



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

1977

To be presented at the

ANNUAL MEETING

To be held at the

EAST RINGWOOD FOOTBALL GROUND

on

Wednesday, 5th April, 1978

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E. D. F. L. U. A. OFFICE BEARERS 1977

PRESIDENT:

Mr. D. S. Gilmour

VICE PRESIDENT:

Mr. G. M. Ross

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:

Mr. R. C. Kiss

SECRETARY:

Mr. L. H. Sewart,
63 Victoria Road,
LILLYDALE, 3140

TREASURER:

Mr. F. Tilley

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Messrs.	G. Stanley	G. Richardson
	I. Mathers	C. Price

AUDITORS:

Dobright & Winterbottom Public Accountants
331 Main Street, Lilydale, 3140

HON. SOLICITORS

Eales & McKenzie
Main Street, Lilydale, 3140

AGENDA:

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 30th March, 1977
2. To receive and consider the 1977 Annual Report.
3. To receive and consider the balance sheet and statement of Income and Expenditure.
4. To elect Auditors for the ensuing year.
5. To elect Office Bearers for the ensuing year.
6. General business.

PRESIDENT 1978

It is with pleasure that I pass over the Presidency of the E.D.F.L.U.A. to one of our more popular characters, namely GRAEME ROSS.

Graeme or "Ace" as he is known by his friends has completed 5 years with us and has worked his way through the ranks, not only on the field but through all the Committee as well.

When somebody was needed in any capacity whatsoever Graeme always seemed to bob up to lend a hand or render assistance, and always with the same cheerful outlook and that grin that has made him a friend of just about every Umpire on the list.

"Ace" originally came from Benalla and comes from a family with a fine sporting background. Graeme and his 2 brothers played football with the Benalla Football Club and the name of Ross became well known in sporting circles in the town. Graeme also became heavily involved with water sports and is quite an accomplished skier. He is a master of the slalom and even manages to do a bit of barefoot skiing.

His record as an Umpire is not as impressive as some on our list but his name is mentioned around the Clubs more than most and always in a way that does our Association proud.

I am honoured to have had Graeme Ross as a friend for over 15 years and I am very proud to see him move into our highest position; that of President of the E.D.F.L.U.A. for 1978.

For those of you that know Graeme's lovely wife Rhonda and his 2 children, Damien and Natalie fully realize that we have a fine leader to see us through the coming season; a true gentleman and a great ambassador for the Umpiring fraternity.

Congratulations and well done indeed "Ace", and rest assured that we shall all be behind you for your term in office.

DAVID GILMOUR

To sit down and write a President's report is one of the most difficult undertakings that one has to do. I am proud to say that this is the third time I have attempted to do so.

The season 1977 proved to be one of the most dramatic seasons to date. We unfortunately changed Secretary's in mid-stream; we were shocked by the sudden passing of one of our more popular comrades, we had several rounds cancelled because of incredibly wet weather, we saw the emergence of a new younger brigade, and we made our first ever appearance at the Box Hill Football Ground for a Finals Series.

On reflection there are a lot of people and a number of incidents that could be brought up and mentioned in a Report such as this, but I shall mention only those I consider made 1977 a further progressive step in the right direction for the E.D.F.L.U.A.

My special thanks and congratulations to Lionel Sewart who stepped in at a moment's notice and took over one of the most difficult jobs one could attempt - the position of Secretary mid-way through the year. Lionel emerged as one of the stronger personalities of the year and handled his new position with efficiency and without so much as a slight showing of inexperience. To you, Lionel, my sincere thanks for a job exceptionally well done.

The new faces on the Committee acquitted themselves very well indeed. Ian Mathers & very soon found I could rely on to the utmost. Richo proved that he was once again prepared to give more than he received and gave more than was asked of him. Chris Price arrived on the scene and looks destined to be part of the backbone of this Association for many years to come. Frank Tilley proved to be a very thorough Treasurer and solid thinking Committee man. I was also fortunate to have Richard Kiss available both day and night if necessary to assist throughout the year. Richard has proved to be one of the most Association-minded Umpires that I can recall in my 10 years on the list.

Graham Stanley and of course, your President for 1978, Graeme Ross, were also prominent for their assistance and help during season 1977.

There were some moments during the year that I would prefer to forget, moments that involved some of our members running foul of one or two players and supporters, but fortunately these were few and far between.

I shall never forget the reaction we received from our body of Umpires following the sudden death of Tom Smith. My sincere thanks to all of you. I cannot recall a prouder moment in my life than that Wednesday evening down at the Norwood Football Club rooms. The end result proved that Umpires certainly are a special kind of breed.

My congratulations to the younger Umpires for their efforts at the conclusion of the season. Every one of them did us proud and cemented a quality that will exist for many years to come. Finally, my thanks and congratulations to Kevin, Bob and the Board; we may not agree with them at times but they always work for the betterment of Umpiring at all times.

Thank you one and all for making 1977 a Football season that will stay in my memory for a long time to come. Remember, to participate is to enjoy, so make an effort in the coming season to participate more so than most have done in the past.

DAVID GILMOUR

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 1977 season for the Eastern District Umpires could well be called the "Opportunity Year" where if umpires were prepared to knuckle down, the hard work paid off at finals time. It was good to see three of the younger brigade in control of the Senior Grand Finals.

This proves what a fine sporting body we belong to. An Association that within nine years has grown to the largest umpires association in Victoria, we can congratulate our fellow umpires, Appointment Board and the League and can only mean better times for the future.

Our social calendar this year was an extremely enjoyable one, which ended with a great night at the Village Receptions. It was this night where our guest of honour, Mr. Tom McDonald was presented with a gift as appreciation for the hard work he put into this association as Board Secretary.

I would like to extend my appreciation to our President, Treasurer and Executive for their support during the year. It is relieving to know you have colleagues willing to help you at any time, making the job of Secretary a lot easier, and I thank them for their help and advice.

Wishing all umpires the best for season 1978 and I hope their goal is achieved.

LIONEL SEWART
HON. SECRETARY

PRESIDENT 1977

Congratulations must go to our President for 1977, Mr. David Gilmour. David has been with the association since its foundation and has just completed his ~~third~~ term as Executive President. He is extremely popular amongst the umpires and views with dignity the position of President.

David, with his wife Pam, are always familiar faces at any association function and willing to assist in any way.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

We have reached a milestone in the history of the Eastern Districts Football League Umpires Association, our tenth year.

As we enter the last year of a decade of service to the Eastern Districts Football League, we should reflect upon the service of the people who have carried out Association through the past nine years.

Men like Herb Larkin, David Gilmour, Greg Watson, Kevin Collins, Bob Matthews and last, but not least, Richard Kiss.

Richard has been a tireless worker for our association for over half the time it has been in operation. Sadly enough, it is only the people who have worked with him over this period who can verify this fact, as most of Richard's hard work, time and tireless energy was expended behind the scenes.

As Richard retires from the position of Past President and thus active service on the Executive, it is time to think of the years ahead of us.

The E.D.F.L.U.A. was formed to provide you, the member, with an atmosphere of goodwill and fellowship which can only succeed if we, over the next couple of years, bring into the committee and through the committee up to the higher offices of the executive, people with initiative ready for hard work and who have the Association at heart.

We have had new umpires in the finals each year. Let's have new faces on the executive and keep the Association in an effervescent state.

GRAEME ROSS
VICE PRESIDENT

TREASURER

Last year, Mr. Frank Tilley, took the position as Treasurer of the Association.

Frank is extremely experienced in this position and handled a difficult job with precision.

EASTERN DISTRICTS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Last season the Association had the assistance of Mr. Eric Wright and staff from the League Office.

Eric (the umpires friend) has always been a supporter of the umpires and does a tremendous job as League Secretary.

Our appreciation is extended to Eric and Mr. Ken Wright and his executive for their support during 1977.

EASTERN DISTRICTS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

UMPIRES APPOINTMENT BOARD

Much of the success of 1977 must go to the Appointment Board. These men have an extremely difficult job particularly at finals time, but few could disagree with the appointments made.

Appreciation is extended to Mr. Kevin Collins (Umpires Advisor) and Mr. Bob Mathews (Board Secretary) for their assistance during the year and congratulate them on their appointment for season 1978.

Congratulations also to the other members of the Board and hope that 1978 is a successful year for all.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The past year saw a complete change of committee members.

This brought new ideas to the executive and work carried out by members was done with enthusiasm.

HONONARY SOLICITOR

During the season we had available to us the services of Mr. Dick McKenzie. Fortunately they were not required, but it is assuring to know that his services are available.

Many thanks, Mr. McKenzie.

TREASURERS REPORT

Our Association was successful financially in 1977, as can be seen by the healthy bank balance to commence Season 1978.

The Balance Sheet shows a deficit on a number of functions which is the policy of your Executive, but it was disappointing to note that Richo's Night which was well organised incurred a greater subsidy than anticipated.

The future of Special Efforts need to be reviewed in particular the "Fly Away Weekend" for which a number of tickets were not sold nor returned, thereby incurring a loss to your Association.

Therefore, I would urge you to fully support your Executive in 1978, by attending the social activities arranged for your enjoyment and the promotion of fellowship amongst umpires.

FRANK TILLEY

EXECUTIVE MEETING ATTENDANCE 1977

10 Meetings held

	<u>Attendance</u>
D. GILMOUR	10
G. ROSS	10
F. TILLEY	6
L. SEWART	10
I. MATHERS	9
G. RICHARDSON	9
G. STANLEY	9
D. KISS	9
* L. CLEARY	3
+ C. PRICE	6

* Left executive during season

+ Joined executive during season.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the BEST AND FAIREST TROPHY WINNERS IN EACH DIVISION

<u>RON THOMAS</u>	EAST RINGWOOD	1st Division
<u>NOEL EDDY</u>	HEATHMONT	2nd Division
<u>ALAN FOSTER</u>	MT. EVELYN	3rd Division

CLUBS IN EACH DIVISION

1st DIVISION	SCORESBY
2nd DIVISION	BLACKBURN
3rd DIVISION	BORONIA

to EACH MEMBER OF THE UMPIRES APPOINTMENT BOARD AND
BOB MATTHEWS (SECRETARY) AND KEVIN COLLINS (ADVISOR).
CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE IN 1977 AND FOR THEIR
RE-APPOINTMENT IN 1978.

to KENNETH WRIGHT, ESQ., M.B.E. J.P. (PRESIDENT OF E.D.F.L.)
and to MR. ERIC WRIGHT (SECRETARY) E.D.F.L. AND THEIR BOARD
OF DIRECTORS, ON CONDUCTING AN ACTIVE AND EFFICIENT FOOTBALL
COMPETITION.

to EACH OF OUR MEMBERS WHO EARNT THE RIGHT TO REPRESENT THIS
ASSOCIATION IN THE 1977 FINALS SERIES.

APPRECIATION TO

ALL ADVERTISERS IN OUR NEWSLETTER

STEVE MASON	RE PRINTING 'MAN IN WHITE'
RON McLEOD	" GEAR
GRAHAM ROSS	" 'MAN IN WHITE' AND
DAVID GILMOUR	SOCIAL EVENTS
DICK KISS	"
CHRIS PRICE	"
FRANK TILLEY	"
ALBY AITKIN	" DONATION TO WEEKLY RAFFLE
GEOFF ASHTON	" " " "
NEIL BRADFORD	" " " "
IAN MATHERS	" " " "
ROSS EWISON	" " " "
GRAHAM REED	" LOLLIES FOR XMAS PICNIC
LIONEL SEWART	" PIES AND PASTIES
LEN PREECE	" BARBEQUES
KEVIN COLLINS	" DRINKS AFTER GOOD FRIDAY RUN
IAN HURLEY	" TRUCK FOR GOOD FRIDAY RUN
GRAHAM STANLEY	" SIGNS
JOHN BIGELOW	" TRAINING
GRAHAM RICHARDSON	" DRINKS
MAL PATTEN	" SLIDES
CLARKE HANSEN	" SPORTSMAN'S NIGHT
NORWOOD HIGH SCHOOL	" (PRINCIPAL) GROUND AND HALL
TREVOR McPHEE	" ASSISTANCE
MRS. MORGAN	" DRIVING THE CARS ON THE GOOD
MRS. ROSS	FRIDAY RUN
MRS. KISS	
MRS. STANLEY	
MRS. GILMOUR	

Starting off with the now annual Good Friday Royal Children's Hospital Appeal Run, we had some very successful functions during the year, as well as some not so successful. About 30 umpires ran from Eastland to the Herald office and raised the satisfying total of \$472.64. Good effort, chaps!

Saturday May 7th saw our first social outing; a Dinner Dance at the Chateau Wyuna which was attended by about 84 people who made the night enjoyable.

Once again we had our film and supper night, this time at the Balwyn Theatre on June 20th. The film seen by 25 umpires and their partners was the Australian production "Break of Day".

The disappointment of the season was a new venture "Richo's Hideaway", which the committee thought would be attended by the majority of umpires. This was not to be, as only 46 people attended. A lot of work was put into organizing this night as only those who attended could, and did, appreciate. Thanks to those few the night was not a complete failure.

Next was our Annual Sportsman's Night at the Kilsyth Clubrooms in August. Carlton Football Club's representatives were in attendance as usual, as were Ralph Wigg, Goal Umpire, Glen James, and Ken Quinn, Field Umpires, from the V.F.L. Once again, Clarke Hansen from Channel 2 chaired the evening.

Our extra venture, Sunday Lunch at the Baron of Beef was an outstanding success. Where everybody came from, who knows? - but the Committee would like to see numbers like this at most functions.

Our annual Cabarat on the 29th October, saw a change of venue. It was held at the Village Receptions, Croydon. As in the past, on this occasion, those who attended were well entertained. As with the "Fag Awards, Five Year and Grand Final Certificates were presented. Our monthly news publication "The Men in White", again come to the fore with some startling revelations. It is heartening to know that some people do read the "UMPIRES BIBLE".

December 11th was the date of our final function for the season, the Annual Christmas Picnic at Hughes Park, Croydon North. Thank you EMBEE for sharing the ground and your train with us again. Graeme Reid again did a good job with the sweets, as did our friend, "RICH0", who has once again shown that he can fulfil the role of Santa without any difficulties.

This year saw also that we do take the fags seriously. They were not overlooked when Santa was giving out the presents.

E.D.F.L. LEAGUE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Season 1977 was a great year for our very own Umpires Association with two of our most promising junior members making the "big time". The Umpires who represented our Umpires Board each week were without doubt the most dedicated members one could wish to meet and performed their duties with distinction and dedication and were a credit to the Association to which they so proudly belong.

To be successful individually is not an impossible task but to be successful collectively is almost unbelievable. The success of the E.D.F.L. Umpires Association has been brought about by the sincerity of their members coupled with capable administration on a continuing basis. The administration and sincerity of the Association has been gathering momentum year by year and one wonders just how successful each seasons activities will be.

The coming year, like all past years is a challenge to all and the Umpires Association is no exception. If we face the problems we no doubt will encounter on a sincere and united front we will achieve success. If we are not united some will fall by the wayside and no doubt will call for support. When this support is not forthcoming because we are united and sincere in our genuine efforts to help those who are prepared to help themselves, much will be the wailing of those who have fallen through selfishness in their endeavour to gain all for themselves. Let us all be united and work once again for the common gain of diplomatic recognition of our very own Eastern Districts Football League Umpires Association.

Congratulations to our own Umpires Appointment Board who perform their duties without favour or fear each week and who no doubt can take some of the credit for the past seasons performances, but above all, it was the dedication of the Umpires who made the Board's appointments realistic.

On behalf of the League, I thank you all for your services during 1977 and sincerely look forward to again meeting with you in 1978. To all new members for 1978, I bid you a very warm welcome to our League and trust that your stay with us will be a venture to be remembered in your career.

We are a strong League and a proud League and with your support we will achieve our goals.

E. G. WRIGHT
SECRETARY/TREASURER

GOAL UMPIRES

ASQUITH, N. 1974
 BARNES, C. 1970
 COWEN, D. 1975
 CREATON, B. 1976
 DUFF, W. 1977
 FREDRICKSEN, D. 1977
 GEORGE, S. 1977
 HARRIS, N. 1974
 HILL, C. 1976
 HOWELL, W. 1977
 JACQUIER, B. 1977
 McDONALD, W. 1971
 MOXHAM, W. 1969
 PATTEN, M. 1971
 PENTLAND, R. 1969
 RIMMER, W. 1975
 ROBINS, L. 1974
 ROUT, K. 1971
 THOMPSON, J. 1971
 TILLEY, F. 1971
 WARNER, M. 1975

BOUNDARY UMPIRES

BARNHILL, K. 1977
 BATEMAN, P. 1974
 BOWER, G. 1976
 BRADFORD, N. 1977
 BRETT, J. 1977
 CARTER, G. 1977
 DESILVIERA, A. 1976
 DEBNEY, T. 1977
 DEWEY, J. 1977
 FARLEY, P. 1974
 FOGARTY, R. 1977
 GIBSON, G. 1974
 GLERUM, C. 1977
 HARVEY, R. 1976
 JENNINGS, L. 1976
 JOHNSON, W. 1977
 KEATING, M. 1977
 LARKIN, J. 1969
 LIVESLEY, G. 73, 75, 77
 LUSCOMBE, T. 1977
 MARKS, J. 1977
 MASON, J. 1977
 MATHERS, I. 1976
 MATHEWS, S. 1977
 MIONI, P. 1976
 MOORS, J. 1977
 MORGAN, K. 1977
 MYLES, B. 1977
 PETTYFOR, S. 1976
 PRESCOTT, M. 1976
 REEVES, B. 1975
 RENTON, R. 1975
 RHODES, B. 1975
 RYAN, M. 1975
 STAPLEFELDT, R. 1976
 STEPHENS, A. 1976
 STOREY, P. 1974
 TANN, L. 1977
 THOMPSON, S. 1977
 WILLIAMS, C. 1977
 YOUNG, C. 1977

FIELD UMPIRES

ANDLSON, I.	1977	LACEY, A.	1976	WARNER, W.	1975
ARNOLD, R.	1970	LACEY, G.	1976	WEATHERALL, R.	1971
ARTHUR, R.	1977	LARKIN, B.	1976	WESTON, G.	1970
ASHTON, G.	1971	LORTON, S.	1975	WHITE, R.	1977
ATKIN, A.	1971	LOWDEN, L.	1977	WHITFIELD, K.	1970
BAIL, G.	1977	McDONALD, A.	1975	WRIGLEY, B.	1976
BARRATT, J.	1977	McLELLAN, K.	1976		
BATT, R.	1977	McLEOD, R.	1971		
BATTEN, P.	1977	McRAE, D.	1977		
BEARD, M.	1975	MAILE, S.	1976		
BIGELOW, J.	1976	MARSH, K.	1977		
BROWN, D.	1973	MASON, S.	1973		
BROWN, M.	1973	MATHEWS, B.	1977		
CAHILL, A.	1977	MATHEWS, R.	1969		
CAMERON, P.	1970	MULLENGER, G.	1976		
CATTARALL, R.	1977	MULLINS, D.	1977		
CLEARY, L.	1973	MURRAY, K.	1977		
CLOSTER, G.	1976	NODEN, K.	1972		
COLLERY, G.	1974	O'CONNOR, D.	1971		
COLLINS, K.	1973	OLNEY, S.	1974		
COOK, G.	1974	PATTULLOCK, E.	1977		
CORBETT, K.	1970	PETERSON, C.	1977		
CRAWFORD, B.	1976	PETRIE, A.	1972		
CUNNINGHAM, J.	1973	PICKEPT, R.	1977		
DUNCAN, C.	1977	POTT, R.	1969		
DUNN, T.	1972	PREECE, L.	1971		
EDWARDS, I.	1977	PRICE, C.	1973		
FIELD, P.	1977	PRIDE, J.	1976		
GALE, A.	1972	REID, G.	1975		
GARTHWAITE, R.	1976	RICHARDSON, G.	1972		
GILMOUR, D.	1969	ROBERTSON, P.	1976		
GITTUS, D.	1974	RODRIGUEZ, M.	1971		
HAMMOND, S.	1972	ROSEL, I.	1977		
JASKINS, D.	1977	ROSS, G.	1973		
HEALY, P.	1976	SEWART, I.	1973		
HOOPER, J.	1971	SMITH, B.	1973		
HORNE, J.	1973	STANLEY, G.	1976		
JOHNSON, N.	1976	THOMAS, L.	1976		
KAZENWADEL, U.	1974	TONTI, M.	1977		
KISS, R.	1972	VENNELL, N.	1969		
KNIGHT, G.	1977				

SURPLUS/DEFICIT STATEMENT AS AT 28th FEBRUARY, 1978

	<u>SURPLUS</u>	<u>DEFICIT</u>
Miscellaneous		\$ 3.79
Special Efforts		148.80
Monograms	\$ 45.00	
Tee Shirts		88.00
Ties		45.00
Training	44.93	
 <u>SOCIAL EVENTS</u>		
Pre Season BBQ		204.35
Dinner Dance		64.00
Steak Night		23.00
Sportsmens Night		64.56
Theatre Night		7.80
Richo's Night		268.18
Baron of Beef		52.00
Pie Night		36.96
Final Night		165.33
Xmas Picnic		472.04
Advertising	206.00	
Printing		415.00
Secretary's Expenses		21.80
Subscriptions	2031.00	
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	\$2326.93	\$2080.61
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SUMMARY

TOTAL SURPLUS	\$2326.93
TOTAL DEFICIT	<u>\$2080.61</u>
	<u>\$246.32 SURPLUS</u>

NOTE: Deficit on Ties and Tee shirts shows because there are a number on hand for sale.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE AS AT 28th FEBRUARY, 1978

RECEIPTS

Bank Balance as at
1.3.77 \$851.97

REVENUE

Subscriptions
plus Levy \$2031.00
Advertising
Men in White 206.00
Special Efforts 201.20
Bank Interest 20.06
Miscellaneous 35.00 2493.26

TRAINING

Pies Cordial, etc. 213.25 213.25

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Dinner Dance 816.00
Steak Night 148.76
Sportsmens Night 416.00
Richo's Night 64.76
Baron of Beef 949.00
Final Night 1311.00
Xmas Picnic 143.33 3848.85

Ties, etc.

Tee Shirts 32.00
Monograms 115.00
Ties 90.00 237.00

\$7644.33

EXPENDITURE

PRINTING

1976 Annual Report 88.00
Men in White 302.00
Social Calender 25.00 \$415.00

TRAINING

Pies, Cordial, etc. 168.32

MISCELLANEOUS

Special Effort Prizes 350.00
Presentation: Tom
McDonald 23.17
Good Friday Run 30.38
Secretary's Exp. 21.80
Bank Charges 5.30 430.65

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

PreSeason BBQ 204.35
Dinner Dance 880.00
Steak Night 171.76
Sportsmens Night 480.56
Theatre Night 7.80
Richo's Night 332.194
Baron of Beef 1001.00
Pie Night 36.96
Final Night 1476.33
Xmas Picnic 615.37 5207.07

TIES, ETC.

Tee Shirts 120.00
Monograms 70.00
Ties 135.00 31 90

Bank Balance as at
28.2.78

1098.29

\$7644.33

BANK ACCOUNT

Balance as at 1.3.77 \$851.97

Excess Receipts
over Expenditure 246.32

\$1098.29

Balance as at 28.2.78

\$1098.29

\$1098.29