

STRATHMORE FOPOTBALL CLUB and Ken Pridham from Allan Muir

What did I contribute to earn a life membership to the Strathmore Football Club?

So this is about me Allan Muir

I first became interested in the SFC about 1964 when my son Russell 9 wanted to play football
And I was told by Marge Cox (Mother of Graham and Russell Cox) that Strathmore was the way to
Go, So we went to the midgets behind the Cross Keys with Sid Macgain as coach then to Oak Park with
Coll Morrison as coach and like a good parent I decided I might be able to contribute a little transport..
After the shift to Lebanon St, ground with Hedley and Dot O'Brien and Graham I became more interested
as gopher, I even got to mark out the ground on a number of occasions. Very interesting task particularly on
frosty morning; had to be done before the U13 could start
Over the following years I became Team manager for U 13, U 15, U 17 teams with Coll Morrison,
Jeff Nixon, Alby Murdock building a formidable group of young men and champions,
Some memorable times being the Raggies visits from S.A., the U15 weekend visit to Torquay to play the
play Torquay Tigers The U17 weekend trip to Warnambool.
Remember the 1970 U17 grand final against Glenroy. Ask Jeff Scott,
Early in the piece club jumpers were taken by Matt Kennerdy and laundered at Club expense then
my wife Betty and Marge Cox elected to wash junior jumpers at no expense to the club.
Quite a task particularly on days when the midgets were to play at Essendon at half time.
Marge ruined her machine on the Cross Keys sand.
Sid Macgain would ring in Stephen Burridge sometimes to add spice to the spectacle..
Many times I staggered on to and off the ground carrying goal pots and flags for these games.
I spent some years on Strathmore's committee and with Tony Smith acted as Delegate to the Essendon
District League. Made no significant contribution.,

In 1973 I was made First Aider by having had a towel thrust in my hand at an open age game being told at
the time we haven't got one today so you can be IT,
This was quite a shock as I hardly knew to apply a band aid.
This caused me to think about our short fall in this department so I went and took a couple of SAINT JOHN
First Aid courses. They were ok but not what I needed.
I then found that the VFL Trainers Association were conducting courses at Collingwood rooms on the Duties
of a Football Trainer. I attended these for a couple of years and was joined by Noel Strawbridge.
I am sure that with confidence we were making a contribution to the players welfare.
I put on a pair of white overalls and St Johns arm band so I could go on the field without being ordered off by
the umpire. Jeff Scott christened me "The Milkman",
I guess that is about all I can say on the subject except we left the district in 1978 and distance and other
factors precluded me from making regular attendance to Strathmore. Also my boys Russell, Gregory and
Mark moved out and so finished an era.
I have missed the Strathmore Football Club, all its Members and Players and the excitement of the game and
thank you for remembering me on these occasions.,

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Condense this as you will. Allan.

PS A lot of people put a lot of effort into the building of the SFC and were happy
to do so and I take off my hat to them..