

FTGCC HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS – 50



D.G. (David) Morrison
2020



P.S. (Paul) Waters
2019



M.A. (Michael) Reed
2019



K.J. (Kevin) O'Byrne
2016



M. (Mario) Catalano
2015



B. (Barry) Wells
2014



M.A. ('Mal') McLean
2013



T.D. (Trevor) Hion
2011



F.A. (Frank) Breen
2011



R.A. ('Rob') Sevier
2010



D.R. (Dean) Glare
2007



N.E. (Norm) Butters
2006



G.C. (Graham) Salan
2006



B.J. ('Bernie') Clark
2005



R.J. (Ron) Richards
2005



J.L. (John) Franchi
2004



S.J. ('Steve') Flemming
2002



W.R. (Wayne) Pretty
2000



K.S. (Kim) Mastertoun
1997



J.A. ('Jim') McGowan
1997



E.F. (Emilio) Russo
1997



B.P. (Brian) Wright
1994



A.J. (Tony) Mann
1993



B.R. (Barry) Manning
1992



P.J. (Peter) Clark
1991



C.H. (Cliff) James
1990



Mrs. C.A. (Carol) Bull
1988



A.W. (Tony) Goldsmith
1987



G.L. (Greg) Mastertoun
1983



Mrs. S.L. (Sandra) Kirkpatrick
1982



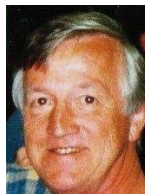
H.J. (Harry) Joyner
1981



A.F. ('Peter') Hamilton
1980



G.F. (Graham 'Gus') Bull
1979



R.C. (Rick) Joyner
1977



K.L. (Keith) Hill
1976



H.M. (Harry) Tew
1974



M.J. ('Mick') Kirkpatrick
1973



G.E. (George) Tew
1969



B.F. (Barrie) Joyner
1966



Mrs. A.E. (Alice) Tew
1963



J.B. (Barry) Stuart
1959



I.J.B. (Ian) Ewart
1958



R.J. ('Bob') DeCoite
1954



A. (Alan) Kirkpatrick
1953



W.L. (Wally) Long
1939

**W.C.
Crompton,
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W.C. (Bill) Crompton
1938



N.F. (Noel) Sandford
1937



H.S. ('Harry') Dudley
1936



W.H. ('Wal') Tew
1935



A.F. (Frank) Pickett
1934

FTGCC ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERS – 10

The following ten Members were honoured (posthumously) with '**Associate Life Membership**' of the Club at the 2015/16 Annual General Meeting, held in May 2016, in recognition of their respective significant contributions to the FTGCC, between the Club's commencement in 1882 and before the bestowing of the first Honorary Life Membership in 1934.



F.J. (Fred) Charman



J.G.S. (James) Ford



T.S. (Tom) Grimwood



E.E. (Ted) Lording



G.A. (George) Lovell



H. (Henry) Monk



A.R. (Alf) Pickett



A.E. (Alfred) Selman



F.N. (Fred) Stevens



G.J. (George) Williams

Associate Life Member Career Summary's

F.J. (Fred) Charman – First FTGCC Secretary & major club influence 1882/83 – 1890's, 10 Year Playing Membership (1891/92), >90 1st XI Games (on record), 6 terms Secretary; 1882/83 – 1887/88, 8 terms Match Committee; 1882/83 – 1889/90, 6 terms Vice President; 1889/90 – 1894/95 at least (No Office Bearers records for have been located/confirmed between 1895/96 & 1901/02)

Apart from being the Club's first Secretary, he stood on the Club Committee occupying a senior Club role for at least 19 seasons.

J.G.S. (James) Ford – Eight terms President; 1920/21 – 1927/28; took the reins of the Club on its return from WW1 and rebuilt the club almost from scratch, with only six players from pre WW1 resuming, a few of which played into the early 1920's only.

Led the Club's first affiliation in the Ringwood District Cricket Association in 1921/22, acting as President and Delegate for the club for his entire reign; RDCA Vice President 1921/22 – 1926/27

T.S. (Tom) Grimwood – known across Melbourne in his time as the '*King of Ferntree Gully*'; 10 terms as President between 1885/86 and 1894/95 (3 terms as Glenfern CC President) & the major club influence 1882/83 to the 1895/96, when as re-elected President he died just prior to the season commencing – the first serving President to die while in office.

In 1889/90 reformed the present FTGCC from the amalgamation of the remaining players of the old FTGCC (Est. 1882/83) and the Glenfern CC. Used his commercial acumen to establish the club as the "*most respected country club a day trip from Melbourne*" and arranged many opponents to visit, who used his Ferntree Gully 'Middle' Hotel as the base for their visit, cricket and social arrangements afterward.

E.E. (Ted) Lording – Captain & star player of the 1890's & 1900's, 10 Year Playing Membership (1897/98), >90 1st XI Games (on record), 3 terms Secretary FTGCC; 1890/91, 1893/94 – 1894/95 (at least), 5 terms Match Committee; 1890/91 – 1894/95 (at least), three time 1st XI Captain, 3 x 1st XI Batting Ave & 1 x Bowling Ave Winner, >2200 Runs on record & scored the first recorded club century, >150 1st XI Wkts on record (still among top 50 all-time club wicket takers!)

Ran 'Middle Hotel' in 1890's & 1910's continuing on the tradition established by Grimwood in supporting the Cricket Club with social events, management of the playing field, sourcing opponents and remaining active in the Club's administration and support until WW1

G.A. (George) Lovell – Administrator par excellence, served during WW1; Secretary and Treasurer for 4 terms each, assisting Henry Monk (President) deliver the new Recreation Reserve in 1912/13, relocating the pavilion from behind the 'Middle Hotel' and helped James Ford (President) re-establish the Club post WW1 in 1920/21.

He led the Club's administration into Competition cricket, joining the Box Hill Reporter CA in 1913/14 and acted as Delegate to the BHRDCA for the two seasons prior to the WW1 recess. At his departure from Ferntree Gully Shire Council in 1927, Henry Monk and Frank Pickett (among others) were on record, as stating that the sporting clubs of Ferntree Gully (he was also on the Football, Tennis and Bowls Club Committees and set up the Ferntree Gully RSL) were losing an administrator whose experience and work ethic would be "impossible to replace".

He was widely acknowledged as the driving force behind the establishment of the Reserve and together with Henry Monk they were regarded as the most formidable administration team in the outer eastern sporting Clubs of Melbourne. Prior to his departure from Melbourne for Swan Hill in 1932, Wal Tew, recalled how his father (Ern) sought Lovell's advice on how Frank Pickett and Ern might go about reforming the cricket club – a season later (1933/34) the club reformed.

H. (Henry) Monk – President of the club for at least 15 years (& probably more) prior to WW1 – the Club's longest serving leader; 1901/02 – 1914/15, with some records suggesting he may have also acted as President for 6 more terms (after Tom Grimwood passed away, between 1895/96 and 1900/01).

From 1904/05 – 1910/11, he served as President when the Club was known as the Ferntree Gully 'Imperials' Cricket Club. 10 Year Playing Membership (1898/99), >65 1st XI Games (on record), 1890/91 1st XI Bowling Average winner, Secretary; 1893/94 & possibly for part of 1894/95, Committee Member for 25 seasons between 1890/91 and 1914/15

Assisted by George Lovell (Secretary & Treasurer), and in his capacity as local ward Councillor (and ex Shire President) he greatly influenced the delivery of the new Recreation Reserve in 1912/13 and led the project that relocated the pavilion from behind the 'Middle Hotel' across the creek (which then had no bridge) to reconstruct and improve it, in its new location.

He led the Club's administration into Competition cricket, joining the Box Hill Reporter CA in 1913/14 and acted as Delegate to the BHRDCA for the two seasons prior to the WW1 recess. Our first Association Executive member as BHRDCA Vice President 1913/14 – 1914/15; Vice President to James Ford for 1920/21 & 1921/22 staying on to provide his experience as the club joined the RDCA post WW1.

A.R. (Alf) Pickett – Committeeman, two time 1st XI Captain & star bowler for 20 seasons prior to WW1, Secretary 8 terms; 1904/05 – 1911/12, served during WW1; 10 Year Playing Membership (1912/13), >85 1st XI Games (on record), 1st XI Bowling Average winner, >140 1st XI Wkts on record – much of his career record from this era is missing but, alongside Fred Stevens, was undoubtedly the pre-eminent bowler of the early 1900's

A.E. (Alfred) Selman – Committeeman & significant administrator in the earliest years of the club who served the club for a period spanning 30 seasons, Treasurer 5 terms; 1890/91 – 1894/95 at least (No Office Bearers records for have been located between 1895/96 & 1901/02 approx.), Vice President 6 terms; 1903/04 – 1904/05 & 1921/22 – 1924/25 (to assist post WW1 recommencement), Official Club Patron; 1905/06, >55 1st XI Games (on record)

F.N. (Fred) Stevens – Committeeman, Secretary 3 terms; 1901/02 – 1903/04 at least, Match Committee; 6 terms at least, four time 1st XI Captain & star bowler for 25 seasons prior to WW1, 10 Year Playing Membership (1893/94) with a playing career that spanned over 25 seasons.

On field >145 1st XI Games (on record), 4 times 1st XI Bowling Average winner, >400 1st XI Wkts on record & still among Top 10 all-time Club wicket takers, Best Bowling Figures of 11/19 in an innings (when both teams batted 12) & 9/34 among 8 times 7 Wkts/Inns, and at least 22 times 5 Wkts/Inns, first player in Club history to 200, 300 & 400 wickets

G.J. (George) Williams – Committeeman, Captain, club great and genuine superstar player for 30 seasons prior to WW1, Secretary 3 terms; 1895/96 – 1897/98 at least, Vice President; 3 terms at least, five time 1st XI Captain including leading the team in our first two competition seasons before WW1, star batsman & bowler for over 30 seasons prior to WW1, 10 Year Playing Membership (1892/93).

On field >170 1st XI Games (on record), >5000 1st XI Runs on record (Only Andrew Downs ahead of him) & still among Top 15 all-time Club run scorers, 11 1st XI Century Partnerships, 34 scores >50 including 6 centuries with H.S. 149*

Club Record holder – Runs in a season (910 inc 3 tons & 4 50's in 1914/15), first FTGCC Association Trophy Winner (1913/14 BHRDCA Batting & also won 1914/15 BHRDCA Batting), first player to 20 years on field service (1902/03), to 2000 runs (1907/08), 3,000 (1910/11), 4,000 runs (1913/14) & 5,000 runs (1914/15), >275 1st XI Wickets on record, 18 x 5 Wkts/Inns with a Best Bowling of 9/52, Multiple 1st XI Batting & Bowling Averages

Represented VJCU vs England (led off field by Lord Sheffield and on field by Dr. W.G. Grace) at Malvern CC in 1892 and regarded in the 1890's and early 1900's as one of the best players not playing Suburban First Class (later District/Premier) Cricket in Victoria

A few points to note...

- These men stand out from the rest among those whose careers spanned the period before 1933/34
- Many of those who played post WW1 and prior to the recess in 1927/28 did have long enough careers at the club to be considered; James Ford's contribution as President for the entire post war/pre recess period made him the exception
- All ten have served as Office Bearers and most have done multiple terms in a number of positions
- Those with playing careers; Charman, Lording, Monk, Pickett, Stevens & Williams have played >10 years in the 1st XI
- The remaining four members; Ford, Grimwood, Lovell & Selman (with Monk's inclusion), were probably the most influential administrative figures in the clubs 50 year history prior to resumption from recess
- The service and playing records of these men are still among the best at the Club a century or so after they were set