1958.



*Open paddocks around
1 Martin Place, Marleston,
1949 [WestMaps Public]*



*Richmond Oval, 1959
[WestMaps Public]*

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Dad's grandparents came out from England in the 1850s, they ended up in Millicent. A lot of his family spread out around Heywood and Portland in Victoria.

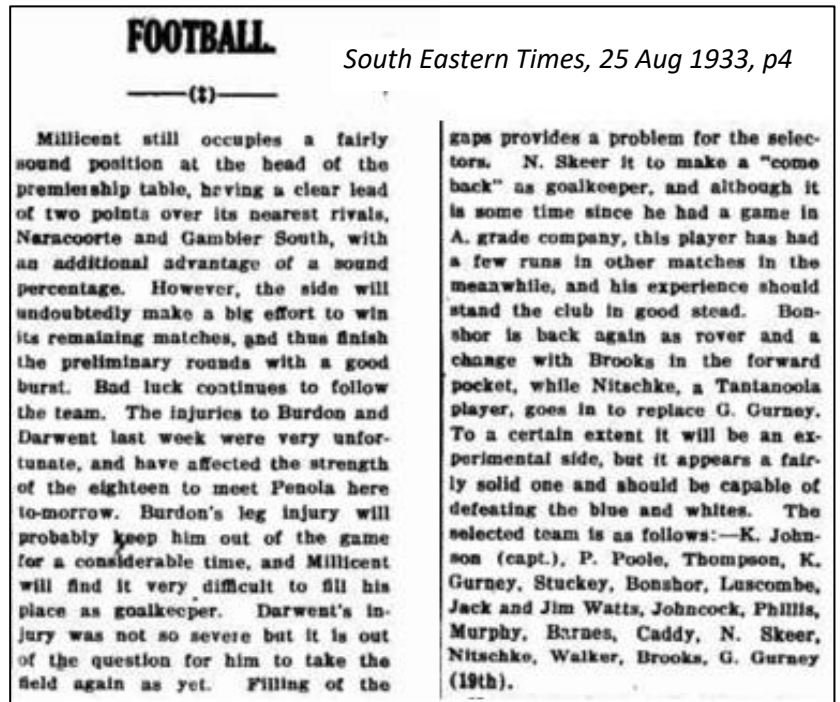
My mum, Elizabeth, known at Betty, came out from Scotland when she was four and the family settled at Penola, I think she went to school at the Mary MacKillop Centre.

They were both hard working people without a penny between them. We learnt about the hardness of life and the benefits of doing it tough.

My dad, Ross and his brother Artie were very good footballers.



South Eastern Times 12 Oct 1934, p3



Dad played in the 1934 premiership side for Millicent and won the trophy for Best on Ground. He kicked five goals and was a left footed rover. He didn't know how to kick a ball, but that's another story, he had a funny dropkick action. He also trained for the Stawell Gift foot race, so he was pretty quick.

I'm very much built along the size of my dad, probably not as strongly built, but we're in the same mould.

I daresay mum and dad met at a football game. That was the centre of social activities around the town. The football club was where everyone hung out.

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Working class family

Gordon Ross Bonshor, known as Ross (2 Aug 1915 - 30 Apr 1995) married Elizabeth Ronaldson Wallace (27 Mar 1923 - 20 Jul 1994).

During the Second World War, Dad and Mum moved to Adelaide and lived in Martin Place, a little street parallel to Milner Road which runs into the northern end of the Richmond Oval. It was a working-class area.



Martin Place Workingmans Maisonette, the Ratcliffes lived next door

Everybody had big families. Mum raised six children and she used to say she never had time to be talking over the fence to the neighbours.



Betty, Aunt Joyce, Aunt Lily, Aunt Anne with children, early 1950s

I had an older brother who died at birth, so, I ended up fourth. I've got three older sisters, Carole, Michelle, Rosslyn and one younger sister, Elizabeth, and a brother Ross.

I had four sisters to fight with, but I got on pretty well with my brother.

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I think we were fairly poor as we seemed to have nothing. However, we managed to fill in our time pretty well with what we had. At one stage Dad bought a swing, and I remember swinging as high as I could. All the kids in the street wanted a piece of that. It was great stuff.



Dad put these chairs on the fence, we kids thought this was great fun. David, Michelle and Ross, circa 1948



All the neighbours in the surrounding houses had fruit trees of some description.

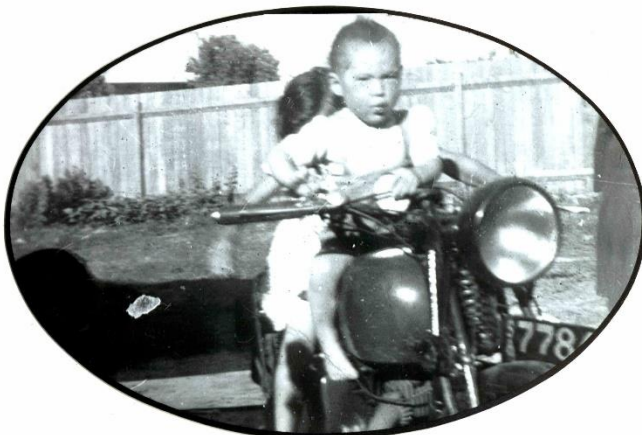
We spent days eating fruit, roaming around the neighbourhood and playing cricket and football in the street, and trying to keep out of mischief.

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Aunt Joyce Burrows, David, Betty (David's Mum), Dougie Burrows, 1948



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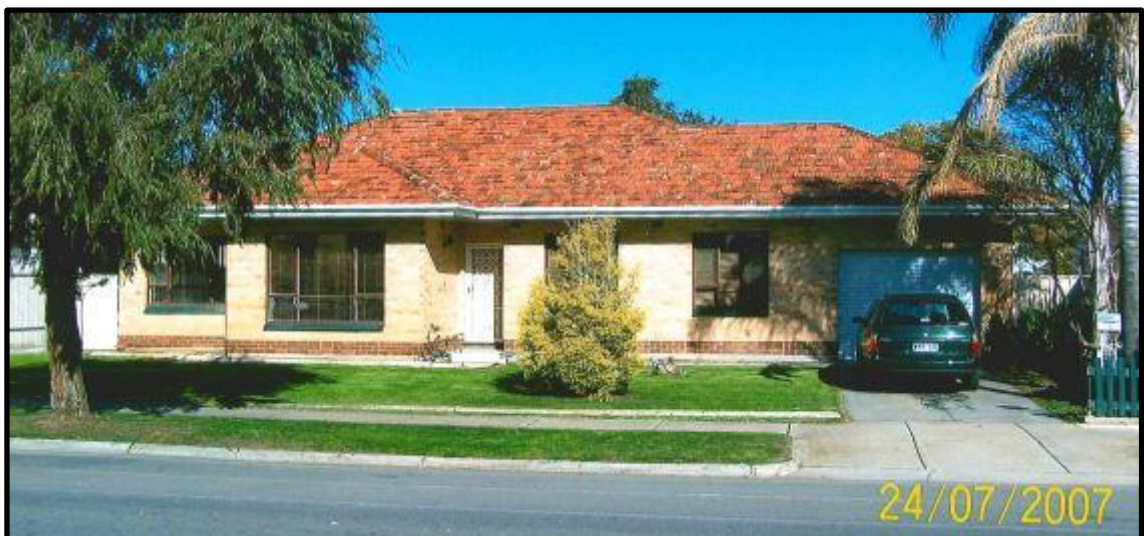
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Initially my dad worked for Hansen Yuncken as a plumber. He was a foreman plumber and had about 60 plumbers under him. The company worked on a lot of the big buildings around town, and they also did the new airport in 1954. After that he started his own business as G.R. Bonshor, running his business from home.



Betty and Ross, mid 1950s

We moved to 18 Galway Avenue, Marleston around 1963.



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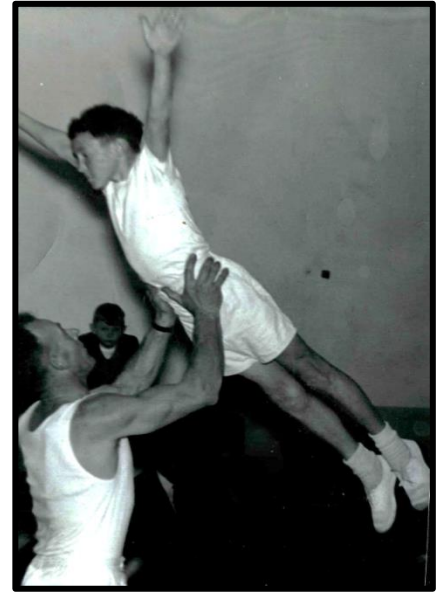
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Sporting family

I never actually played football with my brother as he went in a different direction. If it wasn't for Richmond Oval nearby, I might have gone in a different direction myself.

The Western Youth Centre opened in 1956. I went along for about two weeks.

I didn't stay as I didn't like walking home by myself in the dark. I was only a short scrawny thing.



David, aged 12

Over the years my family has been very sport orientated, they are all sport mad. My dad took up tennis when he was about 40. He had a very unusual style with his left hand but he was effective. Apart from two of my sisters, the rest of us were right into football.



David, aged 12

My family all played tennis at Kingston Tennis Club near the Oval, and then Peake Gardens when the club used those courts.

We played often and all reached a high standard. We all played Division One in premiership teams.

Around 1970 the Kingston Club was renamed to West Adelaide Tennis Club.

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My eldest sister Carole was a very good tennis player. She was one of the top in the state. She would run all day and was so consistent. She'd beat all the big hitters. She's still playing socially at 81 or 82. She loves her tennis.



Carole, second from left

My sisters all loved their tennis but only a couple were deadly serious. My brother Ross and I were both good players, but we played for fun, we were never too serious.



Carole, Tintinara Tennis Tournament, 1961



*Bill Candy, David and Tony Venn
Peake Gardens Tennis Club*

I later played tennis with Bill Candy who was a West Adelaide Football player and T.V., Tony Venn, who played for Glenelg.



Betty, in dark glasses, 2nd from right

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There was a bloke at the tennis club named Gordon 'Ginger' Pearce who also played basketball for West Adelaide at Forestville. He was a top basketballer and Woollacott Medallist, and also one of the best junior tennis players in the world.

He was a champion when he was young, and before the war he played a 19-year-old from America, who was the number one junior in the world, in an exhibition match at Memorial Drive, and he beat him 6-0, that's how good he was. He served in the Second World War and sadly when he came back, he wasn't the same person.

He and I had won the doubles at Western United.

I was a good player but when I played him in the singles championship he beat me 6-0, 6-0.



News 22 Oct 1953, p37



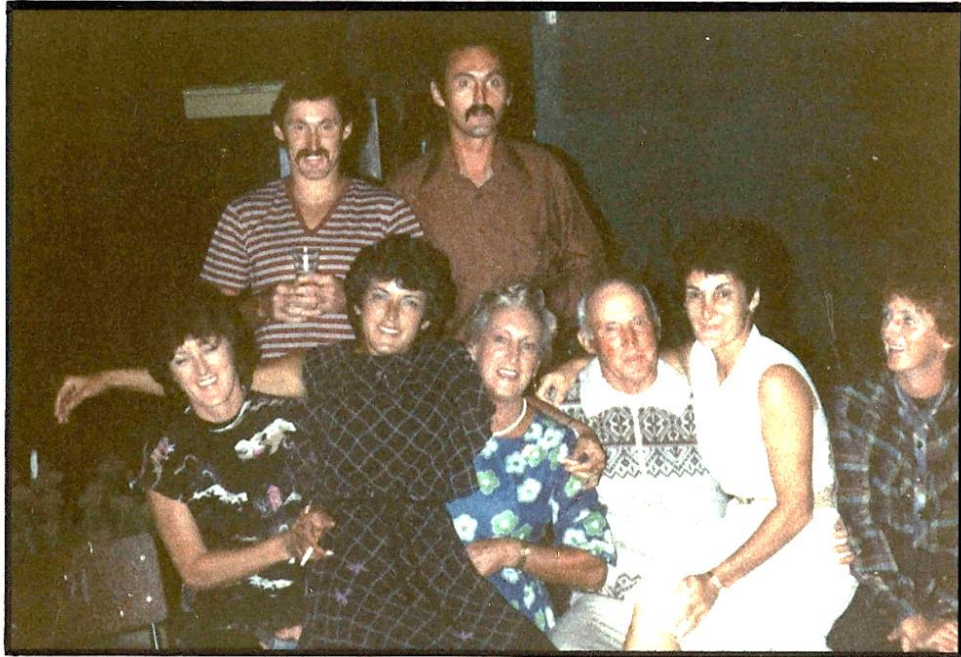
My brother Ross married Ginger Pearce's daughter, Rosie, at Glenelg

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Family through the years

Siblings



David and Ross at rear, Front: Michelle, Betty (Mum), Ross (Dad), Carole, Rosslyn, Elizabeth, around 1976



Carole, Ross, Elizabeth, Michelle, Rosslyn, David, around 1992

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Nieces and Nephews



With Glenelg Football players



David with nieces and nephew



Siobhan



Natasha



Carole's children, Ian, Andrew, Karen, around 1977

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School Years

Kindergarten, 1952

I went to the kindergarten which was part of the Cowandilla school.

My full name is Arthur David and when I first started the headmistress at the kindy called me Arthur. They soon stopped that as they thought the name Arthur was too old and didn't suit a skinny little kid like me.

Cowandilla Primary School, 1953-1959



Cowandilla Junior School, 1979 [WTHS LH0303-15]

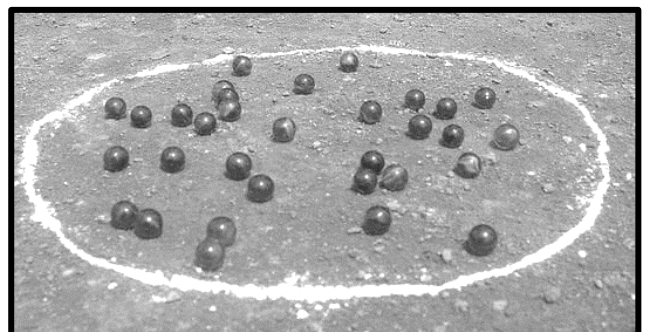
After kindergarten I went to Cowandilla Primary School.

We used to walk to school from Martin Place. It was probably only 200 yards to Cowandilla School.

We could always tell how late or early we were because there was a little green car, which we used to call Beetle Bomb, which would trundle past Cowandilla School at 5 minutes to 9 in the morning. We worked out the time from that.

When I was at school, I was a ratbag, although in grade 7, at the end of primary school I came third in the class. I wasn't silly or dumb at school but nobody at our home took much interest in my schooling and education. I was good at geography and history and even maths, but there didn't seem to be any encouragement from home. I just went to school because I had to.

I can remember that we played marbles at school. You didn't have to be a good player to end up with all the marbles.



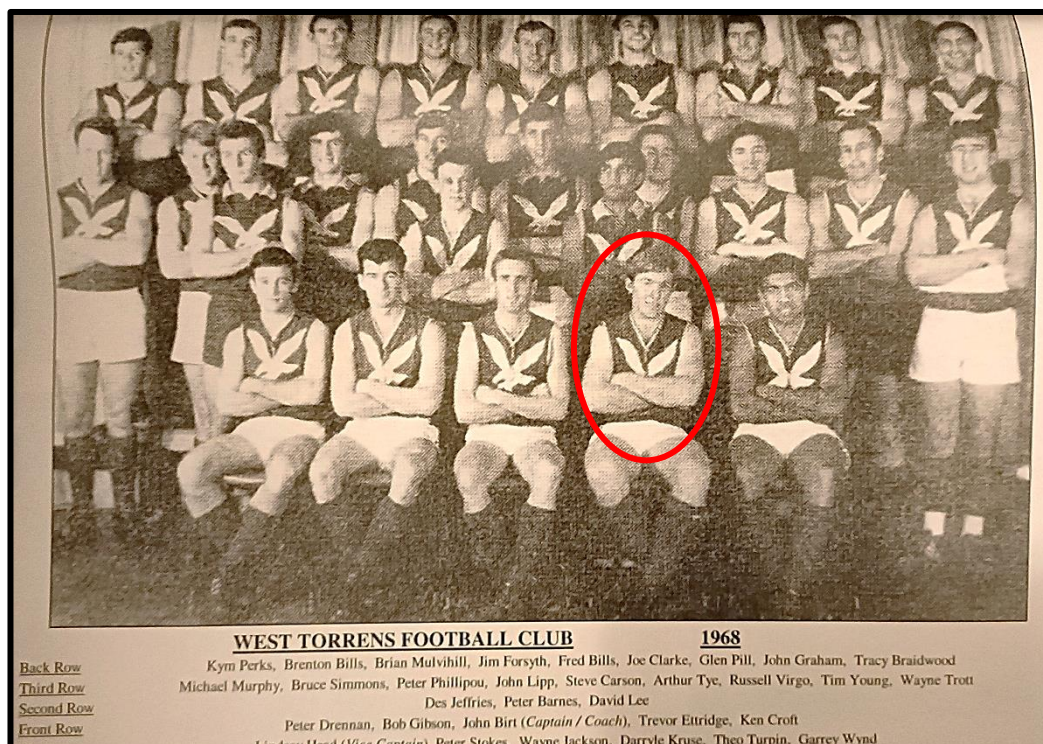
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In those days the class sizes were about 30 to 40 students per teacher and classroom.

I remember as a kid I used to have about 12 Weet-Bix in the morning, so I didn't really need much to eat at school during the day. At school my lunch would have been pretty basic. We might've had a fritz and sauce, or vegemite sandwich. There was always a small bottle of milk waiting at school for you, the free milk, with the cream on top.

In grade seven, we went on an excursion to Goolwa. The most impact this had was that I made a bond with two of my mates. One was Robert May and the other one was Trevor Ettridge. Trevor and I ended up playing junior football together but because of boundaries, he ended up at West Torrens and I ended up at West Adelaide.



West Torrens Football Club 1968, Trevor Ettridge (circled) [West Torrens Fottball Club/ John Storer]

Trevor Ettridge (West Torrens) played 30 games and kicked 5 goals from 1968 to 1970. He took over Geoff Kingston's famous No.10 jumper. [bigfooty.com]

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Adelaide High School, 1960-1963

I then went on to Adelaide High School. I was about four feet nine, just a shorty, and my biggest fear was that I was going to get initiated on the first day. Luckily, I think because I was so small, they let me go.



I was in high school in the post-war era of the Second World War and I was keen to join the cadets. My uncles had come back from the war, and they were heroes, just as everyone who came back was.



Wybert Symonds, league player
1923-1929 [redlegsmuseum.com.au]

The headmaster was Mr. Symonds, Wybert Symonds, he was a good bloke. Tom Brown was the deputy.

I also remember a bloke, Captain Sheehan. Jack Sheehan, he ran the cadets. He taught me how to duck because he was always taking a swipe at me. He used to walk around the room and just whack kids as he went.

I had Tom Brown as a relief teacher for a while in third year. He came up to me one day and said, "You played pretty well on Saturday, but you've got to watch your temper". It was just what I needed to hear. I needed someone to take an interest in me. Mum was too busy, and Dad didn't seem to want to.

I was always carrying on, entertaining everyone! One of my first report cards from school said, 'David's attitude on the sporting field reflects his attitude to school.' I didn't just entertain myself. I basically felt I had to entertain everybody.

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At the time I didn't feel like I needed to be educated because I was going to be working for my dad as a plumber. That was one of my big aims. I just didn't listen to the teachers. I was into sport and that was it. I didn't like school much, but I loved all sports, including cricket.

When I was a teenager, sport was all the go. I didn't have a girlfriend or socialise much. I wasn't into music or anything. Football was my life, and over summer I played tennis. I stopped playing cricket after my second year at high school because I thought, 'This isn't the game for me, it's too slow.'

I had no romantic interests or any social shenanigans, I just wasn't interested.

We went to Theatre 62 to watch the pictures and it was the centre of a lot of Saturday fun. I have a lot of good memories from there, it was a regular hang out.



Theatre 62, Hilton, 1979 [WTHS LH0377-03]

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Overall, I just really loved footy. When I started playing footy at Adelaide High, I didn't have any idea how to go about it. The coach Garth Boomer said to me "You're on the wing." I said, "How do you play the wing?" He said, "When we've got the ball, you take off. When they've got the ball, you defend".

That advice helped me all through my future football career, because I learnt to run up and down the oval doing the right thing, when some more notable players didn't bother. Garth Boomer taught me that. He was a really good coach, a good communicator.



Robert Garth Boomer, went on to be an influential educator in South Australia earning an AOM in 1993 [researchgate.net]



John Burkett skilfully eludes Sturt's Raymond and Brooks at Richmond in Round 1 of 1970.

[footyalmanac.com.au]

Adelaide High had a pretty good side back then. We had John Burkett, Peter Sanderson, Ricky Graham. I think Ricky was the father of Ben Graham, the Geelong full back who went to America with Gridiron.

At Adelaide High, we also had the son of Dick Reynolds, Dick was the Essendon champion and triple Brownlow Medallist. I remember we would all get together and be kicking from end to end of the oval. He took great 'speccies'.

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First job

After Intermediate in 1963, I left school and started my apprenticeship as a plumber. I worked for Dad which proved to be one of the worst things that could happen in my life. A lot of lads say that about working for their dad, as they expect too much. But when I started Trade School, I left all the other apprentices for dead.

If I had a chance to do things differently, I would have put more effort into my schooling. It didn't stop me from winning trophies at plumbing school, but I wish I listened to the teacher more.

Plumbing Trade School, back then, was at top end of Grenfell Street on the corner of East Terrace, in the building which is now occupied by Tandanya, I think my apprenticeship was for about 5 years.



*253 Grenell Street, Adelaide circa 1970.
(Building originally used as the Power Station, then a campus of the Panorama TAFE,
now used as Tandanya Cultural Institute)*

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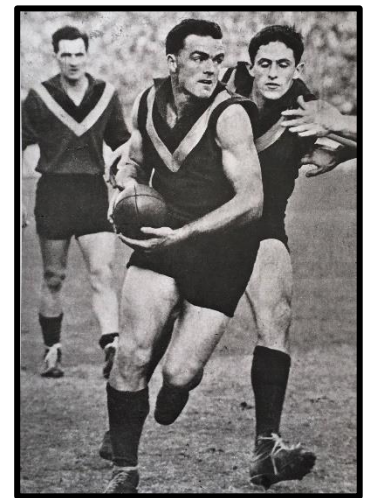
Football at Glenelg

When we were kids, we went down to Glenelg with Dad. He was an avid Glenelg supporter, so I started barracking for the Bays. I knew all the Glenelg players. At half time all the kids would be out on the oval, kicking the footy, and we'd have a big scrap out in the middle of the ground. I just loved it.

When Westies moved into Richmond Oval, the kids next-door to me said, "We live in this area, why don't we barrack for Westies?"

This is probably the best thing I ever did, because watching Neil Kerley made me realise that all I wanted to do was play league footy for Westies and be like Neil Kerley.

Mum labelled me a traitor for going from Glenelg to Westies, but even now my brother's heart's is still also with the Westies. That said, we always have a big soft spot for the Bays. I remember going down to the Glenelg Oval and running up and down the air raid shelter and doing what you do when you're a young kid. It was great fun.



Neil Kerley [thesenior.com.au]



Glenelg 'Air Raid Shelter' [abc.net.au]

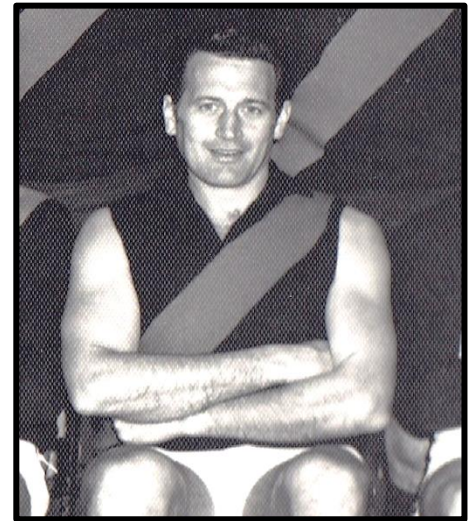
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Football at West Adelaide

David started playing for West Adelaide in 1962 working his way up the ranks from under 15's (who were premiers), junior colts, senior colts, reserves to league level in 1971.

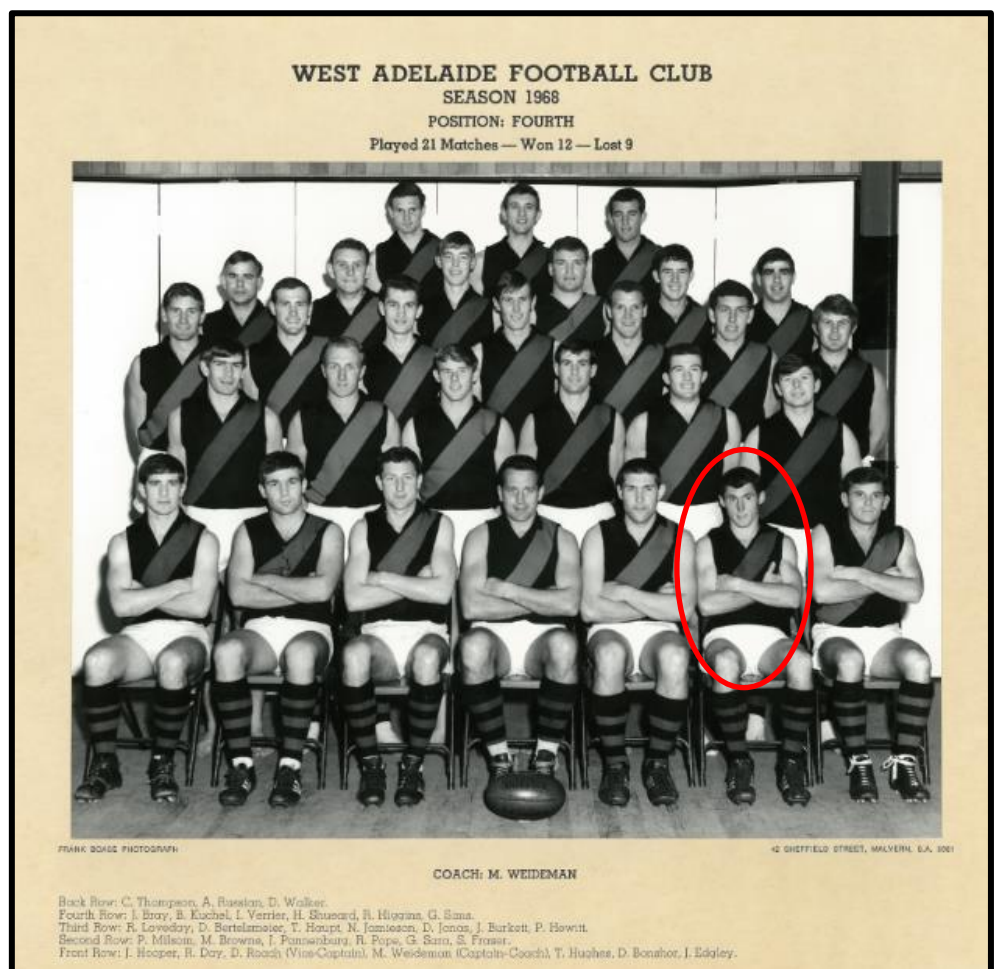
In 1968 I was playing really good footy in the seconds under Murray Weideman. I played one game in the night series and missed out on further selection to play at league level and I didn't know why. It wasn't until later that I discovered that it was because they generally selected players from the Catholic schools.



Murray Weideman
[westadelaidefc.com.au]

I had this other mate whose family put in a lot of time at Westies.

They were supporters all their lives, mad keen supporters, he often referred to Westies as the 'Irish Catholic Football Club'.



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League games, 1971

I always say that 1971 was when I first played league.

I didn't sleep very well the night before. At the time I was working as a plumber for dad, and after working all day I was always tired. On the night before my league debut, all the family came around to celebrate, but I had gone to bed and was trying to sleep.

However, when I ran out on the ground, I knew I had achieved my ambition and I remember the game well.

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PUT IT IN A BIN!

KEEP SOUTH AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL

Richmond Oval, 2.20

WEST ADELAIDE (Black, Red Sash) **WEST TORRENS** (Blue and Gold)

OTHER SCORES CODE:
A: Port, B: Glenelg, C: Norwood, D: South, E: North, F: Central, G: Sturt, J: Woodville.

1-LOVEDAY, R. P. (Capt.)	1-PILL, G. A. (Capt.)
2-PANNENBURG, J. J. (Vice-Capt.)	2-BILLS, J. F. (Vice-Capt.)
5-SHUEARD, R. H.	3-WHITE, G.
6-FRASER, S. B.	5-GIBSON, R.
7-VERRIER, I. A.	8-LEONARD, M.
8-THOMPSON, C. R. J.	9-FLOREANI, A.
9-LEONARD, F.	10-FALETIC, M.
10-BARRY, M. G. (Res.)	11-PAVLICH, S.
12-HOOVER, R. C.	12-McPERRAN, K.
13-BONSHOR, A. D.	14-KELLY, P.
16-PLEW, G. R.	15-GRAHAM, J.
18-POPE, R. J.	16-WILDY, R.
19-HEWITT, G.	18-BILLS, B.
20-HODGSON, D. K. (20th)	19-PHILLIPOU, P.
21-HAUPT, T. J.	20-CARSON, S.
22-NOONAN, J. R.	21-SIMMONS, B.
23-BURKETT, J. D.	22-SHALLOW, M.
24-HUGHES, T. E.	23-PERKS, K.
27-MILSON, P.	24-MILLER, W.
28-MACDONALD, P. (19th)	26-MEAD, N.
31-RUSSIAN, A. A.	27-ATKINSON, D.
	28-DABROWSKI, H.
	29-ASHBY, R.
	31-STOKES, P.
	32-WILLATS, A.

1st Qtr. G. B. Pts.	1st Qtr. G. B. Pts.
2nd Qtr. G. B. Pts.	2nd Qtr. G. B. Pts.
3rd Qtr. G. B. Pts.	3rd Qtr. G. B. Pts.
FINAL G. B. Pts.	FINAL G. B. Pts.

UMPIRES — 1. Bennett, R. D.; 3. Duckett, M. E.; 4. Foster, D. L.; 7. O'Connell, M. G.
8. Scholefield, R. M.

We played against Torrens and one of the best things happened in the first quarter. I ran into a pack, ran out backwards and when I turned around, I sent a stab pass to Glenn Hewitt in front of the grandstand.

Everyone said that they thought that it looked pretty special. I was standing Bob Gibson and because I did several other good plays during the game I got three votes from Wally May, the commentator. Best of all we won the game.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Final	Pts.
West	4-4	5-7	7-9	11-11	77
Torrens	0-4	2-7	3-12	7-16	58

GOALSCORERS—WEST: G. Hewitt 3.2, Pannenburg 2.4, Burkett 2.3, Haupt 1.1, Fraser 1.0, McDonald 1.0, R. Hooper 1.1, Verrier 0.1, rushed 0.1. TORRENS: White 3.4, Dabrowski 1.2, Faletic 1.1, Shallow 1.1, Newbold 1.1, Willats 0.4, Floreani 0.1, rushed 0.2.

BEST PLAYERS — West: Burkett, Verrier, Hughes, Hewitt, Pope, Plew, Pannenburg, Shueard, Fraser. TORRENS: Bills, Shallow, White, Graham, Faletic, Willatts, Wildy, Gibson.

REPLACEMENTS — WEST: Russian by McDonald at three-quarter time. Bonshor (cramp) by Barry in the final term. TORRENS: Pavlich (injured) by Kelly in the second quarter.

UMPIRE — R. Scholefield.

WEST	RICHMOND OVAL	TORRENS
F. — Hooper, Haupt, Russian. H.F. — Leonard, G. Hewitt, Fraser. C. — Neesen, Burkett, Bonshor. H.B. — Loveday, Thompson, Plew. B. — Hughes, Shueard, Milson. 1R — Verrier, Pope, Pannenburg. 2R — Russian, Milson, Hooper. Res. — McDonald, Hodgson. Emerg. — Barry. Black shorts		F. — Newbold, Dabrowski, Shallow. H.F. — Williams, Faletic, Pavlich. C. — Gibson, Phillipou, Floreani. H.B. — Simmons, Pill, Perks. B. — Wildy, B. Bills, Graham. 1R — Stokes, F. Bills, White. 2R. — Newbold, Graham, Shallow. Res. — Carson, Kelly. No telecast, No broadcast.

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CENTRAL	ADELAIDE OVAL	WEST
<p>F.—Fairclough, Jones, Norsworthy. H-F.—Johns, Saywell, Daly. C.—Vivian, Casserly, Morey. H-B.—Nicks, Andrews, Barnes. B.—Swinstead, Kroehn, O'Connor. 1R.—Farnham, Russell, Mulholland. 2R.—Fairclough, O'Connor, Norsworthy. Res.—Jackson, Pudney. Out.—Davis (inj.), Jackson, Mobbs. In.—Johns, Fairclough, Barnes.</p>	<p>(Probable placings only). F.—Nicholson, Haupt, McDonald. H-F.—Leonard, G. Hewitt, Fraser. C.—Noonan, Burkett, Hooper. H-B.—Loveday, Thompson, Riew. B.—Hughes, Shueard, Milsom. 1R.—Verrier, Pope, Pannenburg. 2R.—McDonald, Milsom, Nicholson. Res.—Russian, Bonshor, Millar, Barry.</p>	

Unfortunately the next week, I had fitness issues going into the game. It was the start of the season and coming straight from tennis season to footy, I wasn't football fit.

6—SA FOOTBALL BUDGET, 1971 April 10

THIS GAME REPLAYED TONIGHT 7.25
7.15 RACE RESULTS
VFL HIGHLIGHTS AFTER MOVIE

2 CHANNEL

Adelaide Oval, 2.20

OTHER SCORES CODE:
C: Glenelg, D: South, E: Norwood, F: Torrens, G: North, H: Woodville.

CENTRAL	WEST ADELAIDE
(Red, White and Blue) Goals Kicked	(Black, Red Sash) Goals Kicked
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1st Qtr. G. B. Pts.
2nd Qtr. G. B. Pts.
3rd Qtr. G. B. Pts.
FINAL G. B. Pts.
UMPIRES — 2. Bennet, R. D.; 4. Ducker, M. E.; 5. Foster, D. L.; 7. O'Connell, M. G.; 9. Schotfield, R. M.

I could hardly move my legs at training and so I got dropped. Then it happened again the next week, and the next week. I was on the bench again, not in the team.

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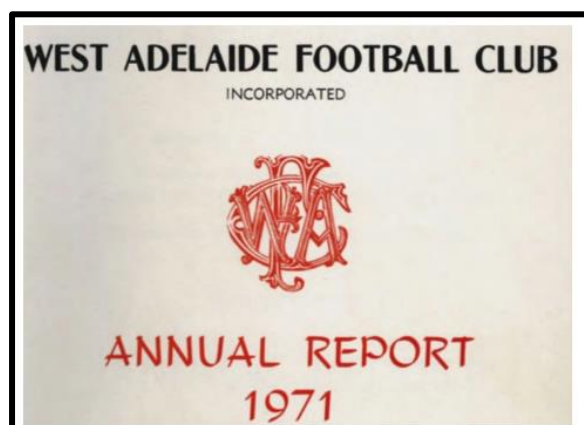
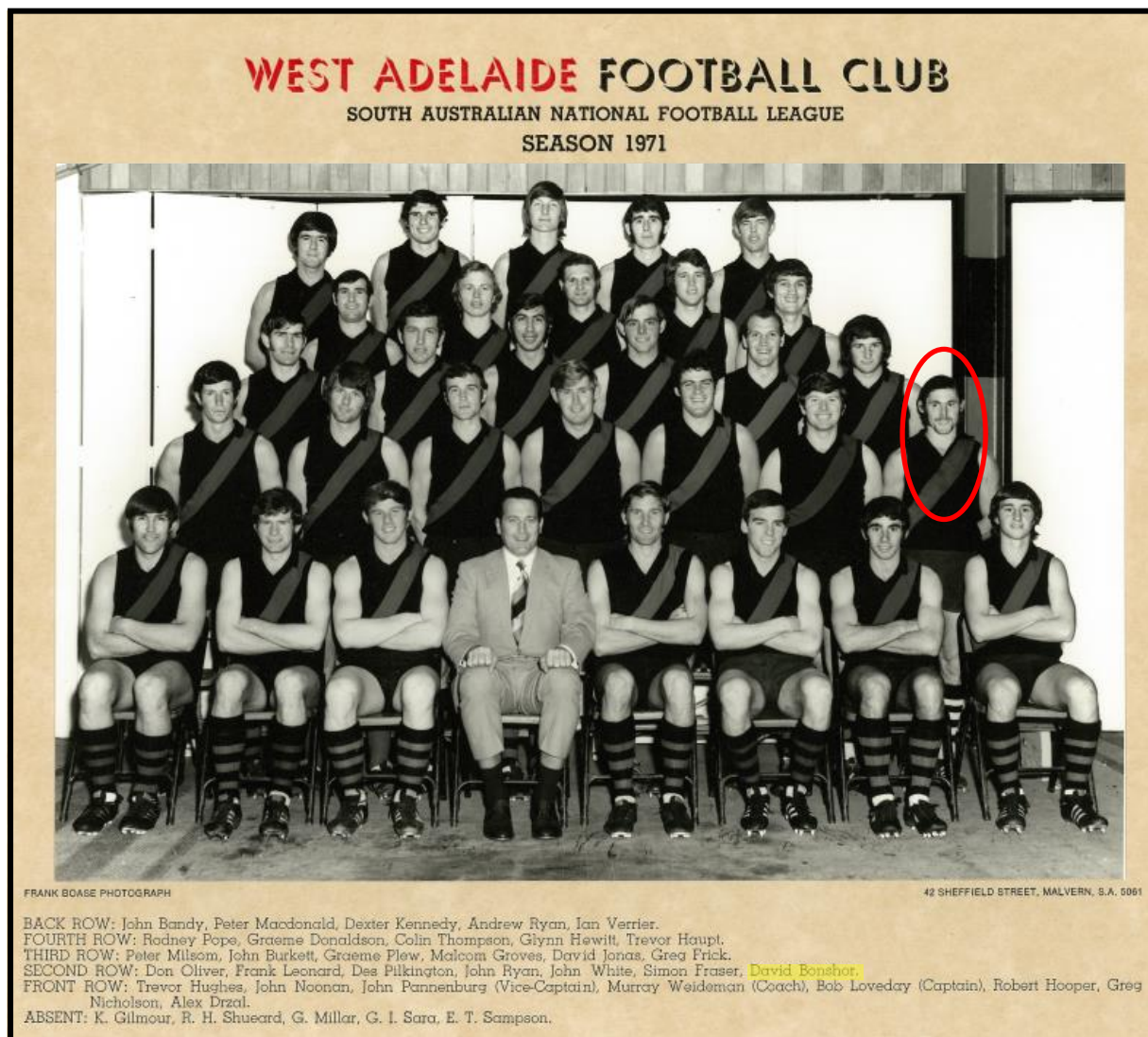
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R.W. LIGHT	L.W. BONSHOR
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I played again in round 12 against Port in centre, standing Light.

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FIRST YEAR PLAYERS	
DAVE BONSHOR—3 matches. A former Thirds player who has been dogged with injuries, and at present is playing very well in the Seconds.	
WEST ADELAIDE FOOTBALL CLUB SECOND EIGHTEEN ANNUAL REPORT	
GAMES PLAYED	
D. Bonshor	14
GOALKICKERS	
D. Bonshor	6
TROPHY WINNERS	
C. Kavanagh	D. Bonshor

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Memorable moments on the field

I had my own style of playing footy and I used to run from one end of the ground to the other. A mate told me I was playing ten years before my time.

They use the term 'creating a loose man'. I was right into that, and I think I was the only one out there doing it. It was basically, take off and get your man chasing you, and then you can do what you like. I got my kicks by creating a loose man, and then looking for a lead in the forward area. My kicks would invariably hit them on the chest.

In one particular game against Port Adelaide, I took a chest mark in the back pocket, in the south eastern part of the ground. Their big ruckman, Leon Milde, was standing the mark. All the players were over on the eastern flank so when I walked back to take my kick I just took off running. I ran straight over to the western side, grandstand side, bouncing, with Milde in pursuit and everyone else on the eastern side of the ground. I had six or seven bounces and kicked to a team-mate at half-forward, who took it on the chest and kicked a goal.

I didn't think that match was one of my greatest games, but that was certainly a special moment. It was out of me and Brian Cunningham for the watch, for the 'Play of the day' and the commentator, Ken Cunningham, awarded the watch to Brian Cunningham. I was a bit dirty on K.G. for that.

The 1954 grand final

Two of my friends were at the 1954 premiership, one had played for Port, (he then came and played with Westies), and the other chap was a mate I mix with now. When Westies came off at half time, the Port players deliberately got in the way of the West players, and it started a melee. Westies couldn't get into the change rooms and my mate's father, even though he was a mad Port Adelaide supporter, was so disgusted he never went to watch Port Adelaide again.

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In retaliation, Faehse shirt fronted Dave Boyd. Apparently, it was a fair shirtfront, good old hip and shoulder. Knocked him flat, knocked him cold. From then on, I resented the Port Adelaide teams.



The Mail, 9 Oct 1954, p4; The Mail 2 Oct 1954, p43; News, 4 Oct 1954, p24

Over the ten years that I played against them, I just wanted to play well but I wanted them to lose. In my opinion they had a few dirty players like Marx Kretschmer, Dave Grainger and Lloyd Zucker.

I also played against Brian Cunningham and Bruce Light, and they were great players and fair players. I even took a mark over the top of Bruce Light. I stood Bruce three times and was lucky enough to play against Russell Ebert. They were great players.



Brian Cunnningham
[theinnersanctum.com.au]



Bruce Light
[portadelaidefc.com.au]

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Football crowds and spectators

Back in those days you'd get 15,000 people to a game, so interestingly that means many people then 'know you'. I didn't really notice the crowd though; I was out there worrying about the football. Once I was out there, I was focused on the game. I didn't hear anything; I just ignored the crowd.

Near the end of my career, I did play one season for Henley, in Amateur League, where there were much smaller crowds, and less noise, and you get involved in a bit of banter on the sideline. People hurl abuse, and you can hear it. As soon as you talk back to them, they've got you. You've got to just ignore them.

Westies team and other star players

I played with Murray Weideman, no one was better than Murray Weideman when he was in his prime.

There was a myriad of other top footballers like Robert Day, Don Roach and Jeff Bennetts. I grew up worshipping blokes like Neil Kerley. Don Roach was a clever player, but he wasn't a real tough player. Then there was a fellow named Paul Garnett, who was as good as anyone.



Grade 7 class from Cowandilla School at Richmond Oval with West Adelaide football players, Neil Kerley, Ken Eglington, and Don Roach 1961 [WTHS LH0426-01]

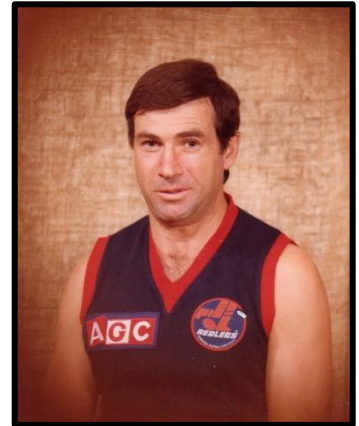
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Jeff Bray was also great, he coached me in the seconds for a couple of years, and I was his number one boy because I did what he said. I played hard for my size and I had plenty of skills.

Westies had lots of talented blokes, Rodney Pope was a legend.

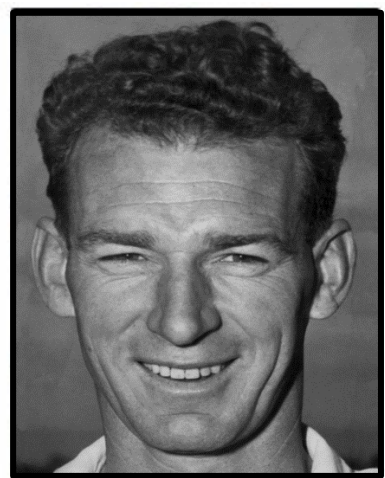
Rodney Pope
[redlegsmuseum.com.au]



When it comes to good footballers and good kicks, people talk about Don Lindner and Bob Shearman and their prodigious dropkicks, but I saw Robert Day kick balls like you wouldn't believe, and more consistently, than anyone else.

Robert kicked a 65-yard goal at Richmond one day against Glenelg and then when the ball went back to the centre, he got the ball from the centre bounce and kicked it through the goals again. He kicked a dropkick at Alberton Oval one day and it must have gone 95 yards from the grandstand side across to the other side of the ground and out on the full.

West Adelaide has produced some outstanding footballers over the years. In my time players like Neil Kerley (Knuckles), Ken Eustice, Robert Day, Grantly Fielke, Mark Mickan, Peter Meuret. Going back further there was Brian Faehse, Jack Lynch, Foster and Mark Williams, and Jeff Bray. I could go on and on and on.

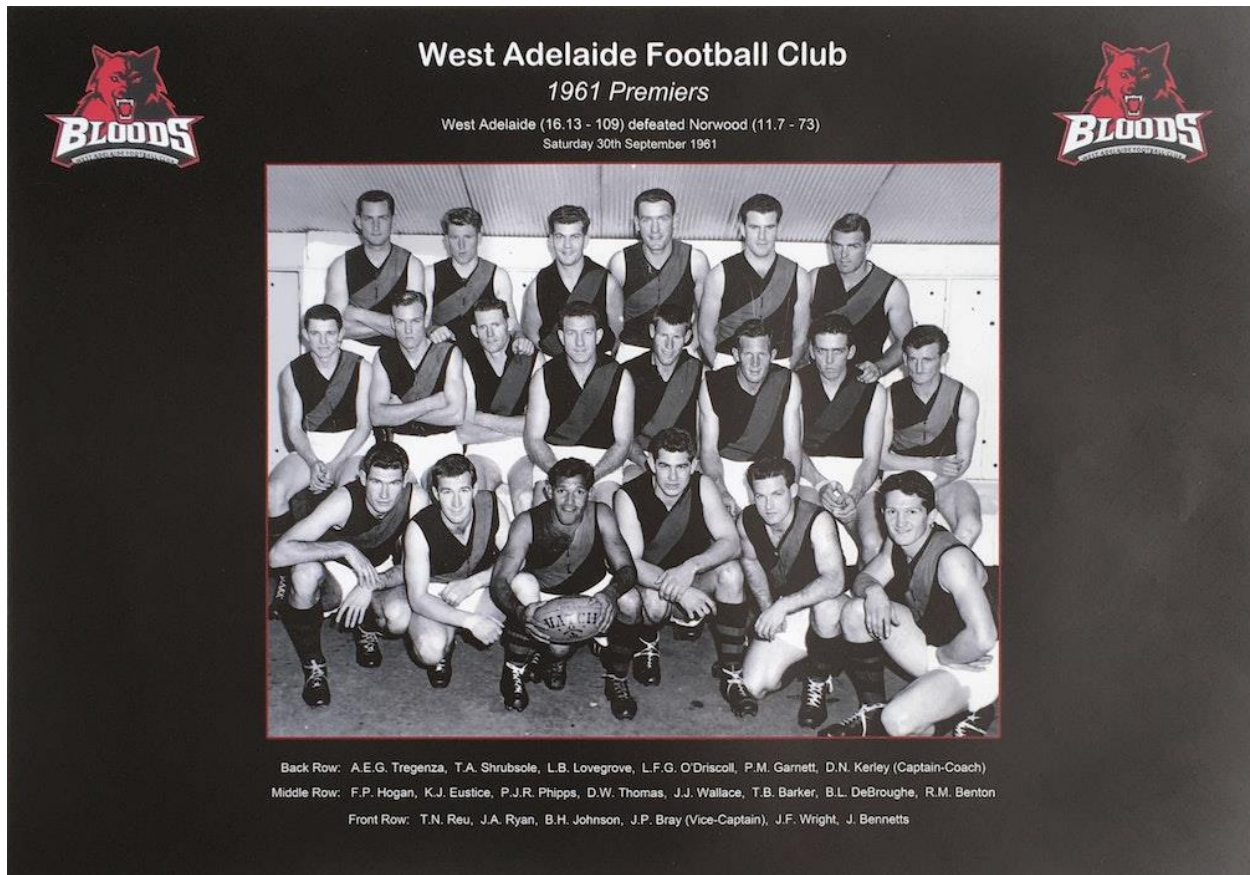


Jack Lynch, Foster Williams, Brian Faehse [westadelaidefc.com.au]

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They were all champions. Fielke was a great player. I didn't really see a lot of him, but he was a great player, he had a great record. Robert Day was great; he was a very fair player. Kerley would win in any situation. That's what made him a great player.



Paul Garnett was a great half forward, he was one of the best exponents of the drop punt you've ever seen.

Others were great footballers, but they may not have succeeded under the intense pressure of league games.

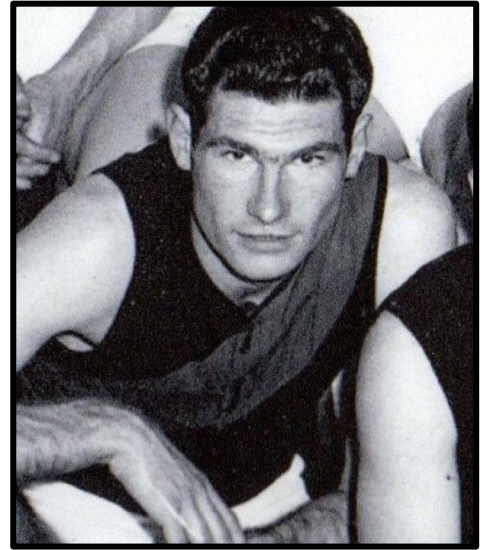
I think there are other great players like Shaun Rehn, he was brilliant. Jeff Bray was tough and brilliant. Brian Faehse was a tough player too.

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There's another Westies player that I haven't mentioned, that's Trevor Reu. He was a very good player, a good halfback flanker and he dominated. He retired early from football to become a pastor.

Jono Beech was a brilliant player. I remember a match against South, and Beechey looked like a gazelle. He came round up behind a pack, and he leapt. It was one of the best marks I've ever seen, it was brilliant. When he got on the Crows list, he had to stop his job as a greenkeeper down at the Westward Ho golf course where I play.

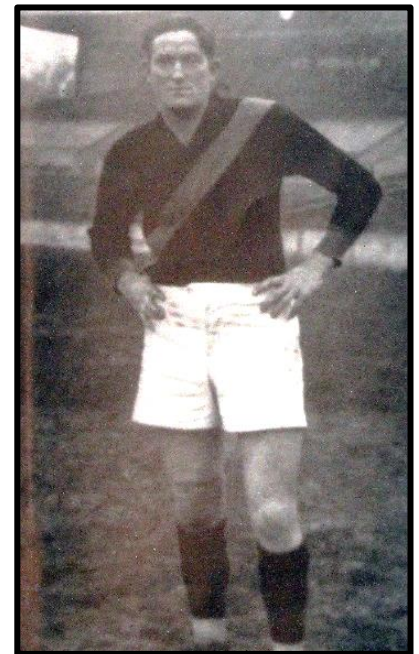


Trevor Reu, 1961
[westadelaidefc.com.au]

I met Merv Agars once or twice, and I know he was very well respected. He was in the 1947 premiership team and was a prominent sporting journalist.

My father always said that Jack Broadstock was the best footballer he'd ever seen. Apparently, Jack Dyer from Richmond Football Club said that too. My father said Broadstock was brilliant. He would run sideways and could run backwards as fast as he'd run forward. He was a 'Bobby Dazzler' with the ball.

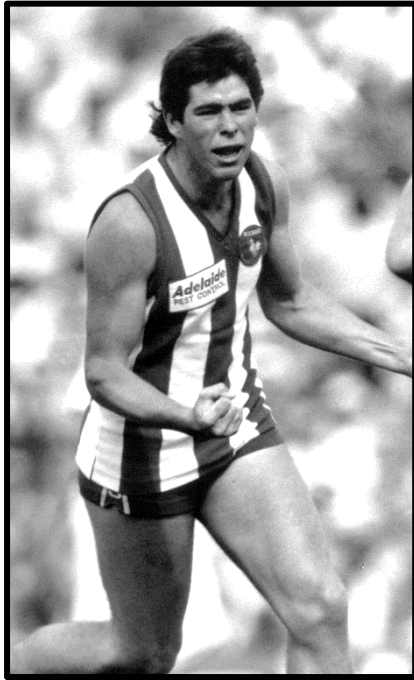
I learnt this move too, from Max Hewitt another very good footballer. I used to practice it in the backyard and learn how to do it. I always thought if I was a coach, that's all I'd be doing at training. If you let the others outsmart each other and you get free, then you've opened up the game. Not enough players do that now. The style of game now doesn't cater for it. They'd smash you.



Jack Broadstock
[footyalmanac.com.au]

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Darren Jarman [sanfl.com.au]

A few years ago, I met Darren Jarman at the Westies Club. I just went up and shook his hand and said, "Thanks for the memories". Now we meet on the golf course, and we practise a lot together.

One day I told him, "I watched the Crows in the 1997 grand final when you were playing St Kilda. I watched it because I wanted to see who was best on ground.

McLeod got the medal, but you were doing all the good stuff. You were chasing, running, using your body."

He appreciated that, saying "Thanks for that. You're the only person that's ever mentioned that. I thought I played pretty well too, especially in the first half. But everyone only ever recalls the six goals in the last quarter".

Jarman was skillful, he could kick with either foot. He said he used whichever was the best option at the time. I could kick with both feet too, but not anywhere as well as he could.

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David Hookes

When David Hookes died, I had just been through a major surgery for a tumour on my brain near my hearing nerve and was not in a good way. Instead of going to the funeral I went to Montefiore Hill to watch it from a distance.



David Hookes [wisden.com]

I ended up walking down into the oval and when I sat down in a seat, none other than Freddy Bills walked past. I had played against him.

Everybody loved Freddy Bills he was a bloody good footballer. Rooster Wallace and a couple of other Eagles came in to pay their respects.

Because I wasn't doing well and hadn't planned to go in, I was just in shorts and thongs. A bloke on talk back radio with Bob Francis made a comment about how it was a very sad day. Bob Francis added that everyone loved Hookesy, and that people from all walks of life came to his funeral.

The caller added that there was one casual looking bloke sitting there in shorts and a T-shirt and thongs. That was me he was referring to. I didn't intentionally do that; it was how it played out.

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The 1958 grand final

1958 was the first year Westies played at Richmond Oval. They made the grand final facing Port Adelaide. I was 11 years old and went with Mum and I remember crying at the result when Jack Richardson hit the goalpost just before the siren. They cut the goalpost down after the game.

West held the edge for most of the match but a tenacious Port fought back to hit the front with nine minutes to play. Then fate took a hand. A shot from West ruckman Jack Richardson with 90 seconds remaining hit a goalpost to leave West two points down. Then McGregor marked in a forward pocket, about 45 yards from goal, with 47 seconds to go.

Normally a superb kick for goal, McGregor was felled heavily by three Port players as he marked. As he climbed groggily to his feet he saw captain and rover Brown unattended about 40 yards from goal on a much better angle and passed the ball to him. Brown, hampered by an injury, failed to make the distance with the shot and the ball was forced out of bounds. West's last chance for victory had gone.

Later that night a group of West players returned to Adelaide Oval and chopped down the goalpost hit by Richardson's ill-fated shot. A section of the post now hangs above the bar in the West Adelaide Footballers Club, a poignant reminder of fate's fickle finger. [Blood, sweat and tears, 1987]



The goal post is now on display in the foyer.



1958 SANFL Grand Final [sanfl.com.au]

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The 1962 grand final

I'll always remember the 1962 grand final game against Port Adelaide.

Westies were unlucky because Eustice and Roach, two of our star players, withdrew on the morning of the game. This was a big loss to the side. Eustice was hurt in a car crash, and Roach was ill.

Doug Thomas' kicks were off, and he kicked two goals and seven points. Near the end he could have done a short pass over to Paul Garnett who was also a fabulous kick at goal, but he didn't.

1962 SANFL Grand Final				
				
Port Adelaide			West Adelaide	
8.10 (58)			7.13 (55)	
	1	2	3	4
PTA	1.3 (9)	4.4 (28)	7.7 (49)	8.10 (58)
WA	0.4 (4)	3.7 (25)	5.11 (41)	7.13 (55)
Date	Saturday, 29 September (2:10 pm)			
Stadium	Adelaide Oval			
Attendance	43,597			

[sanfl.com.au]

We lost the 1962 grand final by three points 58 to 55. Maybe Garnett could have won it for us if he had the ball.

The game back then

Compared to professional footballers of today, back then you worked full time to earn a living and then after you knocked off work, you went to training. Obviously, it was difficult to work full time and then go to football training after a hard day's work.

Working hard every day doesn't augur well for your football career, your sporting career suffers when you also have to work hard at your day job.

If you were lucky, you got paid a few dollars for playing. We were basically amateur footballers; it wasn't seen as a professional job. The last year I played at Westies, I think I got offered \$128 for the whole season, but I never bothered to collect it.

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Canberra, 1972-1976

Instead of staying at Westies, in 1972 I went to Canberra. I played for 4 years and I got paid \$30 a week for playing in Canberra. This was a big difference, but nothing, of course, compared to what they get today. I loved football and I played for the love of it.

Canberra Times, 13 Sep 1974, p 18

Bonshor in Eastlake team

By IAN CROSS

Eastlake selectors decided last night against playing ruckman Chris Fowler and included wingman Dave Bonshor in its team for the Canberra Australian rules grand final against Manuka at Manuka Oval on Sunday.

Fowler, who has not played for nine weeks because of pinched knee cartilage, failed to pass a fitness test at Kingston Oval.

Black-pocket player Allan Stewart, who has a broken nose and hamstring injury, failed to pass a similar test.

The inclusion of Bonshor, who torn ligaments in his shoulder three weeks ago, is the only change to the Eastlake side, which defeated Manuka by seven points in the second semi-final. Bonshor replaces Mark Briant, who has been named 19th man.

Manuka will not name its team in positions until tomorrow morning. It named last night a squad of 22, including the 20 that played ANU in the preliminary final last week and adding half-

back flanker Ken Grigg and rover Edney Blackaby, who had been injured.

Both trained strongly last night and seem likely to play. Grigg, a rugged defender, will strengthen Manuka's defence, which was not as tight as usual against Eastlake.

Blackaby will add bite to Manuka's strong roving department.

Grigg's inclusion will probably mean that Geoff Hutchinson, who played on the half-back flank last week before being taken off in the final quarter will go to the bench.

Confident of winning

Opposing captain-coaches, Darryl Gerlach, of Eastlake and Kevin Delmenico, of Manuka, are each confident of winning.

Gerlach, who will be playing in his first CANFL grand final, said yesterday that Eastlake had a record of more wins than losses against Manuka.

Eastlake had the fitness, confidence, ability and teamwork to win the flag.

"I was pleased with the way we fought back in the second semi-final against Manuka after being well down early in the first quarter", he said. "But we cannot afford to let them get the jump on us again."

"The weather conditions will not bother us. We can win in wet, dry or windy conditions."

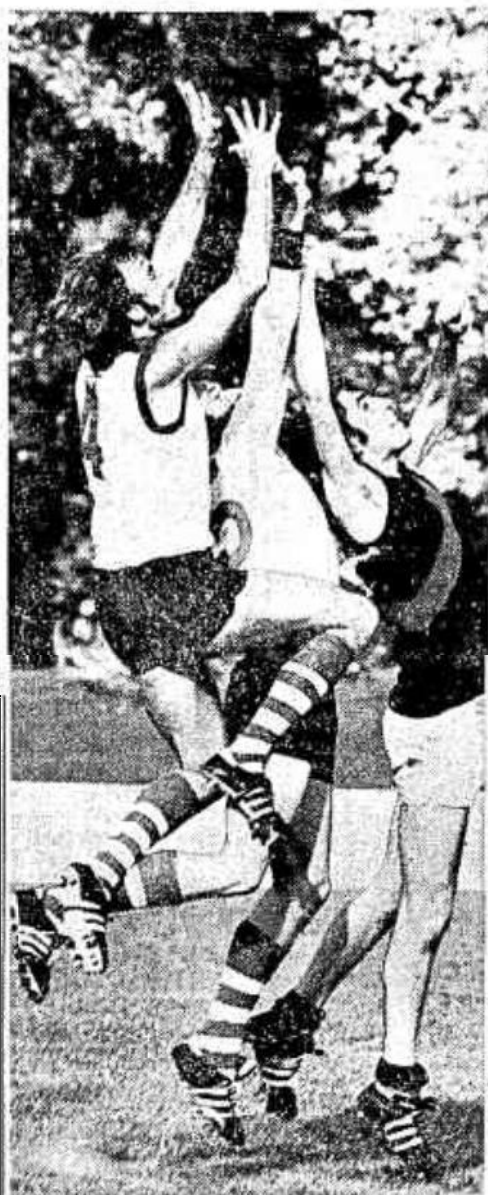
Delmenico is hoping for dry conditions. Manuka has a fast side and honed down in the latter stages of the second semi-final which was played in heavy rain.

Delmenico is in his first year as Manuka captain-coach. He captained it to the premiership under coach Neil Cnan last year.

Seven-point loss

Delmenico feels that Manuka learnt a lesson from its seven-point loss to Eastlake two weeks ago. It would improve in defence and on the wings.

Manuka has defeated Eastlake the last four times they have played in a grand final — in 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1971.



Force this season

Queanbeyan went down to undefeated competition leader, Ainslie, by 10 goals in the other Saturday game at Queanbeyan Park.

Queanbeyan, however, proved it would be a force this season by giving Ainslie a tough time, although the scoreboard may have indicated otherwise at 23.18 (156) to 16.6 (102).

Alan Bongetti kicked 12 goals for Ainslie.

In the first quarter Ainslie kicked 5.3 (33) to nothing.

Queanbeyan fought back doggedly to within two goals at half time, but let Ainslie slip away again at the last change by kicking 11.5 to 4.1.

player, centre, mixes a punch-out during the match at Reid Oval on Saturday against Ainslie South.

In the last session, Queanbeyan managed 6.2 to Ainslie's 4.5.

The "non-event" of the weekend was played yesterday at Ainslie Oval where Eastlake thrashed Manuka in the billed "match of the round".

The final score was: Eastlake 19.11 (125), Manuka 10.8 (68).

Manuka lost the game in the first half when it let Eastlake dictate the play to lead 11.7 (73) to 1.3 (9) at half time.

Eastlake showed better teamwork and general handling in the first half and set up a commanding lead with enthusiastic tradesmanlike play.

Manuka fought valiantly

in the third quarter and, after a fairly even period of play, kicked 4.1 to Eastlake's 5.3 to trail 5.4 (34) to 16.10 (106) at the last change.

The last quarter was Manuka's best and it showed far more determination and purpose in its play. With Eastlake apparently satisfied to cruise home, Manuka made its score more respectable, kicking 5.4 to Eastlake's 3.1.

The game was not without incident. There were a few spasmodic clashes.

Eastlake's wingman Dave Bonshor looked the best player on the ground with a lion-hearted, non-stop display.

Eastlake full-forward Graham McLean leaps over team mate Geoff McEwan and Manuka ruckman David Gallagher at Manuka Oval earlier this year. All three will play in the Canberra Australian rules grand final at Manuka Oval on Sunday.

Canberra Times 7 May 1973, p 22

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When I played footy I was 9 stone 7 pounds. I wish I'd worked on my legs and put on weight there and perhaps built up my body more.



ACT wingman Dave Bonshor, left, fends off Carlton rover Vin Catoggio as ACT rover and Eastlake clubmate Garry Richardson gets his kick away during the representative Australian rules match at Manuka Oval yesterday. After three close quarters Carlton outscored ACT 7.3 to 4.4 in the final session to win 25.17 (167) to 18.13 (121).

Canberra Times 28 April 1975, p 12

I know so many sportsmen who didn't reach their full potential because they were buggered after working full time, and their body let them down.

I was talking to one of the Westies lads, another great footballer who retired recently, Kane Stevens, I said to him, "Mate, I used to play like that. I loved watching you play". He's a carpenter, and they wanted him to stop working his day job and concentrate on his football. They needed him to go to the gym and build up his physique and get stronger for football but they couldn't afford to give him money to compensate. He needed to work to earn money.

These days in the AFL it's not an issue because you're either one or the other. You're either a professional sportsman, and you spend time in the gym getting very well paid, or else you're out working. Time in the gym is important for football.

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Richmond Oval

West Adelaide Football Club was formed around 1892. Initially for many years, the club used the Wayville Showgrounds as their ground.

After World War 2, matches were played at Kensington Oval which was a neutral ground, but often used by West Adelaide as their defacto home ground.

Eventually the supporters decided that it was time West Adelaide had a home of its own.

I understand that players like Brian Faehse were instrumental in that process and that there was a lot of lobbying for support.

The area they used for Richmond Oval was just a paddock. The adjacent Kingston Tennis Club, which had some famous players there, got re-located, to the Peake Gardens Reserve, over near the Rex Hotel.

Plans For New Richmond Oval

Following a conference with West Adelaide Football Club and trustees of the new Richmond Oval, West Torrens Council last night agreed to long-range plans for making the area a League football oval.

In a report to the council, the Town Clerk (Mr. V. S. Shephard) said the club had agreed to grade the main area and place an oval in a position satisfactory to the council.

The club would be responsible for erecting a clubhouse and training room to form the basis of a future grandstand.

The proposed lease to the club was for five years.

After that the council would consider converting the area into a league football oval as the headquarters of the West Adelaide club.

Advertiser 16 July 1952, p4

Negotiations of conditions and terms of use were made with the West Torrens Council by a group including Cliff Semmler, Roy Charles, Brian Faehse and Cliff Todd. With Faehse guiding operations, volunteers – including players, officials and supporters – graded and shaped the ground, laid the reticulation pipes and sowed the playing surface with Somerton couch cuttings. Of great assistance to the club over this period of the development was Steve Hamra (Mayor of West Torrens). [Blood, sweat and tears. 1987]

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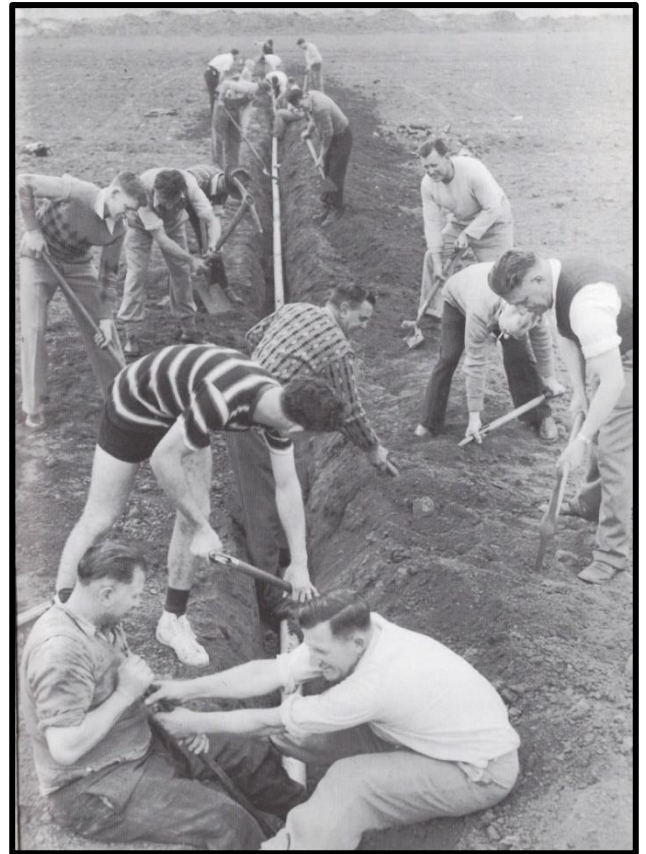


West Adelaide Football Club, circa 1958 [SLSA BRG 346/28]

It is to their credit that they achieved that outcome. Interestingly though, the laying of the actual turf, sowing the sods and developing the playing surface was done by volunteers, a lot of people, supporters and players. A lot of the volunteers were from the Cowandilla Social Club, which was just around the corner. It's an indication of the enthusiasm those people had. Many of them gave a lot of time and effort.

The club started training there in 1956 and eventually played their first home game there in 1958, against West Torrens.

I didn't realise until this year, that the Richmond Oval was purpose-built for West Adelaide Football Club, this was the only club in the league where this was the case. The West Torrens Council, the West Adelaide Management Committee, Brian Faehse and other loyal supporters and backers, got together and signed up to construct a purpose-built facility.



*Volunteers trenching Richmond Oval
[Blood Sweat and Tears p15]*

In 2015 the AFL declared Richmond Oval to be one of the finest playing surfaces in the whole of Australia. In recent years the AFL have been playing competitive pre-season matches there, and the AFLW have played a few matches there. It is now considered a top venue, and that's a credit to West Adelaide Football Club.

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This is probably due to good volunteer green keepers. I know a bloke, he came from Alice Springs, Rod Spotswood, and he was caretaker and grounds man, so he must have been doing all the right things.

Not long ago, I was watching the lads training, doing drills on a practice night. When I walked around to the goals I thought, 'The surface wasn't like this when I was playing.' It has come a long way since the early days.

In 2010 Richmond Oval had floodlights installed despite the dissent of the local residents to the idea.

I didn't understand what the issue was, because on the southern boundary there were the factories; on the western boundary, half of the length of the oval was the Electricity Trust. On the eastern boundary it was Commercial Motor Vehicles, and factories along there. At the northern end of the oval was Keswick creek.

I would have thought they'd be pleased to see the development there.



Richmond Oval 2016 [stadiumbase.com]

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Club History

The West Adelaide Football Club has an extensive museum and history collection.

In the past, interest in maintaining the club's history wasn't a priority. Over many years Rick Campagna and Mick Newham, fanatical Westies supporters, rounded up memorabilia. A lot of the things were in the past player's old club rooms near the oval. Some of the memorabilia was even stored in the ladies' toilet! I can remember about 12 years ago a woman came running up to me, because they were in the process of cleaning out all the gear from the ladies' toilet. "I didn't know you played for Westies, David! There's a photo of you in the ladies' toilet!"

Sadly, Mick has since passed away, but these two blokes rescued all the memorabilia including all the items on the Hall of Fame stuff. Together they sorted it all out and arranged for a proper display and museum. It is now something to be proud of.

The club entrance showcases the collected memorabilia, guerneys, played profiles and trophies.



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The Oxy-Gents, 1905

There's even an old painting that a chap named Krischock did many years ago which is on display at the club. He was a sports journalist for the Advertiser and did painting as a sideline. They had it valued at \$5,000. The artist Krischock, was my ex-wife's grandfather.

Working at the beginning of the twentieth century, photographer Henry Krischock was one of Adelaide's well-known newspaper photographers with the *Adelaide Advertiser* and *Chronicle* where he worked for thirty years, Krischock was also a highly respected commercial photographer. [<https://ppia.esrc.info/website/hkrischock.html>]

1908 SAFL Challenge Final: West vs Norwood (Oxygen Versus Beer' - Westies Break The Ice)



With less than two minutes to go West Adelaide were leading by four points. The red-and-blues broke away and the ball sped to the other end. The crowd went wild but only a behind had been recorded. After the match was over there were reports that Norwood had administered oxygen to it's players before and during the match in a bid to raise their levels of aerobic fitness; gleeful West Adelaide fans quickly seized on this intelligence and could be seen, on the night of the

match, touring the city in a handsome cab bearing a poster which read 'Oxygen vs. Beer' - somewhat misleading, as the West Adelaide players had got their hands lime juice not beer. (For months after the game, Norwood's grand final team of 1908 was popularly referred to as 'the Oxygents'.)

[<http://www.redlegsmuseum.com.au>]

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AFL football

In the AFL I follow the Crows. Initially I was an Essendon supporter because of the West Adelaide connection, same colours and similar guernsey. When South Australia joined the game, I became a Crows supporter.

From a spectator's view, when I watched the 1983 SANFL grand final between Sturt and West Adelaide, I thought it was one of the best grand finals of all time, there were no weaknesses anywhere. It was great entertainment. I enjoyed watching Bruce Lindner doing whatever he wanted to do, and a mate of mine, Geoff Morris had brilliant skills. It was good football to watch. I reckon the AFL today is no comparison.



SANFL grand final between Sturt and West Adelaide, 1983 [westadelaidefc.com.au]

It's like the only enjoyment some people get is from the outcome of the game. The game used to be entertaining and I think it's lost a lot of that and isn't that good to watch.

I'm against the umpire influence. Like when they determine whether the ball's been kicked out deliberately or not. That can influence the result of the game. I'm not saying they do that. It just frustrates me and it's not enjoyable.

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On a personal note

I got married in 1972 before moving to Canberra, but the marriage dissolved after four years. I returned to Adelaide when things didn't work out. The marriage break-up knocked me around and I didn't get involved in any other relationships after that. We didn't have children and I always felt sad that I have no sons to follow in my footsteps.

In the football club one day, I was talking to an old mate of my dads. I told him that I envied him being able to have a drink with his sons. I'd never had a drink with my dad as he never came to watch me play football, and I have no sons to have a drink with.

This guy told me "Your dad did come and watch you play, if you were playing the Under-17's or the seconds, then he'd go off to watch Glenelg league team afterwards". Well, I never knew that. We had no real communication or connection; I had no feedback.

One bloke I have known all my life was Bernie Scanlan. He used to do charity work all the time, riding his bike around Australia and even riding his bike overseas. He got hit about two years ago, riding out north of Adelaide on a charity ride. I said to him about a year before he died, "What have you actually been doing with your life?" And he humbly said, "A bit of charity work".



There is worldwide shock after Adelaide fundraising legend Bernie Scanlan was hit by a car and killed while cycling for charity on Saturday, 31 May 2021 [7News.com.au]

He loved his footy, loved Westies and was one of the characters at the club, and a very unassuming type. I will always remember him as a great bloke who did lots of good things.

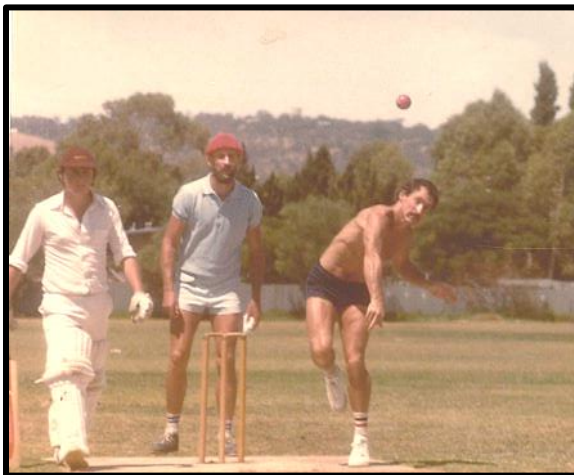
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In the news at the moment, is the fuss about Gina Rinehart ending her Netball Australia Sponsorship. I don't believe politics should be involved in sport. I think Gina Rinehart was being very generous and helpful, and wanted to help Netball Australia. She was doing good things to help sport. She was making a positive effort to help people, and to help a whole lot of netball players, and based on a minor political point and a passing comment from fifty years ago was made to feel bad by doing something good.

Like my mum, she would do anything for anyone, and so would my brother. It upsets me when good people do good things and get caught up in political madness. There are a lot of good people in the world.

Life after football



I've always played sport and I'm never too tired when it comes to sport.

Over the years I've kept pretty fit and I'd rather be outside than stuck inside watching TV or on a computer.

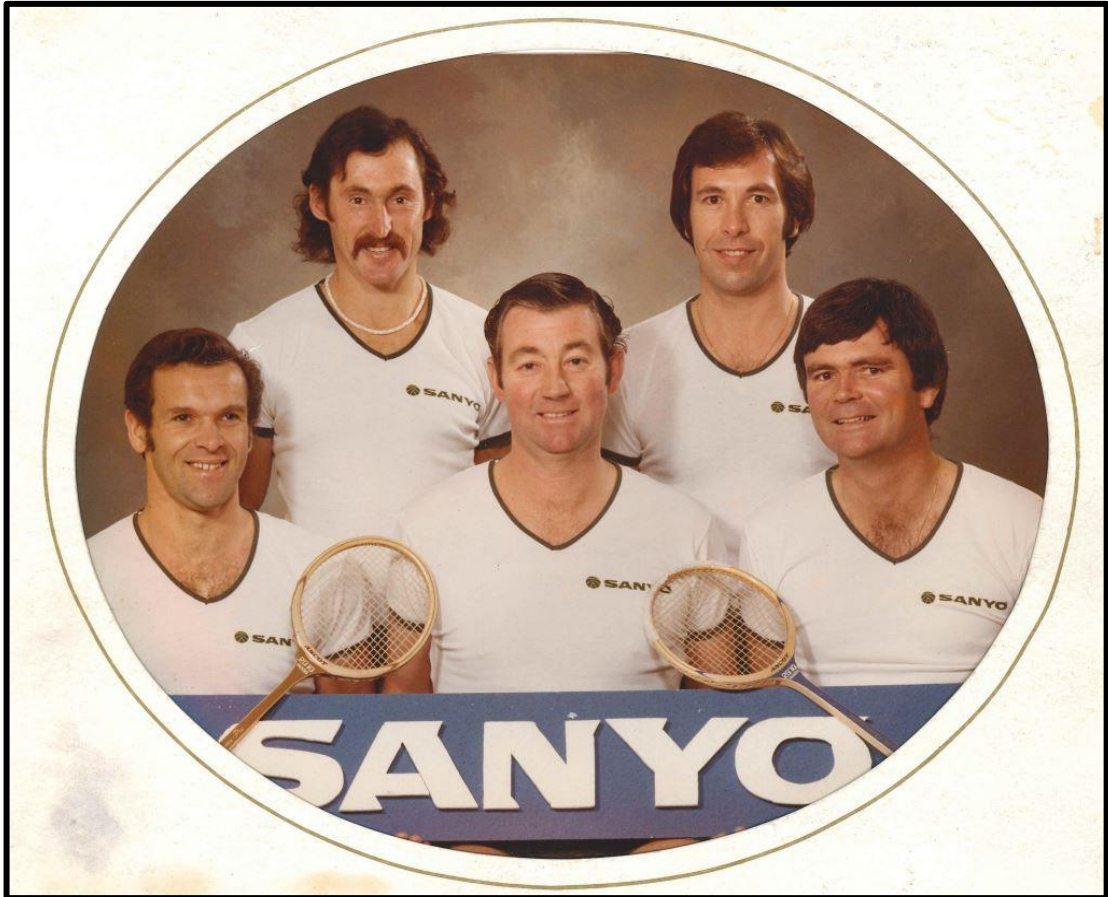
When my footy career stopped, I started playing squash with a couple of West Adelaide teammates at the Brighton Squash Centre. I enjoyed this for seven years of my life. We mixed with people like world champions Geoff Hunt and Vicki Hoffman.

In the squash circuit at the time, I was probably the best known, least qualified, squash player! We used to do country tournaments, go to Mount Gambier twice a year, and had a lot of social activities. We had a great time.

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Once on trip to the Barossa on the train a lady commented, "I've never seen so many fit-looking people". I explained to her that if you're not fit, you wouldn't be playing squash. You can't play squash if you're not fit.



*1979 Squash premiership at Brighton (sponsored by Sanyo)
Dennis Knight, David Bonshor, Bill Candy, Ray Pierce, Noel Burford*

These days I am into golf. I spend a lot of time on the golf course.

I did say to one of my aunties who passed away a few years ago at the age of 90, that I've had a hard life, but it's been a good one because I could always play my sport.

Whatever happened in my life, and despite personal setbacks, I loved my sport and could always play sport. Even in hard times, and after a broken marriage, I still enjoyed my sport.

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Family background

Wallace family - Maternal grandparents

David Wallace (1893-1966) and Annie Lynsay Buttercase Wallace (1893-1977)



Sandy Wallace, 17, KIA ; Andrew Wallace, KIA, David Wallace, circa 1914



David Wallace

David Wallace was born in 1893 in Fyfe, Scotland, as one of 15 children. He served with his brothers Sandy and Andrew as members of the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) in World War One. The Black Watch was an infantry unit born in the aftermath of the First Jacobite Rebellion of 1715. It was the senior Highland regiment, it went on to fight in nearly all the British Army's campaigns and is now part of The Royal Regiment of Scotland.

In Auchterderran, in 1922 David married Annie Lynsay Buttercase (Lyn) Blake. Lyn's parents were:

James Blake (1 February 1861 – 15 February 1944)

and Elizabeth Downie Ronaldson (14 July 1864 - 5 November 1943)

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David, Lyn and four of their children migrated to Australia and arrived in Adelaide on 2 April 1928 on the *Esperance Bay*. Lyn's first child Jack, or Jock remained in the UK, not migrating to Australia until after World War 2.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
Navigation Act 1912-1920.
PASSENGER LIST—INCOMING PASSENGERS.

Return of Passengers Brought to the Port of ADELAIDE from Places Outside Australia.
(To be furnished in Duplicate.)

NOTE.—1st Class, 2nd Class, and 3rd Class Passengers are to be entered in separate groups.

Name of Ship.	Official Number.	(a) Port of Registry. (b) Steamship Line.	Master's Name.	Tonnage— (a) Gross. (b) Net.	Date of Arrival.	Origin.
T.S.S. "ESPERANCE BAY"	140148	(a) FREMANTLE (b) AUST.COMM. LINE	RÖDERICK MACKENZIE	(a) 13856 (b) 8415	2-4-28	From U.K. To AUSTRALIA

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF PASSENGERS.

(1) Line No.	(2) Port where Embarked.	(3) Name. (Separate line to be used for each Passenger.)	(4) Class (Passenger 1st, 2nd, or 3rd).	(5) Profession, Occupation, or Calling.	(6) Sex (M or F).	(7) Age last Birthday.	(8) Married or Single— M = Married, S = Single, W = Widowed, or Unknown.	(9) Country of Last Permanent Residence.*	(10) Nationality— B = British, I = Irish, N = Native-born, or other as indicated.	(11) Race (specifying Country).	(12) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence.*	(13) Remarks.
48	"	SWASH Mr. W.	"	Coachmaker	M	62	W	"	"	"	"	"
49	"	WALLACE Mr. D.	"	Farm Hand	M	35	M	SCOTLAND	"	Scotch	"	"
50	"	Mrs. A.	"	Home Duties	F	34	M	"	"	"	"	"
51	"	Miss B.	"	Scholar	F	5	S	"	"	"	"	"
52	"	Miss M.	"	Child	F	4	S	"	"	"	"	"
53	"	Miss A.	"	"	F	2	S	"	"	"	"	"
54	"	Inf. L.	"	Infant	F	3	S	"	"	"	"	"
54	"	WICKSTEED Mrs. M. M.	"	Home Duties	F	41	M	ENGLAND	"	English	ENGLAND	"

On the passenger list, David is listed with an occupation of farm hand.

The children that migrated were:

1. **Miss B - Elizabeth Ronaldson (Betty), 27 March 1923 - 20 July 1994** (David's mother)
2. Miss M - Mary Joyce (Joyce), 10 May 1924 - 13 February 1984
3. Miss A - Annie Blake (Anne), 21 December 1925 - September 2013
4. Inf. L - Lili Campbell (Lily), 1927- 1 June 2019

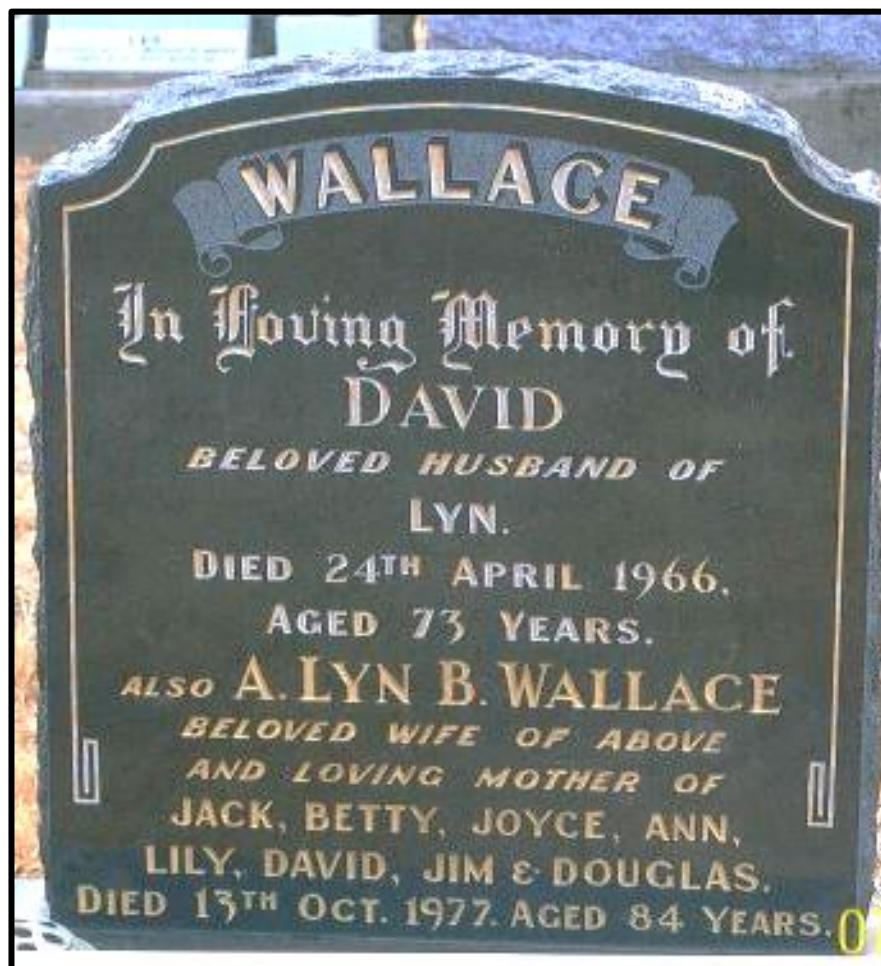
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The family first lived in Penola, in the south-east of South Australia, where three sons were born:

5. David, 16 July 1929 - 24 November 2013
6. James Blake (Jim), 1932 - 19 May 2011.
7. Douglas Cameron, 1934 - 15 December 2012 (Victor Harbor) married Shirley.
Shirley and Doug had 3 children, Miranda, Kym and Wayne.

David Wallace Sr. died on 24 Apr 1966, and Lyn on 13 Oct 1977.



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Whilst living in Penola, much of the families endeavours and pursuits were reported in the local newspapers.

Betty (27 Mar 1923 - 20 Jul 1994)

In 1931 Betty, in Grade 3, was runner-up dux at the Penola Primary School, and around the age of 13 Betty sang solo at the St. Joseph's Hall and Insitute Hall.

Penola Primary School.

Penola, August 23.

The Penola school held its break-up afternoon on Thursday. The school band rendered several items, and the school saluted the flag. The head teacher (Mr. R. Milway) explained to the parents and children the blue ribbons which are given after each terminal examination to the winners in each grade. The secretary of the school committee (Mr. Cooper) then addressed the children, and pinned the blue ribbons on the duxes of the various grades. Mr. Riches, of the school committee, also addressed the children. After singing the National Anthem, the children were dismissed for the holidays.

The results of the August examination were: — Grade VII.—Keith Riches, dux, 527 marks; George Waugh, second. Grade VI.—John Adamson, dux; Laurie Hall, second. Grade V.—Joyce McAdam, dux; Fred Davis, second. Grade IV.—Catherine Neilson, dux; Murray Provis, second. Grade III.—Thurloo Kidman, dux; Betty Wallace, second. Grade II.—Pat Sharp, dux; Shirley Johnston, second.

Border Watch, 25 Aug 1931, p3



Elizabeth Ronaldson Wallace, circa 1941

PENOLA.

The president of St. Joseph's Welfare Club, Mrs. J. W. O'Connor, presided at a social afternoon, held in St. Joseph's Hall. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The overture was played by Athol Winters. Then followed a part song, "The Cars are Splashing," by the Convent senior girls. Moyna Plummer played an Hawaiian guitar solo. The boys sang "The Laughing Song." Joyce Townsend rendered a vocal solo, and a pianoforte duet was played by Vincent and Bryant Walsh. Jim Renfrey played several of his own pianoforte compositions. The junior girls gave an action song, in costume, "Shepherdesses." Betty Wallace sang a vocal solo, and the senior girls sang "Fiddle and I."

Southern Cross, 19 Nov 1937, p15

Hallowe'en Night at Penola.

Penola, November 4.

Hallowe'en night in connection with the Penola Caledonian Society was held at the Institute hall on November 3rd.

The Past Chief (Mr. Wishart) apologised for the absence of the Chief (Mr. A. Shanks), who has just suffered a bereavement in the family.

After the singing of the National Anthem Mr. Dunbar announced the fancy dress children. The prize-takers were:—Best couple, Marjorie Hodge (Madam Pompadour), and Stewart Steel (Page Boy). Best sustained character, May Osborne (Mae West). Palma Balnaves (Old Woman in a shoe). Humorous, — Annie Wallace (West End Polly), Jock Mooney (Rabbit). Specials were given to Gay Gray (Prince Charming), Murray Peake (Guy Fawkes), Henry Balnaves (organ grinder), Betty Chesterfield (Green pea), Margaret Chesterfield (Shirley Temple doll), Sadie Kuhl (Dutch girl). Consolation prizes were given to Dorothy Carne (Dolly Vardon), Dorothy Peake (Sally of the sawdust), Betty Hay (Fairy Queen), Barbara Osborne (bridesmaid), Murray Mooney (Rajah), Joyce Wallace (gipsy), Douglas Wallace (kewpie), Jim Wallace (chimney sweep), David Wallace (Jack). Competitions resulted:—Recitation, Dorothy Peake; song, Dorothy Carne, Betty Wallace. Other singers were:—Joyce Townsend, Kath. Neilson. The judges were Mesdames E. Kidman, W. Rodgers, and F. Levick. The Rev. Williams gave an address on Hallowe'en. Supper and dancing completed an enjoyable evening.

Naracoorte Herald, 10 Nov 1936, p4

Mrs. K. Boneshaw, and her three daughters, have returned to their home in Adelaide after spending several weeks with Mrs. Boneshaw's mother, Mrs. D. Wallace, at Penola.

*Pennant, Penola, 26 Sep 1946, p4
(initial/surname incorrect!)*

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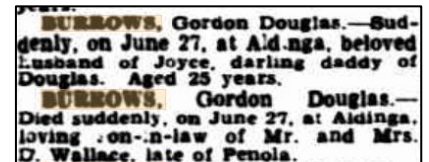
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Joyce (10 May 1924 - 13 February 1984)

Around 1946/1947 Joyce married Gordon Douglas Burrows.

Gordon, born 16 August 1923 in Tasmania, was a Private in the 12/50 Infantry Battalion. They had one son named Douglas.

Gordon died 27 June 1949 whilst the family were on holiday at Aldinga. At the time of his death the family were living in Halifax Street in Adelaide.



Advertiser 29 Jun 1949, p14

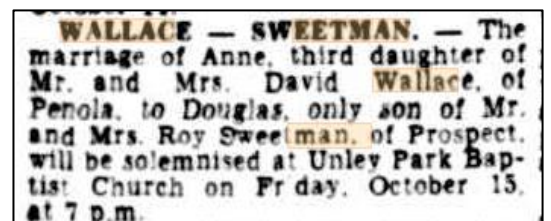
Joyce later married Thomas Glover Gale (2 October 1927-) Tom was a petty officer in the Royal Australian Navy. The family lived around Whitburn Victoria.

Douglas Burrows died 15 December 1971 in Springvale Victoria.

Joyce Gale died in 1984 also in Springvale, Victoria.

Anne (21 December 1925 - September 2013)

Annie Blake (known as Anne) married 15 Oct 1948, Douglas Roy Sweetman (12 May 1923 -29 August 2005) at Unley Park Baptist.



Advertiser, 12 Oct 1948, p8

Anne and Doug had three children, Susan, John and Judith.

Doug died in 2005 and Annie in September 2013. At the time of thier deaths they were living in Kenton Valley.

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Lily (1927- 1 June 2019)

Lily was selected as the 'Queen of Sport' in April 1947. She worked at the Penola Butter Factory, owned by Thomas Borthwick and Sons and in September 1947 moved to the company's Adelaide branch.

MISS LILY WALLACE SELECTED AS QUEEN OF SPORT

Miss Lily Wallace was selected as the Queen of Sport candidate in the Penola Memorial Hospital queen competition, at a meeting of the committee held on Tuesday night; Mr. W. E. Thiele presiding.

In addition to those sporting bodies previously represented to participate in this committee's sponsorship, further members have been added by representation from the Caledonian Society and the Picnic Races and Sports Club, and also the Monbulla Cricket club. Mr. Alex Campbell represents the first two bodies and Messrs. L. Miller and I. Somerville the last-named.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Miss I. Renfrey, Mr. Geo. Lynn and Mr. I. Somerville.

Donations were received from the Penola Racing Club Inc. of £5 and from the Picnic Races and Sports Club of £2/2/0.

Mr. Thiele was elected chairman of the committee, with Mr. H. Dansie as vice-chairman; secretary, to be appointed; Mr. C. E. Plummer has consented to act as assistant secretary; and Mr. Jack Bliss is treasurer.

Pennant, Penola, 10 Apr 1947, p1

Miss Lily Wallace has returned to Penola after employment in Adelaide. She is to be married on Saturday, February 21st, to Mr. Robt. Ewens.

Pennant, Penola, 12 Feb 1948, p4

Lily was married on 21 February 1948 to Robert Edwin (Bob) Ewens and they had two children Randall and Tim.

Lily died on 1 June 2019 aged 92.

Miss Lily Wallace, Miss Jean Davies, of Penola, and Miss Barbara Condon, formerly of Melbourne, now on the staff of the Homeleigh Cafe, Penola, left for Adelaide on Tuesday. Miss Wallace has been transferred to the Adelaide branch of Thos. Borthwick and Sons (Aust.) Ltd.

Pennant, Penola, 2 Oct 1947, p4

WEDDING

EWENS—WALLACE

At St. Andrew's Church, Penola, on Saturday last, the marriage was solemnised of Lillias C., youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Wallace, Penola, and Robert E., youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. C. Ewens, Penola, the officiating minister being the Rev. M. Trudinger.

The church was decorated by members of the PFA, pink and blue being the predominant colours.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was frocked in white lace, off shoulder tight fitting waist, with full skirt, and carried a trailer bouquet of gladioli, lilies and agapanthus. The bridesmaid, Miss Anne Wallace, wore a frock of blue lace with long lace mittens; her head gear and bouquet were of pink and blue flowers. The best man was Mr. Alick Ewens (brother of the groom).

The bride's mother wore a fawn patterned silk jacket suit with white accessories, and the groom's mother burgundy, with blue flowered hat and spray to match. During the signing of the register Miss Barbara Condon sang, "I love you truly."

The reception was held in St. Andrew's Hall, where a large number of guests were received. The bride's travelling frock was a mustard suit with brown accessories. The honeymoon is being spent at Port Elliott and Adelaide. Their future home will be Penola.

Border Watch, 28 Feb 1948, p4

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David (16 July 1929 - 24 November 2013)

David is mentioned in the 1942 Primary School end of year article, with a prize for Grade 2 Woodworking.

David worked for the Penola council until December 1948.

D. Wallace informed me that he intends to go to Adelaide at Christmas and he anticipates this will mean severing his connection with this Council as an employee.

Pennant, Penola, 23 Dec 1948, p7

R.S.L. FAREWELL TO MR. DAVE WALLACE

About twenty-five members of the Coonawarra-Penola sub-branch of the R.S.L. met at the club rooms on Xmas Eve to say farewell to Mr Dave Wallace, who is leaving the district.

The president, Rev. P. H. Smith, in wishing Dave well in his future home, spoke warmly in praise of the departing guest's loyalty to the local sub-branch. He said that Mr Wallace's services to the sub-branch were such that eulogistic remarks would not be necessary to indicate what a tower of strength he had been in keeping the club rooms in that tip-top condition that all members had come to welcome. He would be greatly missed, and all sub-branch members wished him well, and thanked him for a grand job of work during his years in Penola.

Mr Eric Kidman, a past president, and one of the original members of the sub-branch, also spoke glowingly of Mr Wallace, and Messrs Norman Gurr and W. Pounsett added to the valedictory remarks.

Mr Wallace, in reply, thanked the speakers for their kind remarks and said that wherever he went he would always regard Penola as his home.

Messrs Peter Paltridge and Noel Gleeson had charge of the evening.

Pennant, Penola, 6 Jan 1949, p7

Penola Higher Primary School's Break-Up

Penola, December 23.

Over 100 parents and friends were present at the Penola Higher Primary School's break-up, and it was the most successful event for many years.

The children were entertained at tea by the Mothers' Club, and afterwards gave a display of rhythmic dancing and physical exercises. An excellent display of children's work was on view and the fife band entertained with a few selections.

Father Christmas arrived and also distributed gifts from a magnificent Christmas tree which glittered beneath little coloured lights.

Presenting his annual report, the head teacher (Mr. S. J. Scoble) said: "The year 1942 has been a very successful one in many ways. Perhaps the most important item is that, since I took charge in 1939, this is the first year in which our attendances have not suffered because of an epidemic. Through more regular attendance the work has proceeded more smoothly, but there are still, unfortunately, some parents who do not regard a child's education of sufficient importance to see that he or she attends regularly and punctually. It is an interruption to the class work to have children entering the room late, as well as inculcating a bad habit; and, of course, it is rather exasperating to receive notes explaining children's absence as due to being wanted at home, etc."

PRIZE WINNERS

Prize winners were as follows:—

Grade I.—Jennifer Cameron, Rae Patterson, Margaret Humphries, Alison McNeil, Kevin Georgeson.

Grade II.—Jill Freeman, Joan Cherd, Jimmy Jones, Marjorie Percin, Darrel Thompson, Walter Fennell, Martin Cameron.

Grade III.—Marjorie Rogers, Joanne Cameron.

Grade IV.—Doreen Pollock, John Miller, Ian Malcolm.

Grade V.—Josephine Miller, Marjorie Bowden, Bill Jones.

Grade VI.—Robert Peake, Eric Mustart, Pearl Hetherington, Gwen Gardner.

Grade VII.—Barbara Scoble, Ian Peake, Fay McAdam, Don Pollock, Elvin Miller.

Grade VIII.—Marjorie Hodge, Janis Kidman, Janet Campbell.

Grade IX.—Ken Lynn, Bruce Peake.

Domestic Arts.—Barbara Scoble.

Grade I.—Marjorie Hodge, Grade II.—Woodwork.—David Wallace, Alan Roy, Bruce Peake.

Writing.—Pearl Hetherington, James Wallace and Colin Bowden shared the Von Alwyn Prize; Don Pollock, Fay McAdam.

Sewing.—Barbara Scoble, Rhonda Bilyer.

Lloyd Pollard Prize.—Ian Peake.

Attendance Prizes.—Isabel Balgaves, Marjorie Hodge, Don Fatchen, Ken Peake, Bill Davis.

Woodwork Certificates.—Colin Bowden, Ian Peake, Eric Mustart, Don Pollock.

Domestic Arts Certificates.—Barbara Scoble, Elvin Miller, Fay McAdam, Betty Patterson, Treana Miller, Marjorie Hodge, Marjorie Davis, Janet Campbell, Elsie Bowden.

Rehabilitate Certificates.—Barbara Scoble, Fay McAdam.

The headmaster wishes to thank all honorees towards the evening.

Border Watch, 29 Dec 1942, p4

In 1950, in Victoria, David married June Patricia Tolliday (27 June 1930 – 10 October 1984).

David and June had 5 children, Andrew, David, Lynda, Vicki and Lee-anne.

The family lived in Oakleigh South, Victoria. David later married Leslee, and at the time of his death David was in Waikerie.

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Jim (1932 – 19 May 2011)

James Blake (known as Jim) appeared to be involved in most sports, dominating in cycling races.

Jim Wallace, promising young Penola cyclist, leaves next Wednesday for Adelaide where he will compete in the South Australian Junior Cycling Championships to be conducted on February 12th, 14th and 19th.

Pennant, Penola 5 Feb 1948, p8

PENOLA CYCLE CLUB SPORTS AFTERNOON

The wheelbarrow race proved highly amusing and created much interest, the successful combination being Messrs A. Messenger and H. Pannell; the latter losing his slipper en route to the finishing line. Messrs L. Jones and L. Case finished with a great run in second place, while the remaining two combinations broke down, but after realising that a third prize was at stake, David Dunbar with Jim Bilston as passenger frantically got going again—suffering many aches and pains—to secure the minor placing from Roen Lynn and Gordon Graham.

The old buffers' race was not decided owing to pressure of time, and the club having volunteered its support to St. Joseph's where the annual school sports day was in progress; so the trophy presented by Mr C. Reilly will be decided at the first track meeting.

The large prize list was presented to the successful competitors by the club's patron, Mr R. R. Rymill. Mr Rymill said he was highly delighted to present the trophies to the successful riders as he realised much work had been done to fit the boys for their various successes and wished them all lots of luck in their future engagements.

25-mile Unpaced Championship: Sash

Don Pollock.
25-mile Unpaced Road Race (handicap section): Trophy (Single Tube valued at three guineas) donated by Messrs Bruce Small Pty. Ltd., Melbourne, also 6/- donated by Mr Gus Dunning, and 15/- for fastest time—Winner, Don Pollock. Trophy donated by Mr R. R. Rymill (Ash Tray featuring a cyclist)—Syd. Mustart (second). 10/- Third prize—Geo. Waugh.

Aggregate winner, Don Pollock—Silver Cake Dish donated by Mr S. G. Hane, and £5 added by the Penola Cycle Club). Runner-up (10/-)—W. T. Jones.

Fastest actual times:

Don Pollock	1 6 14
Geo. Waugh	1 7 34
Syd. Mustart	1 8 8

Handicap times:

Don Pollock	1 4 50
Syd. Mustart	1 6 3
Geo. Waugh	1 7 34
Ray Moore	1 7 45

Mention was made to enthusiasts present that Jim (Tarzan) Wallace was soon to leave Penola to join the firm of Bruce Small Pty. Ltd., Adelaide, where this young rider will be trained under the expert advice of Mr Jack Kempster. The president said it would be a sad loss to the club but an interesting future lay ahead for the boy and that everyone present would eagerly watch his progress, and wished him lots of success in his future activities in the cycling world.

Pennant, Penola, 7 Oct 1948, p6

In 1946 both Jim and Lily were involved in the St. Andrew's Tennis Club as secretary and treasurer.

Jim married and had 1 son, Rob. He passed away on 19 May 2011 at Bupa Nursing home in Morphettville.

WALLACE SCORES ANOTHER GOOD WIN

Showing that keen ability with his sprinting efforts for which he has earned a reputation, Jim Wallace shot away from the bunch 150 yards from home to score a clever win from Billie Jones and Don Pollock, in the twenty-five mile road race staged by Penola Cycling Club last Saturday afternoon. The success of Wallace must place him at the top of the season's aggregate, with Geo. Waugh and Jones close to him; all having a chance to secure the Hane Trophy and the £5 added by the club.

Pennant, Penola, 5 Aug 1948

In many of the articles he was referred to as 'Tarzan.'

In late 1948 he left Penola to train under Jack Kempster. Jack was a state amateur title holder in road cycling events before the war.

ST. ANDREW'S TENNIS CLUB

At a meeting held on Monday night in the St. Andrew's Sunday School, it was decided to re-form the St. Andrew's Tennis Club. The following officers were elected: Mr. L. Peake, president; Mr. Ian Balnaves and Miss Palmer Balnaves, vice-presidents; and Mr. Jim Wallace, assisted by Miss Lily Wallace, secretary and treasurer. The committee comprises the office bearers with the addition of Messrs. D. McNicol, Bruce Peake, Murray Peake and Ian Somerville.

The membership fee was fixed at 7/6, and for juniors 2/6. A working bee will be conducted in the near future to put the courts in order. It is hoped to hold the opening day as soon as possible.

Pennant, Penola, 17 Oct 1946, p3

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Thomas and Lois were married in 1853 and according to one ancestry family tree they were 1st cousins 3x removed.

Thomas (27), Lois (25), Ann (3), and Isaac (infant) from Leicester, England arrived in Melbourne on 15 March 1858 on the *Monica*. The family were listed as Church of England, Thomas and Lois could read and write. Thomas was sponsored to S. Wiedenman of Boroondara, near Surrey Hills, Melbourne for a 3 year term from the 24th of March, as an agricultural labourer. The family moved to Portland near the property where he was to be employed.

Monica sailed from Liverpool 30th December

NOMINAL LIST.

NAME.	CALLING.	NATIVE COUNTRY.				RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION.					EDUCATION.	
		ENGLAND AND WALES.	SCOTLAND.	IRELAND.	OTHER COUNTRIES.	CHURCH OF ENGLAND.	PRESBYTERIAN.	WESLEYAN.	ROMAN CATHOLIC.	OTHER TESTIFICATIONS.	READ & WRITE.	READ ONLY.
<i>Bonsheer Thomas, 411 1st St.</i>		<i>Leicester</i>				/					/	
<i>Leis</i>						/					/	
<i>Bonsheer Anna</i>		<i>Leicester</i>				/						
<i>Leis</i>						/						

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Thomas and Lois children were:

1. Ann (1855 – 4 Jan 1862)
2. **Isaac (15 Mar 1858 – 2 Nov 1934)** (David's great grandfather)
3. Sarah (1860 – 1862)
4. Mary Ann (Polly) (1862 – 1941)
5. Elizabeth (1863 – 1912)
6. Ann (Annie) (1865 – 1941)
7. Lois (1867 – 1875)
8. Lydia (1869 – 1936)



Taken in Penola 1928 soon after the family arrived, (back of photo Tom, Nanny Liz, child Rose, Taffy on right)



David unsure but possibly Tom Bonshor, David Wallace, Lyn Wallace, Annie Wallace.

Paternal great grandparents

Isaac Bonshor (15 Mar 1858 – 2 Nov 1934) and Elizabeth Williams (1859 – 21 Apr 1936)

Isaac (Ike) Bonshor was born in Dalby, England, 15 March 1858. He arrived in Melbourne with his family at exactly the age of 1, on 15 March 1859.

Around 1866 when Ike was aged 7, he accompanied his father Thomas to Mount Gambier working with him in a carrying business between Port MacDonnell, Naracoorte and Penola.

In 1880 he moved to Millicent and worked for the contractor forming the Kingston to Bordertown road, then for the 3 years with McKellar and Ginger, butchers in Millicent.

At the age of 24, on 6 August 1882, Ike married Elizabeth Williams (1859 - 21/4/1936) from Henty Station in Victoria. She was the third child of seven of John Williams (1831-1881) and Jane McInnes (1835-1902).

He then worked for 8 years as a herdsman and ranger with the Mt Muirhead District Council before returning to work as a teamster.

The applications for Herdsman and Ranger were considered, and the number having been reduced to four, Mr. MacDonald moved that P. Fitzgerald be appointed. This was not seconded. After further consideration it was decided to appoint Isaac Bonshor; duties to commence on the 14th inst., on which date he will commence mustering the coast commonage. It was decided that no bulls be allowed on the commonage unless approved of. Overseer to arrange about water on the run. Accounts were passed for payment, and the meeting closed.

Border Watch, 12 June 1886, p2

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Elizabeth and Ike's children were:

1. Lois Elizabeth, born 21 January 1879
married on 27 June 1898, Arthur James (Russell) Stratford (1871-1961)
Lois died on 20 June 1914.
 1. Arthur John Russell (1901-1975)
m 1923, Emma Jane Sanders (1899-1982)
 2. Stanley Neville Lindsay (1904-1961)
m 1925 Alice Emily Sanders (1905-1976)
 3. Iris Dorothy Eileen (1905-1997)
m 1923, Robert John Howe (1896-1967)
 4. Greta Elizabeth Florence (1907-1993)
m 1927, Harold Manton Jenkins (1905-1965)
 5. Gwendoline Delores Valaska (1909 -)
m 1926, Peter Olsen Boisen (1897-1969)
 6. Annie (1911-1911), twin
 7. Charlotte (1911-1911), twin
 8. Margaret Lois (1912 -1970)
m 1931, Harold Victor Clarke (1913-1996)
m 1948, Walter Albert McLean (1918-2012)

STRATFORD (nee Bonshor).—In loving remembrance of our dear daughter Lois, who died June 20th, 1914.
At the Heavenly gate she will meet us
With the same sweet, loving smile,
For we are only parted, Lois dear,
Just for a little while.
—Inserted by her loving parents, E. and I. Bonshor.
If love and care could death prevent
Thy days on earth would yet be spent.
Life was desired, but God did see
Eternal rest was best for thee.
—Inserted by her loving brother, sister, and sister-in-law, A. and G. Bonshor and G. Barber.

South Eastern Times, 21 June 1918, p2

2. **Arthur Thomas Bonshor, born 22 Feb 1884** (David's grandfather)
(see below),
3. Neville Lindsay, born 11 August 1897
Died on 20 October 1897.
4. Adopted daughter, Gertrude Aileen (Gertie), born around 1893
(newspaper reports speculate she may be the out of wedlock child of the first child Lois and her father Isaac's employee Edward Manson (1840 -) for which he was incarcerated October 1893 to March 1895 as Lois was aged around 14 or 15.)
married on 6 Apr 1918, Albert Barber (1897-1970)
 1. Ian Albert (13 Jun 1918-1975)
 2. Irene Lois (22 Jan 1925-2006)Gertie died on 16 Nov 1984.

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Thomas died suddenly on 2 November 1934 whilst on a bus returning to Millicent with his adopted daughter Gertie Barber, from a medical appointment in Adelaide.

<p>MILLCENT RESIDENT'S SUDDEN DEATH.</p> <p>PASSES AWAY IN MOTOR BUS</p> <p>Millicent, November 6.</p> <p>Death removed an old resident of the Millicent district under distressing circumstances on Friday morning.</p> <p>A few weeks ago Mr. Isaac Bonshor, who had been in indifferent health for some months, went to Adelaide to seek medical attention. He decided to return to his home by Bond's motor service on Friday, in company with his daughter-in-law (Mrs. Arthur Bonshor). Just prior to reaching Meningie Mr. Bonshor suddenly passed away, quite unknown to anyone but his companion, who notified the driver of the bus on arrival at Meningie. The latter drove to the</p>	<p>remains were later removed to Millicent Mount Muirhead Council. Later he resumed his occupation as a teamster. Mr. and Mrs. Bonshor resided at the same house at Millicent for 38 years. His widow, one son, and an adopted daughter (Mrs. R. Barber) survive, as well as 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. A daughter died 20 years ago. Mr. Bonshor has also left three sisters, Mrs. A. Walker (Mount Gambier), Mrs. Cook (Cobden, Vic.), and Mrs. Blank (Northcote, Vic.)</p> <p>carrying business between Port MacDonnell, Naracoorte and Penola, and continued there until he reached manhood. Fifty-six years ago he was married at Mount Gambier by the Rev. St. A. Caldwell to Elizabeth, the third daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, of Henty station, Victoria. Two years later the young couple migrated to Millicent. Mr. Bonshor worked on the Kingston-Bordertown main road for the contractor, Mr. Arthur Mansfield. Afterwards he returned to Millicent, and for three years was in the employ of Messrs. McKellar and Ginger, butchers, and then for eight years he was herdsman and ranger for the old Mount Muirhead Council. Later he</p>
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South Eastern Times, 6 Nov 1934, p 2

Elizabeth died on 25 April 1936.

<p>OBITUARY.</p> <p>MRS. ELIZABETH BONSHOR</p> <p>At Millicent on Tuesday morning the death occurred of Mrs. Elizabeth Bonshor (relict of the late Mr. Isaac Bonshor), who was in her 77th year. She had not enjoyed particularly good health during late years, but her sudden demise was quite unexpected. The late Mrs. Bonshor was born at Henty Station, Merino, Victoria, and was the third daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Williams. She was married 57 years ago, and shortly after the marriage the young couple came to reside at Millicent, where Mr. Bonshor took up contracting work on the Kingston to Bordertown road. Later Mr. Bonshor was employed by McKellar and Ginger,</p>	<p>butchers, at Millicent, subsequently filling the position of herdsman and ranger for the now defunct Mount Muirhead District Council. Mrs. Bonshor contracted rheumatic fever about three years after her marriage and as a result spent 52 weeks in the Mt. Gambier Hospital, and after her discharge from that institution was compelled to use crutches for a further three years. This malady left its traces behind in an affected heart and a stiff knee. The late Mrs. Bonshor, who, since the death of her husband, had resided with her son at Millicent North, had a wonderful disposition and was a typical specimen of the older generation. She was very clever with her needle, and she produced some marvellous needlework, knitting, and crochet work. One son (Mr. Arthur Bonshor) and one daughter (Mrs. E. Barber) survive. A daughter died 21 years ago. There are also 20 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.</p>
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Border Watch 25 April 1936, p3

Paternal grandparents

Arthur Thomas Bonshor (22 Feb 1884 - 18 April 1964) and Greta Warby Lloyd (1 Apr 1894 – 10 Aug 1981)

Arthur was born at 'Chevely' and married Greta on 24 September 1913. They lived in George Street, Millicent.

Their children were:

1. Arthur (Artie) Ronald (13 Apr 1914 - 18 May 2002)

2. Aileen Muriel (9 Dec 1917 - 10 Oct 2001)

married 4 Jul 1942,

Sidney Lewis Pearson (6 Dec 1914 - 23 Feb 2006)

Children: Christine Margaret 10/12/1946- ; Judith

3. **Gordon Ross Bonshor (2 Aug 1915 - 30 Apr 1995)**

married around 1939

Elizabeth Ronaldson Wallace (27 Mar 1923 - 20 Jul 1994)

Children: Carole, Michelle, Rosslyn, Arthur David, Elizabeth, Ross

4. Yvonne Lois (8 Sep 1919 - 13 Apr 1994)

married 25 Feb 1938,

Robert Cole Neale (2 Mar 1917 - 27 Nov 1970)

Children: Aylene, Beverley, Maureen, Josephine, David

5. Renie (Beryl) (8 Apr 1921 -)

married 29 Jan 1944,

Corp Frederick Thomas Pedler (3 Aug 1917-)

Children: Janet Elizabeth 13/12/1951-

6. Heather (29 Aug 1923 – 14 Aug 1990)

married 4 June 1949,

Graham Ellis King (30 Jan 1927 – 2 Sep 1994)

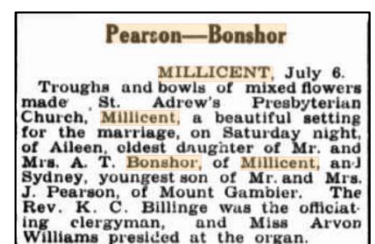
Children: David, Peter

7. Elma Dawn (16 Jul 1925 – 20 Apr 2019)

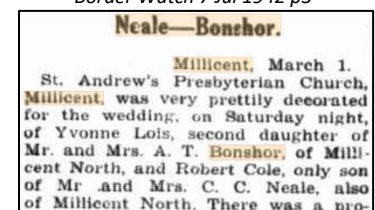
married John Cowley

Children: Margaret, Christopher, Maren, Travis, Jillian, Phillip, Jock, Peter.

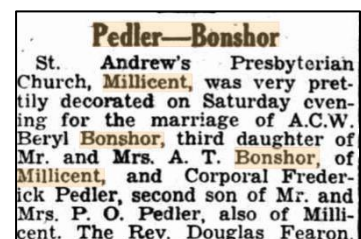
Arthur died on 18 April 1964, Greta on 10 August 1981.



Border Watch 7 Jul 1942 p3



Border Watch 2 Mar 1939 p6



Border Watch 29 Jan 1944 n5

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Paternal uncle

Arthur Ronald Bonshor, World War 2

David's uncle, Arthur (Arty) Ronald Bonshor (13 Apr 1914 - 18 May 2002) served in World War 2, 1940-1945.

He was part of the 2nd /48th Infantry Battalion (known as the fighting 48th). This battalion was Australia's highest decorated unit of the Second World War, awarded four Victoria Crosses (three of them posthumously) and more than 80 other decorations.



Artie in Melbourne, returning from the Middle East prior to Posting in New Guinea, 1942

The 2nd/48th entered Tobruk's defences on 9 April, with the 9th Division forming the bulk of the garrison tasked to hold the 'fortress' for the next three months. Eight months later they were still there.

On 14 April the 2nd/48th helped defeat the Axis assault on Tobruk, while manning part of the Red Line with the 26th Brigade. Between 15 and 16 April patrols from the 2nd/48th captured nearly 800 officers and men - virtually the entire 1st Battalion of the Italian 62nd Trento Regiment.

In October this battalion was withdrawn from Tobruk and sent to Palestine and Syria for rest and garrison duties. By July 1942 the 9th Division was rushed from Syria to the Alamein area and held the northern sector for almost four months. Advancing along the coast and attacking just before dawn on 10 July, the 2nd/48th took its first objectives and captured about 400 prisoners with Tel el Eisa captured the following morning.

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After the success for the Allies, in November the 9th Division was needed to return to Australia and fight a new enemy - the Japanese. The 2nd/48th left Palestine in the third week of January 1943 and, sailing with the rest of the division, reached Sydney at the end of February.



*2/48th Australian Infantry, Sattelberg area, New Guinea, 1943
[vwma.org.au/explore/units/404]*

Reorganised for jungle operations, on 4 September the 2nd/48th participated in the division's amphibious landing at Red Beach, north-west of Lae, and fought in the battles around Lae, Finschhafen, and Sattelberg. It was for his actions at Sattelberg, that Sergeant Thomas "Diver" Currie Derrick was awarded the battalion's fourth VC.

After fighting in New Guinea, the battalion returned to Australia in February 1944. After some leave, the 2nd/48th reformed in Queensland in June at Ravenshoe on the Atherton Tablelands, for what proved to be an extensive training period.

In April 1945 the 9th Division was transported to Morotai. The two lead battalions were the 2nd/48th and the 2nd/23rd. The two battalions pushed inland towards the Tarakan township, overcoming Japanese resistance as they went and by that night had established a beachhead 2.5 km wide and 2 km deep.

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From 6 May to 16 June the mountain ridges behind the town were the scene of bitter fighting. In this area of tangled hills and jungle-covered ridges, the Japanese used mines, booby traps, and suicide raids to delay the Australian advance.

The 2nd/48th was involved in the bitter fighting to capture Sykes and Freda features. It was at Freda, on 23 May, where Derrick was mortally wounded while commanding his platoon.



*Men of the 2/48th Battalion gather around the grave of Lieutenant (Lt) T.C. Derrick VC DCM 1945
[www.awm.gov.au/collection/C207745]*

Following Japan surrendered and the end of the war in August, the ranks of the 2nd/48th thinned, as men were discharged, transferred, or volunteered for occupation force for Japan. While still on Tarakan, the 2nd/48th Battalion was disbanded on 25 October.
[<https://vwma.org.au/explore/units/404>]

David remembers reading about his uncle's battalion, in the book Tobruk to Tarakan.



[regimental-books.com.au]

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Arthur Ronald (Arty) BONSHOR, Personal Stories

(Submitted 27 August 2022 by Kaye Lee)

Researched and written by Kaye Lee, daughter of
Bryan Holmes SX8133, 2nd/48th Battalion.

(See end note).

Arthur was a third generation Bonshor to live in Australia. His paternal grandfather, Isaac Bonshor was born at Old Dalby in England, arriving in Melbourne on his first birthday. By his seventh birthday the family was living in Mount Gambier running a carrying business between Port MacDonnell, Narracoorte and Penola. Once married, Isaac and his wife Elizabeth lived at Millicent in the south east of South Australia where he had various jobs including as a butcher, herdsman and ranger for the old Mount Multhead Council before resuming work as a teamster. He had one son, Arthur who married Greta.

Arthur (Arty) was one of seven children born to Arthur and Greta Bonshor at Millicent on the 13th April 1914. Named after his father, Arthur, the older of two sons, was invariably called Arty and his younger brother Gordon Ross was also known by his middle name. There were also other siblings including Aileen, Yvonne Louise, Beryl, Heather and Elma. From 1934, after the death of Isaac, grandmother, Elizabeth lived with Arthur's family until her death in 1936.

head menster's residence. Educationally, the school had a most successful year. Of 21 children who sat for the qualifying certificate, 17 students were successful, one of them, Arthur Bonshor, gaining a scholarship with the highest marks obtained at a local school examination, namely, 655 in a possible 700. Bonshor was the dux of the school up to the qualifying standard, and in the higher primary grade Gwen

Register, 24 December, 1924, p11

Throughout Arty's school years he had demonstrated that he was an outstanding scholar.

In 1924 he gained the compulsory Qualifying Certificate and a scholarship having achieved the highest marks obtained at a local school examination of 655 from a possible 700.

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The Local South Eastern Times reported that the head teacher 'announced that they were all proud of the results of the QC examination and particularly of Arthur Bonshor's splendid achievement in gaining 655 marks.

The committee desired, to mark the achievement by presenting a gold medal to the successful student. It would be suitably inscribed; and would bear witness to the fact that Arthur Bonshor was Dux of the school for the year.

Arty was one of the first students to study at the new Millicent High School in 1928.

At the end of year celebration, the Head Teacher commented that "A very good beginning has been made, and there is promise of even better progress in the future, I believe that all the pupils have made some improvement and that a considerable number have made the best possible use of the instruction afforded."

He made special, public reference to Arty "Outstanding work has been done by Arthur Bonshor, who has topped the class each term. He should do well in the intermediate examination." Which he did in passing his Leaving Certificate, studying English, History, Arithmetic, Mathematics 1 and II plus Physics and was also announced as a scholarship winner. Arty continued his impressive school work in the ensuing years.

Post school Arty became a plumber but made time to play football for Millicent alongside his brother Ross and was regularly in both the best player and goals scoring lists.

South-Eastern Association.—In a game which hung in the balance until 10 minutes before the end, Millicent finished too strongly for North Gambier in the second semi-final at Penola. Scores:—Millicent, 15.18, d. North Gambier, 13.9. Goalkickers:—Millicent—Thompson (6), A. Bonshor (3), Johnson (2), Temby, R. Bonshor, Spehr, Darwent. North Gambier—Neal (7), M. Millhouse (4), Croker, Egan. Best players:—Millicent—Downs, Spehr, A. Bonshor, Jim Watts, Johnson, Beckman, Jack Watts. North Gambier—W. McGregor, Neal, Maney, English, Croker, Smith. Egan (second half). B Grade association—Glencoe, 11.16, d. Tantanoola, 7.12. Millicent, 9.18, d. Kalangadoo, 4.15. Blue Lake association—Rosaville, 12.10, d. Claraville, 7.8. Yahl, 10.5, d. Gambier, 7.11.

Advertiser 30 Jul 1935, p16

When Arty's sister, Yvonne married in February 1938 Arty acted as bestman for Robert Cole Neale while sister Aileen was a bridesmaid. (Robert was later to also enlist with the Airforce, becoming a Leading Aircraftman 443091. He survived the war and was discharged in July 1945.)

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With the outbreak of WWII 26-year-old Arty enlisted on the 13th July 1940 and was given the number SX8877. He was one of many local young men who had headed to Adelaide to undergo medicals and await their call to go into camp.

Arty's initial days were spent in the cold of the Pavilions, now part of the Royal Adelaide Showgrounds, before he and other new enlistees headed to Woodside for their preliminary training.

Private A. R. Bonshor, a son of Mr and Mrs A. Bonshor, of Millicent North, spent the week-end with his parents. He left for his return to Woodside camp yesterday.

South Eastern Times, 1 Oct 1940, p3

Soldiers Home on Leave.—A number of members of the second A.I.F. have returned to Millicent on eight days' leave. At the institute hall on Monday night, December 23, several of them will be the guests of the local valedictory and reception committee, at a social which will commence at 8 o'clock. They will include Private Colin Jones, R. W. Manhood, Arthur Bonshor, Jim and Malcolm Sutherland, Peter McArthur, Reg Seebohm, Gerald Bellinger, Bernard Donlon, and probably Kingsley Downs. The Millicent Red Cross circle will have charge of the supper arrangements.

South Eastern Times, 20 Dec 1940, p2

Just prior to Christmas, Arty was home on a week's pre-embarkation leave. In typical country fashion, a social was organised at the local Institute Hall for a valedictory and reception celebration.

The men honoured included a number who enlisted with Arty including several also being in the 2/48th Battalion, with brothers Malcolm and James Sutherland (SX8882 and SX8881 respectively), Peter McArthur SX8879, Reg Seebohm SX8177 and Gerald Bellinger SX8878.

The Hall was at capacity and was the largest gathering of relatives and friends held at Millicent since the war began. The South Eastern Times reported that 'The guests entered the hall between a guard of honor formed by members of the returned soldiers' volunteer defence corps, while over 300 residents of the town and district stood to receive them.'

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In an eulogistic speech the chairman declared that the young men:

‘would make the Italians run faster and would give Hitler all he was looking for. The British Empire could not be beaten. Victory was in sight, and their airmen would soon be dropping two bombs for Hitler's one. Their guests that night were "fighting fit," and were a credit to Millicent and to the country they would represent overseas. The news of the retreat of the "Dagoes" was very heartening, but victory over them would not win the war.

Britain was fighting practically alone for the preservation of democracy, and her peril was such that a 100 per cent war effort was necessary to pull her through. Australia would have to do much more than was being done at present. Sixty thousand tons of British shipping had been sunk every week since the war began, all loaded with foodstuffs and supplies for Britain and her armies. If that were not stopped, God help Australia and the democracies. Their guests would help to stop it.’

Additional comments were made that:

‘the men of the second A.I.F. would carry the torch high, and not allow it to be extinguished by Hitler.

They would crush the false gods of Hitlerism and his demons of lust, and cruelty, and avarice. The experiences of countries overpowered by the Nazi hordes showed clearly that the issue for Australia was victory or slavery. The guests were descendants of a hardy, adventurous race, who came out in leaking sailing ships and wrested prosperity from a wilderness. They had the same grit and courage and would fight Hitler to the last ditch. When, in due course, they returned to Australia, they would find here a strong organisation of men of the old A.I.F. who would stand, by them through thick and thin.’

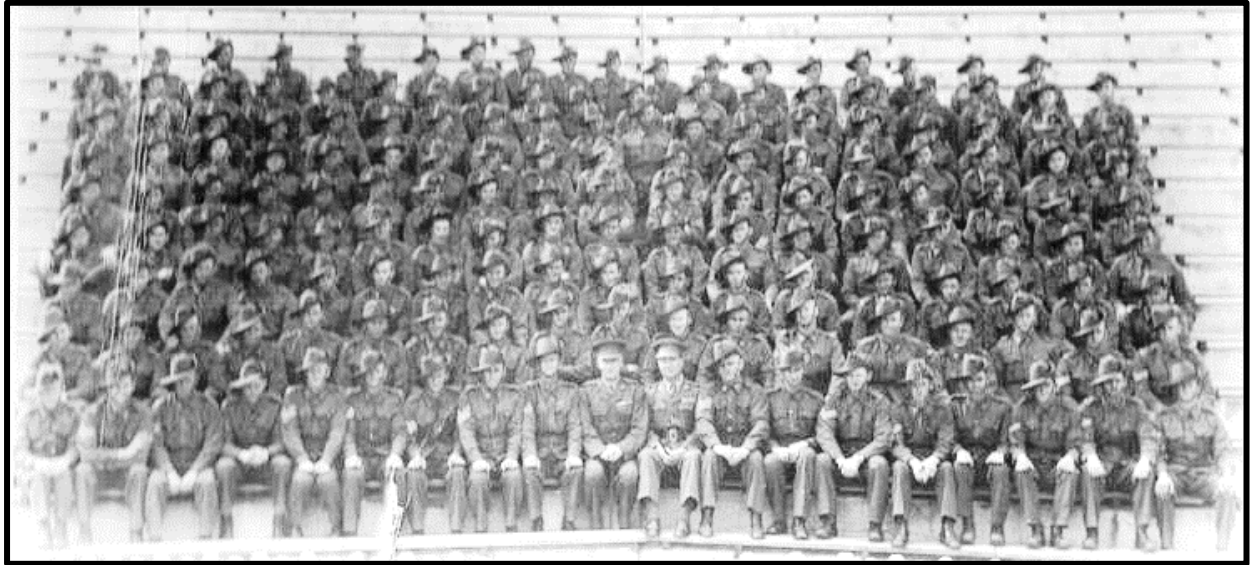
It was a stirring evening of speeches.

The Country Women's' Association presented the young men with a parcel of comforts, while the Millicent Council presented them with pocket wallets. Malcolm Sutherland, on behalf of the men, made a speech in thanks to the community for their support.

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Following pre-embarkation leave Arty and his fellow 2/48th Battalion, headed overseas for the Middle East, in February 1941 and disembarked on the 23rd March.



The 2/48th in Adelaide prior to departure [vwma.org.au]

The 2nd/48th Battalion completed a few months training at Amiriya. Unfortunately, Arty was wounded, not during a fight with the enemy but in a 'friendly' wrestling match. This inevitably was reported in the September 1941 issue of the Border Watch 'Private Arthur Bonshor, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Bonshor, of Millicent North, is a war casualty. During a wrestling match abroad he sustained a broken ankle.' Certainly not the injury for desert conditions of dust, flies, heat, minimal water supplies and constant bombardment.

Private Arthur Bonshor, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Bonshor, of Millicent North, is a war casualty. During a wrestling match abroad he sustained a broken ankle.

Border Watch, 4 Sep 1941, p1

Once in the Middle East Arty again re-joined the 2nd/48th in November 1941 having had time with the 9th Australian Special group. A promotion to Acting Corporal followed in June 1942. Unfortunately, with the desert conditions, Arty contracted a high fever (PUO) then an upper respiratory tract infection causing him to be hospitalised in June that year and inevitably reverting to being a Private.

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Two months later in August he was promoted to Sergeant followed quickly to Lance Sergeant by the end of the month.

On the 25th October 1942 during the intense fight for Trig 29, meticulous arrangements were being made.



1942, Trig 29 [awm.com.au]

John Glenn in his book Tobruk to Tarakan described that ‘mines, wire, ammunition, food, water, overhead cover, sandbags, tools, anti-tank guns and all the rest’ were part of the preparation. He added, ‘And while all this was being done the battalion was subjected to murderous fire from artillery and mortars.

It says much for the battle-drill of the battalion and supporting arms that everything worked out smoothly, going off without a hitch.’ With some of the enemy moving forward into dead ground and couldn’t be reached by the artillery, ‘Sergeant Bonshor of the Mortar Platoon attached to D Company then brought his mortars into action and succeeded in stopping the attack.’

Arty’s time in the Middle East eventually ended as he returned to Australia via Melbourne in February 1943. His immediate reaction was to wire his parents announcing his arrival.

He has spent, two years on active service overseas. A quite unique group of local Singers, the Millicent War Savings Group named ‘Be Happy, Keep Fit, Win-the War’ which met weekly, were delighted to welcome Sergeant Arthur Bonshor and other men of the A.I.F. who were home on leave.

In the meantime, Arty’s sister, Beryl was serving with the W.A.A.A.F., which younger Elma also passed the test to join. Unfortunately, she was unable to obtain permission from the manpower authorities to leave her employment to join.

A.C.W. Beryl Bonshor, W.A.A.A.F., spent the week-end at Millicent with her parents, Mr and Mrs A. Bonshor. She returned to Melbourne yesterday.

South Eastern Times, 9 March 1943, p1

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Arty's brief leave was then followed by training in Queensland in preparation to face a totally different enemy in the tropical conditions of New Guinea. Almost immediately on arrival, Arty was promoted to Sergeant and detached for Special Duties as part of an Advanced Party. He was, however, briefly able to re-join the 2nd/48th, but he contracted malaria again and was hospitalised.

With his typical high school academic record, Arty successfully completed a course at Training School with an overall pass of 81.25%. Of interest is the comment on his report dated 15th November 1944 about his keen, alert and pleasant personality and particularly that he was "An excellent student, worked well, eager to gain knowledge. Given the opportunity, the student has distinct possibilities."



Tarakan Island, Borneo, 1945 [AWM_089471]

Arty then headed back overseas to Tarakan.

By February 1944, the South Eastern Times reported that 'Many members of the A.I.F. serving in battle areas have advised their relatives that they are coming home on leave.

Amongst those who have already arrived at Millicent are Sergeant A. Bonshor, and Privates Malcolm Sutherland and Gerald Bellinger.' All three had enlisted together, been farewelled together and served in the 2nd/48th together.

By October 1945, Arty left Tarakan on the *Manoora*, heading back to Australia via Queensland, before finally being discharged on the 3rd December that year. He had served for five years.

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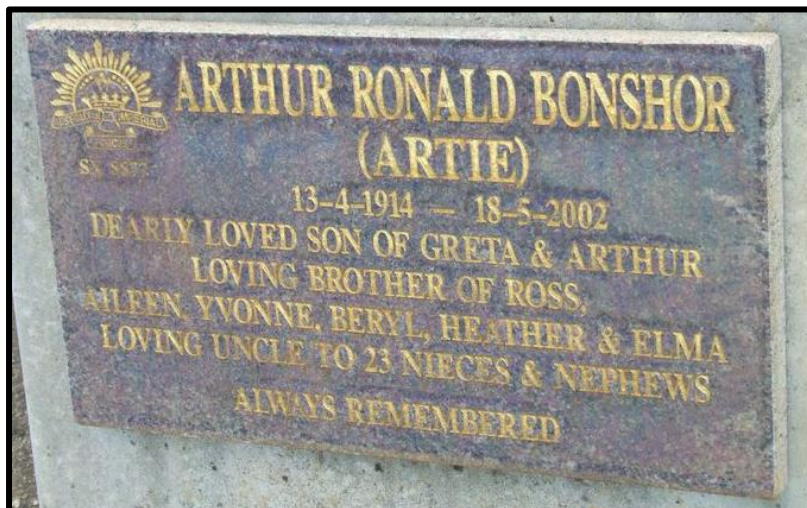
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A huge 'Welcome Home' celebration of over 250 people was organised for the twenty service personnel at the Millicent Institute Hall just prior to Christmas. Music, singing, skits and speeches ensued. Unfortunately, an apology was received from Sergt. Arthur Bonshor. Mention was made of the people at home helped by keeping those fighting in the theatres of war, supplied with munitions and personal comforts.

An additional sense of pride was that Millicent had received nine war loan pennants. A warm tribute was also paid to the Australian Red Cross and the Comforts Fund Organisations including the Country Women's Association. One of the glad days in the lives of servicemen was when such comforts as tobacco, soap, tooth paste, Christmas puddings, and the like arrived.

Post war, Arty became involved as a director with the establishment of Mayurra Pines Company to plant and cultivate trees, principally Radiata Pines over 200 acres, with fencing of the area commencing in late 1948.

Arthur remained a bachelor and died aged 88 on the 18th May 2002. He was buried in the Millicent Cemetery as were his parents.



Company to Grow Trees.—It was announced recently that a company, to be called Mayurra Pines Pty., Ltd., had been formed, with the object of taking over from Mr Frederick Arthur Edwards, of Millicent, sections 315 and 316, hundred of Mayurra, and to plant and cultivate trees. Directors of the company, which has capital of £25,000 in £1 shares, are Messrs H. J. Urea, Payneham road, Adelaide, R. C. Neale, A. J. R. Stratford, W. H. Bratchell, and A. R. Bonshor, of Millicent. There are ten shareholders. The registered office of the company is at Millicent, and secretary is Mr R. C. Neale. A director of the company said this week that the intention was to plant radiata pines principally, although other timber-producing trees were being considered. The area to be acquired was 200 acres. The first work to be carried out was fencing of the land, which would be commenced shortly.

South Eastern Times, 22 October 1948, p1

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The *Preserving Memories* project aim is to interview people who have lived in or had extensive connections to the West Torrens area. The West Torrens Historical Society in conjunction with the City of West Torrens invite them to share their memories and talk about the events and experiences which helped to make up their life's history. It allows us all the chance to reflect on the past and to preserve those memories into the future.

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Thankyou David for participating in the project and sharing your story.

NOTES:

- Blood, sweat and tears: West Adelaide Football Club 1887-1987/Merv Agars ISBN 0859040291
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- Artie Bonshor story has been reproduced from Virtual War Memorial Australia (vwma.org.au), for the benefit of the participant without internet access. Images from other sources.