

F.T.G.C.C. TIMELINE

<u>SEASON</u>	<u>KEY EVENTS, AFFILIATION AND PREMIERSHIP INFORMATION</u>
2021/22	140 th Anniversary season of the commencement of the Ferntree Gully Cricket Club
2020/21	Aug 2020: 1959 Life Member – J.B. (Barry) Stuart passed away
2019/20	DeCoite Shield (1st XI), Vets Division 1 & Under 12 Premiers , D.G. (David) Morrison awarded Life Membership, Sixth XI resumed after hiatus since 2014/15 , Aug 2019: 1997 Life Member – E.F. (Emilio) Russo passed away , Formal dedication & opening of the new Four Net Training complex opened – 3/10/2019
2018/19	Vets Division 1 Premiers , M.A. (Michael) Reed & P.S. (Paul) Waters awarded Life Memberships, G.F. ('Gus') Bull, I.J. (Ian) Ewart, K.L. (Keith) Hill, M.J. ('Mick') Kirkpatrick & B.R. (Barry) Manning awarded Cricket Victoria "50 Year Service" medals, New Four Net Training complex completed
2017/18	Vets Division 1 Premiers , P.J. (Peter) Clark, A.W. ('Tony') Goldsmith & G.L. (Greg) Mastertoun awarded Cricket Victoria "50 Year Service" medals
2016/17	K.J. (Kevin) O'Byrne awarded Life Membership, "Associate Life Membership" bestowed posthumously on F.J. Charman, J.G.S. Ford, T.S. Grimwood, E.E. Lording, G.A. Lovell, H. Monk, A.R. Pickett, A.E. Selman, F.N. Stevens & G.J. Williams for their contribution to the Club between 1882 and 1934: the era before Life Membership recognition formally commenced
2016	May: Current serving President – K. (Kevin) Handley passed away
2015/16	B2 Division One Day Grade (5th XI) Premiers , M. (Mario) Catalano awarded Life Membership
2014/15	Division 5 (3rd XI) & Under 17/1 Premiers , B. (Barry) Wells awarded Life Membership
2013/14	Division 7 (4th XI) Premiers , M.A. (Mal) McLean awarded Life Membership, May 2013 - Ex Victorian District cricket star, Ryder & Hatch Medallist; R.A. (Robert) Bartlett appointed Captain/Coach, Jan 2014: 2011 Life Member – F.A. (Frank) Breen passed away
2012/13	October 6 th , The Ferntree Gully Recreation Reserve (renamed Wally Tew Reserve) Centenary function was held in the company of over 200 guests, Under 13 & Junior 'Saxon Knockout' – U/17, U/15 & U/13 Premiers , Three further 'Club Greats' added to the Honour Roll
2011/12	Division 7 (5th XI) and Under 12 Premiers , Club appointed its first international player: Muhammad Farrukh (Ex 1 st Class player Pakistan), May 2012; Centenary of "Wally Tew Recreation Reserve" , A.R. ('Arnie') Walters awarded Life Membership of the FTGDCA
2010/11	New Office Bearers Honour Boards unveiled – 7/5/2011, Division 5 (3rd XI) Premiers , F.A. (Frank) Breen & T.D. (Trevor) Hion awarded Life Memberships, Jaidyn Stephenson won the VMCU Under 12 Keith Mitchell Shield MVP
2009/10	Under 12 Premiers , R.A. (Rob) Sevier awarded Life Membership, Launch of season with FTGCC 'Greats' Honour Roll with the first 20 inductees unveiled, the next 10 unveiled on 2009/10 Premiership Reunion night (20/2/2010)
2008/09	Knox Tavern Cup (1st XI) and Vets Division 4 Premiers , June 2009: 1977 Life Member – R.C. (Rick) Joyner passed away
2007/08	April 2008: 1953 Life Member – R.J. (Bob) DeCoite A.S.M. passed away
2006/07	Under 17/2 Premiers , D.R. (Dean) Glare awarded Life Membership, July 2007: 1935 Life Member – W.H. (Wal) Tew M.B.E. passed away
2005/06	Affiliated with FTGDCA after 12 seasons in the RDCA Competition, with travel, declining junior numbers and other factors influencing the decision. Absorbed all assets, records, membership and facilities associated with the former Ferntree Gully Bluebirds Cricket Club. Under 15/2 Premiers , Fifth XI resumed after hiatus since 2001/02 , Sixth XI resumed after hiatus since 1995/96 , Vets 3 Commenced , N.E. (Norm) Butters & G.C. (Graham) Salan awarded Life Memberships, Jayden Bradbury won the VMCU Under 14 Russell Allen Shield MVP
2004/05	Extension to 'Walter H. Tew Pavilion' including Lift and All Access Toilet , B.J. ('Bernie') Clark & R.J. (Ron) Richards awarded Life Memberships, June 2004: 1969 Life Member – G.E. (George) Tew passed away
2003/04	J.L. (John) Franchi awarded Life Membership, Ryan Handley won the VMCU Under 14 Russell Allen Shield MVP
2002/03	Launch of the Ferntree Gully Cricket Club Website – www.ferntreegullycc.com.au
2001/02	Sponsorship package adopted by the Ferntree Gully Community Bank assisting in supporting the ongoing progress made by the Under 21 "Development Squad", S.J. (Steve) Flemming awarded Life Membership
2000/01	Commencement of Under 21 "Development Squad", Chandler 1 (1st XI), Chandler 3 (3rd XI) and Under 12A Premiers , Fifth Eleven resumed after hiatus since 1998/99 , August 2000: 1953 Life Member – A. (Alan) Kirkpatrick passed away
1999/00	Feb 2000: R.J. (Bob) DeCoite awarded the A.S.M. (Australian Sports Medal) for services to local cricket , W.R. (Wayne) Pretty awarded Life Membership
1998/99	Annual Presentation Night Trophies now all formally named after Life Members in all Grades
1998/99	New '10 Year' Players Honour Board unveiled – 21/11/1998, Chandler 1 (1st XI) Premiers
1996/97	Under 16 Division 4 Premiers , K.S. (Kim) Mastertoun, J.A. (Jim) McGowan & E.F. (Emilio) Russo awarded Life Memberships, after the Club Constitution was changed to admit multiple Life Members
1995/96	Chandler 1 (1st XI), C Division 4 (6th XI) & FTGDCA Veterans Division 2 Premiers
1994/95	Affiliated with RDCA - Chandler Shield, C Division 1 (5 th XI) and U/14 Premiers
1993/94	Affiliated with RDCA - A Grade West, A1 West (1 st XI) Premiers, B.P. (Brian) Wright awarded Life Membership
1992/93	Topline Shield 1 (1st XI) & Topline Shield 4 (3rd XI) Premiers , Sixth XI resumed after hiatus since 1990/91, A.J. (Tony) Mann awarded Life Membership
1991/92	Topline Shield 1 (1st XI) & Under 16 Premiers , Neilson Shield renamed Topline Shield Ladies XI Commenced, B.R. (Barry) Manning awarded Life Membership

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1990/91	Neilson Shield 2 (2 nd XI) Premiers, Sixth XI resumed after hiatus since 1980/81, P.J. (Peter) Clark awarded Life Membership
1989/90	Centenary of the official forming and foundation of the Ferntree Gully Cricket Club Neilson Shield 1 (1 st XI), Neilson Shield 2 (2 nd XI) & Under 14 Premiers, C.H. (Cliff) James awarded Life Membership
1988/89	Neilson Shield 2 (2 nd XI) & Under 12 Premiers
1987/88	Mrs. C.A. (Carol) Bull awarded Life Membership
1986/87	Neilson Shield 3 (3 rd XI) Premiers, Grades changed to Neilson Shield 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6, A.W. (Tony) Goldsmith awarded Life Membership, FTGCC commenced participation in the FTGDCA Veterans Competition (Est. 1983/84)
1985/86	B Grade (3 rd XI) Premiers, Under 16 in 1980/81 Under 16 Scorebook, H.A. (Alan) Bailey awarded Life Membership of the FTGDCA
1984/85	Neilson Shield (1 st XI) Premiers, February 1985: 1963 Life Member – Mrs. A.E. (Alice) Tew passed away
1983/84	K.L. (Keith) Hill awarded Life Membership of the FTGDCA
1982/83	Under 16 Premiers, G.L. (Greg) Mastertoun awarded Life Membership, May 1983: 1981 Life Member – H.J. ('Harry') Joyner passed away
1981/82	May 1982: formal renaming and dedication of 'Walter H. Tew Pavilion', Under 14A Premiers, Mrs. S.L. (Sandra) Kirkpatrick awarded Life Membership, September 1981: 1980 Life Member – A.F. ('Peter') Hamilton passed away
1980/81	FTGDCA Twilight Cup Premiers, Under 16 & Under 14A in 1985/86 Under 16 & Under 14 Scorebooks, Under 12A in 1985/86 Under 12 Scorebook and Under 12B in 1979/80 Under 12 Scorebook, H.J. ('Harry') Joyner awarded Life Membership, Formal opening of the new Ferntree Gully Recreation Reserve Ground (#1 Oval) and Pavilion
1979/80	C Grade (6 th XI) Premiers, A Reserve Grade renamed Neilson Shield Reserve, Sixth XI commenced, A.F. ('Peter') Hamilton awarded Life Membership
1978/79	Under 12B Premiers, A Grade renamed Neilson Shield, G.F. ('Gus') Bull awarded Life Membership
1977/78	C Grade (5 th XI) Premiers
1976/77	Under 12 Premiers, Under 12 Competition commenced - Won final match of the season – nominal Grand Final, Fifth XI commenced, R.C. (Rick) Joyner awarded Life Membership
1975/76	A Reserve Grade (2 nd XI) & B Grade (3 rd XI) Premiers, K.L. (Keith) Hill awarded Life Membership
1974/75	A Grade (1 st XI) Premiers
1973/74	Fourth XI commenced, June 1974: W.H. (Wal) Tew awarded M.B.E. for services to Local Government, the Community and Sport, H.M. (Harry) Tew awarded Life Membership
1972/73	A Grade (1 st XI) & Under 16 Premiers, M.J. ('Mick') Kirkpatrick awarded Life Membership, September 1972: 1937 Life Member – N.F. (Noel) Sandford passed away
1971/72	A Reserve Grade (2 nd XI) Premiers
1970/71	A Grade (1 st XI), Under 16 & Under 14 Premiers, R.J. (Bob) DeCoite & Mrs. E. (Edna) Feaver awarded Life Membership of the FTGCA
1969/70	A Reserve Grade (2 nd XI), Under 16 & Under 14 Premiers, Under 14 competition commenced
1968/69	A Reserve Grade (2 nd XI) Premiers, G.E. (George) Tew awarded Life Membership
1967/68	A Reserve Grade competition commenced, A Reserve Grade (2 nd XI) Premiers, C Grade Finals in 1967/68 Under 16 Scorebook, 1967/68 Scorebook – ½ A Reserve Grade, ½ B Grade
1965/66	A Grade (1 st XI) Premiers, Third XI resumed in FTGCA after hiatus since 1948/49, B.F. (Barrie) Joyner awarded Life Membership
1964/65	C Grade (2 nd XI) Premiers
1962/63	Formal opening of new Clubrooms, replacing Wooden Pavilion which burned down in 1959, Mrs. A.E. (Alice) Tew awarded Life Membership
1961/62	C Grade (2 nd XI) Premiers
1960/61	J.L. (Jack) Feaver awarded Life Membership of the FTGCA
1959/60	Under 16 replaced Under 15 competition, Building of new brick Pavilion by FTGCC & FTGFC Members commences, R.F.W. (Ron) Lomax awarded Life Membership of the FTGCA
1959	Friday 14 th August – approx. 7:15 p.m. – Original Wooden pavilion burned down in what is labelled by local police and the arson squad as 'suspicious circumstances'
1958/59	J.B. (Barry) Stuart awarded Life Membership, December 1958: 1934 Life Member – A.F. (Frank) Pickett passed away
1957/58	I.J.B. (Ian) Ewart awarded Life Membership
1955/56	February 1956: 1939 Life Member – W.L. (Wally) Long passed away
1954/55	C Grade (2 nd XI) Premiers
1953/54	A Grade (1 st XI) Premiers, R.J. (Bob) DeCoite awarded Life Membership, November 1953: 1936 Life Member – H.S. (Harry) Dudley passed away, W.H. (Wal) Tew awarded Life Membership of the FTGCA
1952/53	Lightning Premiers FTGCA, A. (Alan) Kirkpatrick awarded Life Membership, L.B. (Lindsay) Ewart Snr. awarded Life Membership of the FTGCA
1951/52	A Grade (1 st XI), B Grade (2 nd XI) & Under 15 Premiers, Under 15's commenced, January 1952: 1938 Life Member – W.C. (Bill) Crompton passed away, A.F. (Frank) Pickett awarded Life Membership of the FTGCA
1950/51	A.C.K. (Alex) Aplin awarded Life Membership of the FTGCA
1949/50	A Grade (1 st XI) Premiers
1948/49	A Grade (1 st XI) & B Grade (2 nd XI) Premiers, Third XI commenced in FTGCA C Grade
1947/48	Founding Member FTGCA – No. 1 (1 st XI) & No. 2 (2 nd XI) Teams Premiers
1946/47	RDCA B Grade (1 st XI) Premiers defeated Boronia, Second XI resumed in RDCA C Grade after hiatus since 1939/40

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1943/44	FTGCC disbanded due to WW2 and the teams inability to travel due to Petrol rationing
1939/40	Affiliated with RDCA A Grade after winning 1938/39 Semi Final vs Emerald but losing by protest, the game being played over 4 days instead of the regulated 3 (Rain and no Official Umpires were present on Day 3!) Second XI commenced in RDCA C Grade
1938/39	W.L. (Wally) Long awarded Life Membership
1937/38	W.C. (Bill) Crompton awarded Life Membership
1936/37	Affiliated with MDCA A Grade, N.F. (Noel) Sandford awarded Life Membership
1935/36	FTGCC folded post-Christmas of this season due to unavailability of a number of key players through injury and movement out of the district, H.S. (Harry) Dudley awarded Life Membership
1934/35	Affiliated with RDCA A Grade, W.H. (Wal) Tew awarded Life Membership
1933/34	Affiliated with MDCA – A Grade (1st XI) Premiers, A.F. (Frank) Pickett awarded first Life Membership
1927/28	FTGCC disbanded until 1933/34 resulting from the match below and then the Depression Played A vs B against Bayswater/Boronia - match incomplete and a lost protest led to initial Disbandment
1924/25	Affiliated with RDCA A Section consisting of 6 teams
1923/24	Affiliated with RDCA A Section consisting of 7 teams
1922/23	The Club's Captain, W.H. (William Hamilton) Armstrong passed away post match after collapsing on the final Saturday of the season – He had earlier top scored with 74 in oppressive conditions when the temperature reached over 42 degrees, which undoubtedly contributed to his passing
1921/22	FTGCC affiliated with the second season of the RDCA in Section One , consisting of 5 teams with Section Two having 4 teams, The Pavilion Grandstand was upgraded with a gable roofed section
1920/21	Recommended playing arranged games
1915/16	FTGCC disbanded until 1920/21 due to WW1
1913/14	First affiliated in competition based cricket in the Reporter District Cricket Association (now Box Hill Reporter District Cricket Association)
1912/13	Commenced arranged matches on the new Ferntree Gully Recreation Reserve

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PRE COMPETITION INFORMATION

1912	May 25th – formal opening of the Ferntree Gully Recreation Reserve, equipped with the original Pavilion, which was relocated piece by piece across Ferny Creek (before Lysterfield Road – now Brenock Park Drive, was constructed) from behind the Ferntree Gully ‘Middle’ Hotel. The pavilion was extensively renovated and an open viewing Grandstand added to the top of the building
1910/11	“ Ferntree Gully Imperials Cricket Club ” name dropped at 1911 Annual General Meeting
1904/05	“ Ferntree Gully Cricket Club ” renamed “ Ferntree Gully Imperials Cricket Club ”
1899/1900	FTGCC denied affiliation with the Eastern District Trophy Competition run by the Box Hill Reporter newspaper.
1895	October: Current serving President & 1889/90 FTGCC founder – T.S. (Thomas Samuel) Grimwood passed away
1894/95	The ‘ Giffen Business ’ occurs when the Gully’s selected players: George Williams and Ern Blazey refuse to play for the Dandenong XVIII against the touring English Test squad – Captained by A.E. (Andrew Ernest) Stoddart . They withdrew in protest at the non-selection of Ted Lording who had dominated the batting in the area to date that season and then suffered comparisons in the local press to George Giffen who famously withdrew from a previous England Tour because his brother wasn’t selected as well!
1892	Jan 21 & 22 – Five members of the Club were selected in the Malvern XXII to play against the touring English Test squad at the Malvern Cricket Ground. The English team was led on the field by the ‘colossus of cricket’, English cricket immortal: W.G. (William Gilbert) Grace. Accompanying the 1891/92 tour was Lord Sheffield who, in a gesture of extreme good will, donated £150 towards the purchase of the “Sheffield Shield”, which saw the commencement of the major interstate cricket competition in Australia.
1889/90	“ Glenfern Cricket Team ” renamed Ferntree Gully Cricket Club by Tom Grimwood, with the entity that commenced in 1882/83 having ceased to operate in the mid 1880’s
1885/86	“ Glenfern Cricket Team ” formed by Tom Grimwood, Licensee ‘FTG Hotel’ – October 1885.
1882/83	A team called Ferntree Gully represents the District in a cricket match, though this is known to be more of a nominal, rather than official title as the team was a hybrid of members from the first generation of the Scoresby Cricket Club augmented by members drawn from within the Ferntree Gully district
1877/78	First recorded cricket match in Ferntree Gully
1877	First Test Match – March 1877 at MCG between Australia and England
1867	December 31 st – The Intercolonial cricketers from New South Wales were invited by their Victorian counterparts to a picnic at Ferntree Gully on New Year’s Eve, after their four day match concluded on the 30 th December. Among those known to have been in the party were T.W. (Thomas ‘Tom’ Wentworth) Wills, John (‘Jack’) Conway, R.W. (Richard Wilson) Wardill, Samuel (‘Sam’) Cosstick and F.E. (Frank Erskine) Allan . All were well known for their cricketing exploits prior to Test match cricket’s commencement and this picnic report is the earliest known mention of cricket/cricketers in Ferntree Gully.