



Eastern Districts Football League
Umpires Association
Annual Report
and
Financial Statement
1976

To be presented at the
ANNUAL MEETING

To be held at the
NORWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
on

WEDNESDAY, 30th MARCH 1977

PRESIDENT:

MR. R. C. KISS

VICE PRESIDENT:

MR. D. S. GILGOUR

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:

MR. G. NESTON

SECRETARY:

MR. LEO J. CLEARY
17 Turnstone Street,
EAST DONCASTER, 3109

TREASURER:

MR. YOL SITHI

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Mrsrs. K. STREHL, R. McLEOD,
G.M. ROSS, R. FORRESTAL

AUDITORS:

DONALD E. LUTHERBOTTOM PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
381 Main Street, LILYDALE, 3140

LEGAL SOLICITORS:

EPAS & GIBBONS
Main Street, LILYDALE, 3140

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held April 2nd, 1975
2. To receive and consider the 1975 Annual Report
3. To receive and consider the Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure
4. To elect Auditors for ensuing year
5. Election of office bearers for the ensuing year
6. General Business

PRESIDENT 1977

It is with great pleasure that I introduce your President for the coming season. I present a man who undoubtedly can demonstrate the most impressive record of achievement and service of any man in this Association. A man who thoroughly deserves the office and who has already proved that he will perform effectively in the position of honour Mr. David Gilmour.

David can proudly present 18 years of umpiring experience. From the Goulburn Valley League, through the V.F.L. to the E.D.F.L. in 1969. He umpired the First Grand Final in the E.D.F.L. First division in 1971 and is the only umpire in this competition to repeat the performance in the 1976 Grand Final. He occasionally lets slip his total Grand Final score is 12 in all.

He has been a member of the Association committee since its foundation 8 years ago and this will be his third term as President. He aims to make the 10 years of service.

His playing career started with Ardmona Football Club and he was the leading goal kicker in the Kyabram League. The year is unknown as there are no records available to support this claim.

David will have the support of his charming wife, Pam, and two lovely children, Lisa and Jamie.

Affectionately known as the "Living Legend" and held in the highest esteem by all members we wish him well for 1977. Certainly a well deserved occupant of our highest office.

E.D.F.L.U.A. ANNUAL REPORT - SEASON 1976

To Members of the Eastern Districts Football League Umpires Association

Gentlemen,

On behalf of your Executive Committee, it is my pleasure to submit for your consideration the Annual Report and Financial Statement for Season 1976.

During the past football season, our members officiated in three divisions of senior football in the E.D.F.L. and also in the Manawading & District Junior Football League on Sundays.

Membership of the E.D.F.L.U.A. during 1976 consisted of the following:

<u>Umpires Category</u>	<u>Number</u>
Field	78
Boundary	34
Goal	22
	<u>134</u>

Season 1976 saw quite a number of new faces on our list, the majority of these were very experienced umpires and consequently were promoted to handling our 1st Division matches. Overall eighteen umpires were given the opportunity to handle 1st Division games and several others had the chance to control 2nd and 3rd Division Seniors for the first time. Congratulations to all concerned. Apart from field umpires there were also a number of new boundary and goal umpires who joined us last year. To all new members who joined us last year for the first time we welcome them and hope that they will remain with us for many years.

Prior to the commencement of the 1976 season, a 20% increase was granted across the board to all umpires.

The respective fees which were operative during Season 1976 are itemised for your perusal:

	<u>1st Division</u>	<u>2nd Division</u>	<u>3rd Division</u>
Field Usts	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$23.00
Boundary	16.00	12.00	-
Goal	13.00	12.00	-

During the course of the year we had a number of Social Events and it was pleasing to note that all were well attended, particularly the Final Night. However, I would like to mention that this Association thought fit to honour our previous Umpires Advisor, Mr. Len Eddy, who held that position for seven years, by presenting him with a Digital Clock Radio, suitably inscribed. The presentation was made by our President, Mr. R. Kiss during our mid season barbeque held at Norwood on 23rd June, 1976.

I would suggest that the culmination of the work carried out by the Executive was shown by the members and their friends by the number who attended our Final Night at the Dorset Gardens Hotel.

I would like to thank everybody who helped me make my year as Secretary such an enjoyable one. I extend my appreciation to the President, Treasurer and Executive for the wonderful help they gave me during 1976 and enabling me to carry out my duties as Secretary.

Remember it is not what the Association can do for you but what you can do for the Association.

LEO J. CLEARY
HON. SECRETARY

EXECUTIVE MEETING ATTENDANCE 1976

R. Kiss	<u>Attended</u>	9
G. Weston		7
L. Cleary		9
T. Smith		8
K. Brown		9
D. Gilmour		7
G. Ross		7
R. Forestal	*	3
R. McLeod	*	3

* Appointed midway through the year.

Total of 9 Monthly Meetings held.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1976

To be elected President of this Association was a great honor for me and the enjoyment and satisfaction obtained by performing the duties of the position through 1976 was an exciting experience which I will always remember.

The support given to me by my committee in making the Association perform so efficiently was excellent. It was indeed a pleasure to work with this fine group of gentlemen who often worked behind the scenes without recognition, to ensure the success of our many functions. It is perhaps unfair, to single out people for recognition, however I must pass on a special thank you to my Treasurer, Mr. Tom Smith. The records presented by Tom were excellent and his handling of large sums of money at our functions was a thankless task, very well done.

May I extend my thanks to Leo Cleary, my Secretary, whom I relied greatly on this season.

My sincere thanks also go to those fellows who were not committee men, but who were always available to assist in their own quiet ways.

Our social functions were once again heavily subsidized and therefore well attended. However, with the support of the majority of members, we finished the season on the most successful financial note ever presented by this Association.

In welcoming our new members, may I point out that this Association is run for your benefit, and therefore needs your support. This Association is now run on an efficient and respected basis, built up through years of hard work of others before you. Do not be the one to knock it down.

May I extend my congratulations to Mr. Kevin Collins (Advisor) and Mr. Bob Matthews (Board Secretary) on their re-appointment. I am well aware of the work which these men put in last year to make it succeed for us and let me assure you that they certainly earned their position.

May I offer them and their Board members every success during 1977 and trust we will continue to work in harmony for the benefit of all.

The E.D.F.L.U.A. will go on to better things this year. Make sure you are an active part of it.

RICHARD KISS

APPRECIATION

TO: All advertisers in our Newsletter

Steve Mason	-	re printing 'Man in White'
Rod McLeod	-	re gear and also help regarding cricket match at Pentridge
Graham Richardson	-	for acting as Umpires Trainer during final series and also help at Annual Picnic
Graham Ross	-	re drinks and picnic, pies and pasties
G. Weston	-	re 'Man in White' and final night
D. Gilmour	-	re 'Man in White'
L. Sewart	-	Transport, pies and pasties
J. Hooper)	
K. Wrouth)	
M. Patten)	Donations to weekly raffle
R. Bolan)	
D. Gilmour)	
K. Collins)	
R. Kiss	-	re 'Man in White' and final night
R. Weatherall	-	re barrel for weekly raffle
L. Preece	-	re steak night
G. Ashton	-	re presentation to Len Eddy
T. Smith)	re Sportsman's Night
K. Brown)	
G. Read	-	re lollies for Christmas Picnic
R. Forrestall	-	Transport

UMPIRES ADVISOR

Prior to the commencement of the 1976 Season the Executive of the E.D.F.L. decided to advertise the position of Umpires Advisor and one of our running members, Mr. Kevin Collins, was appointed to the position thus replacing Len Eddy.

Kevin has been fortunate to have been tutored by some well known Advisors whilst he was on the Senior List of the V.F.L., namely Harry Clayton, Norm Grant, Jack Irving and Alan Nash, top men in their field.

Kevin during his years on the Senior List was in the top twenty umpires and umpired fourteen Reserve Grade matches plus numerous Country Finals which indicate that he was knocking on the door for the big six.

We would like to thank Kevin for his co-operation with our association and his support.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO: All members who were appointed to Final Matches
J. Smith of Blackburn Football Club for winning
Fairest and Best in 1st Division
Paul Van Der Haar - Ringwood 2nd Division
Darren Watts Nunawading 3rd Division
East Burwood, Ringwood and Bennettswood on winning
1976 Grand Finals.
Bob Matthews on his appointment as Secretary to the Board
To the Stockade Cricket Team who once again were too
good for us.
Mrs. Aitkin

HONORARY SOLICITOR

During the Season we had to call on our honorary solicitor, Mr. Dick McKenzie, who was extremely helpful during the year and will again be available should we require his knowledge during 1977. Many thanks, Mr. McKenzie.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we enter our 9th year as an Association, it is interesting to look back over the past years and reflect on how our Association has matured and grown as a body.

We have been part of changes within the League; we have been involved with changes within our own organization, and we have seen changes on the Board by way of new Advisor and complete new look Appointment Board.

Through all this we have continued to grow stronger each year by way of member participation and as a body generally.

It is interesting to note that as each year comes around our own Executive positions are being contested with much more interest and vigour, a sure sign that we have indeed matured.

By supporting your Committee and fellow members each year, the E.D.F.L.U.A. Will continue to gain strength, not only on the sporting field, but in other areas as well.

Good Luck for Season 1977.

DAVID GILMOUR
VICE PRESIDENT

EASTERN DISTRICTS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

This association is extremely grateful for all the assistance received from the League office towards Umpires from the Secretary, Mr. E. Wright and also his secretary, Mrs. Judie Taylor. Also, our appreciation is extended to the President of the League, Mr. Kenneth Wright and his Executive for their support throughout 1976.

EASTERN DISTRICTS FOOTBALL LEAGUE UMPIRES APPOINTMENT BOARD

Season 1976 saw some changes to the Board with resignations and the death of Mr. A. McLellan. "Old Mac", who incidently was a member of the E.D.F.L. Board since its formation, will be sadly missed by all members of this Association.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Tom McDonald, Chairman during 1976, and his colleagues for the time and effort they gave viewing members each Saturday.

To the retiring members of the Board, our appreciation is extended to you for the work put in over the years. Congratulations to Mr. Roger Pettyfor on his appointment as Chairman for Season 1977. We welcome you and the other members and trust that 1977 is rewarding to you all.

PRESIDENT 1976 "Laudable Leadership"

Much of the praise for the success of the past season must be accorded to our Association President, Mr. Richard Kiss, for the dignity and popularity he brought to this high office. His pleasant personality and his deep understanding of all phases of his position ensured his success.

Congratulations, Richard, on your history-making year and sincere thanks to Ethne and yourself for your time and efforts given to the welfare of our Association.

TREASURER

'Book-keeping &
Budgeting'

In his first years as our Treasurer, Tom Smith has taken up the challenge set by the standard of his predecessor. A quiet, diligent worker, he has handled the various aspects of this office with skill and precision.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The past year there were a number of changes on the Executive Committee due to resignations by some members midway through the Season. However, overall we all worked in well together and all activities were given great support by the members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Association had a very successful year in 1976, both financially and socially and have been left with a very healthy bank balance for your incoming Executive.

This has been brought about by a very capable Executive and many behind the scene helpers who all have the best interests of the Association at heart.

See if you can improve on this in 1977 by getting behind your Executive and try to participate in the social activities of the Association.

Thanks for the assistance.

TOMMY SMITH (PINT)

E.D.F.L. LEAGUE SECRETARY

Time certainly goes by. Here we are again almost ready to commence our 1977 season. Both Umpires and Players alike are hard at training with that earnest desire to impress their Coach and Selectors. No doubt there will be a number of umpires eager to prove the Umpires Appointment Board wrong in their selection of Umpires for our 1976 Finals.

Enough of past performances. Let us look to the future and in particular, at this time, our 1977 Season.

This year no doubt will have its problems and what is required of us all is strength to back each other up. It is always a very simple matter to reflect on the past and pass judgement on our fellow man. It takes strength and courage to face up to reality and give credit when credit is due.

One would expect a very successful and competitive season if the well known umpires of the V.F.L. and V.F.A. competitions who have made enquires and have requested application forms to join our panel, eventuate.

To our own Umpires who have been faithful to this League over the past 7 years or less, may I on behalf of our League, say 'Thank you'. Don't be disturbed by the influx of Umpires from other Leagues. Always remember that you have proved your worth and it is up to the other to displace you.

To our Umpires Advisor, Kevin Collins and Board Secretary, Bob Matthers, we offer our congratulations upon their appointment for at least another term and wish them luck for Season 1977.

To our past Umpires Board Chairman, Tom McDonald, who has unfortunately resigned from our Board, I offer our most sincere thanks. Tom has been an ardent worker for our League in general and in particular, the Umpires Appointment Board. He has served the League faithfully and there is now doubt that the Umpires have benefited greatly from his leadership.

To Tom and his good wife, Glad, we are humble with our thanks and I would like to take this opportunity to wish them both good health in their venture for the future. I believe that the Umpires Appointment Board are indeed indebted to Tom.

To all our Umpires who served us with distinction in 1976, we thank you and offer the League's congratulations, particularly to those who officiated at our Finals.

I bid a very warm welcome back to our Umpires from last year and to you new members, may I say 'welcome'. We are a great League and our earnest desire is that you will be proud to be amongst us.

To all Umpires, young and old, may we wish you good fortune for 1977 Season and hopefully that this will be YOUR year.

E.G. WRIGHT
LEAGUE SECRETARY/TREASURER

E.D.F.L.U.A. SOCIAL FUNCTIONS 1976

Once again, the E.D.F.L.U.A. had another very successful year as far as social functions were concerned.

The year started off with an entertaining run from Eastland Shopping Centre to the Herald Office in aid of the Good Friday Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. Some 30 umpires took part and raised a healthy sum of \$350.00. It's on again this year.

On Sunday 30th May, we celebrated the opening of the footy season with a Dinner Dance at the "Bird & Bottle", Croydon. The night was well organised by our President who brought the house down with his new found umpiring friend. If you missed this little fellow, don't forget to be at our social functions this year as I hear the young fellow will probably pop up again.

A film and supper night was held at the Delgrave Theatre on the 15th June where some 50 umpires and partners saw "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest".

Very close to the highlight of the year was the Umpires Ball - organised by Ace Gilmour in conjunction with Pot and Pint. The night was a sell out with yet another first for the Association, the introduction of those starts of stage and screen, the unmentionable? ... "Glitter Sisters". It has been stated that the girls had the best legs in the business.

Leo Cleary turned on an excellent Sportsman's Night at the Kilsyth Clubrooms in August. Representatives from Carlton, Essendon and North Melbourne Football Clubs took part, assisted by two V.F.L. Umpires. The chairman of the proceedings was our old friend, Clarke Hansen from Channel 2.

Our annual Cabaret at the D.G. on the 9th October was a great night. Dick's mate starred again while the five year certificates were presented. Our Advisor and Secretary once again created a first with the introduction of certificates for all 1976 Grand Final Umpires - a very nice gesture, chaps. The highlight of the evening and probably the year was the "Fag Awards". Carried out by those inimitable two, Stevie Wonder and Geoff Brookes, the production had to be seen to be believed. Congratulations, "Fags" - hope we see more of you this year.

The E.D.F.L.U.A. eleven once again ventured to Pentridge for the annual Test Match in late October.

Our annual Christmas Picnic was held in December at Hughes Park. We again wish to thank Embee for the use of their train, Ian Mathers for the use of his containers, Russell Forrestal for arranging the truck through Ranger Truck Rentals, Graeme Reid for the 200 bags of lollies and Graham Richardson for his trestles and HO! HO! HO! - you did a great job "Richo".

See you socializing again in '77.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE
AS AT 22nd FEBRUARY, 1977

RECEIPTS

Miscellaneous

Bank Interest	\$8.04	
Refund Unused		
Cheques	1.84	
Final Night 1975	<u>28.00</u>	\$37.88

Raffles 449.80

Monograms 108.00

Tee Shirts 60.00

Special Effort 968.00

Training

Pies & Soft Drinks 177.92

Social Events

Pie Night	65.39	
Dinner Dance	380.00	
Theatre Night	215.20	
Steak & Sausage		
Night	66.71	
Umpires Ball	491.51	
Sportsman's Night	485.19	
Final Night	940.00	
Picnic	<u>122.00</u>	2766.00

Advertising 344.00

Subscriptions 1574.00

\$6485.60

BANK

Balance as at 24/3/76 250.36

Excess Receipts over Expenditure 601.61

\$851.97

EXPENDITURE

Miscellaneous

Cheque Books	10.30	
Treasurers Expenses	2.79	
Presentations	62.23	
Get Well Cards	.60	
Death Notice	4.00	
Cancer Appeal	<u>25.00</u>	\$104.92

Raffles

Tickets & Numbers	7.98	
Prizes	<u>31.00</u>	38.98

Monograms

120.00

Tee Shirts

112.50

Special Effort

378.00

Training

Cordial	34.60	
Pies	87.42	
Soft Drinks	<u>28.80</u>	150.82

Social Events

Pie Night	137.14	
Dinner Dance	588.50	
Theatre Night	233.45	
Steak & Sausage Night	152.24	
Umpires Ball	450.86	
Sportsmans Night	527.73	
Final Night	1449.00	
Picnic	757.78	
Cricket Match	<u>58.07</u>	4354.77

Printing

539.00

Secretary's Expenses

85.00

\$5883.99

ACCOUNT

Balance as at 22/2/77 \$851.97

\$851.97

These books have been audited and found correct on 4/3/77.
Dobright & Winterbottom, Public Accountants,
331 Main Street, Lilydale, 3140

SURPLUS/DEFICIT STATEMENT AS AT 22nd FEBRUARY, 1977

	<u>SURPLUS</u>	<u>DEFICIT</u>
Miscellaneous		67.04
Raffles	410.82	
Monograms		12.00
Tee Shirts		52.50
Special effort	590.00	
Training	27.10	
<u>Social Events</u>		
Pie Night		71.75
Dinner Dance		208.50
Theatre Night		18.25
Steak & Sausage Night		85.53
U mpíres Ball	40.65	
Sportsman's Night		42.54
Final Night		509.00
Picnic		635.78
Cricket Match		58.07
Advertising	344.00	
Printing		539.00
Secretary's Expenses		85.00
Subscriptions	1574.00	
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	\$2986.57	\$2384.96
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SUMMARY

Total Surplus	\$2986.57	
Total Deficit	\$2384.96	
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	\$601.61	SURPLUS
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Deficit on Monograms and Tee Shirts shows because there are a number of monograms still held for sale. There are 7 Tee Shirts still for sale and outstanding accounts for 8, purchased at the Cricket Match.

LIST OF MEMBERS 1976

F I E L D

1970	R. Arnold	1973	S. Mason
1971	G. Ashton	1969	R. Matthews
1971	A. Atkin	1976	G. Mullenger
1976	J. Bigelow	1976	E. Meyer
1976	G. Britton	1976	R. Meyland
1973	M. Brown	1972	K. Noden
1973	D. Brown	1974	S. Olney
1976	K. Boyd	1971	D. O'Connor
1973	M. Beard	1972	A. Petrie
1974	S. Cass	1972	G. Price
1973	L. Cleary	1969	R. Pett
1976	G. Closter	1975	G. Reid
1974	G. Cook	1972	L. Reid
1970	K. Corbett	1972	G. Richardson
1973	J. Cunningham	1972	G. Ross
1972	K. Collins	1971	M. Rodriguez
1974	G. Collery	1976	P. Robertson
1970	P. Cameron	1973	L. Sewart
1976	B. Crawford	1973	B. Smith
1976	B. Cass	1976	G. Stanley
1974	N. Davis	1976	L. Thomas
1972	T. Dunn	1970	M. Vennell
1975	K. Fox	1972	G. Watkins
1972	R. Forrest	1970	G. Weston
1972	P. Galimi	1976	B. Wrigley
1969	D. Gilmour	1972	L. Watson
1973	H. Gibney	1971	S. Woolridge
1972	S. Hammond	1971	R. Weatherill
1976	R. Harvey	1970	K. Whitefield
1976	P. Hoaley		
1971	J. Hooper		
1973	J. Horne		
1976	G. Hyde		
1976	N. Johnson		
1974	H. Kazenwadel		
1972	R. Kiss		
1974	J. Kitch		
1976	G. Lacey		
1976	A. Lacy		
1976	K. McCollan		
1971	R. McLeod		
1976	E. McKenzie		
1976	J. McGuinness		
1976	J. Mansfield		

LIST OF MEMBERS 1976

<u>BOUNDARY</u>		<u>GOAL</u>	
1974	K. Barclay	1974	N. Asquith
1974	P. Bateman	1970	C. Barnes
1976	G. Bower	1971	K. Brown
1976	G. Campbell	1976	B. Creaton
1976	B. Cass	1976	R. Creaton
1975	M. Corbett	1969	R. Hardingham
1974	M. Clarkson	1974	W. Harris
1974	P. Farley	1971	W. McDonald
1976	R. Garthwaite	1976	W. Meyer
1974	G. Gibson	1976	I. Mathers
1975	B. Green	1969	W. Moxom
1972	M. Gray	1971	M. Patten
1976	C. Hayes	1969	R. Pentland
1976	L. Jennings	1971	L. Preece
1974	P. Joiner	1975	W. Rimmer
1972	B. King	1974	L. Robins
1972	I. Lockhart	1971	K. Rout
1976	D. Meehan	1971	T. Smith
1976	D. Middlemiss	1971	J. Thomson
1969	J. Larkin	1971	F. Tilley
1969	B. Larkin	1970	J. Tomlinson
1973	G. Masters	1975	M. Warner
1976	P. Mioni		
1976	S. Pettyfor		
1976	H. Prescott		
1975	D. Rhodes		
1975	G. Ryan		
1976	T. Smithson		
1976	A. Stephens		
1976	R. Staplefeldt		
1976	T. Siliveirh		
1974	P. Storey		
1976	I. Worman		