



'Heartbeat' of a great club

The Bulldogs' past players and officials are the "heartbeat" of a mighty club.

And on Saturday, the group, known as Port Football Club Past Players and Officials Association, will celebrate its 40th annual dinner.

During these years, the association has presented brilliant guest speakers and hosted a star-studded list of guests-of-honour.

The legendary premier-ships and famous players of bygone eras are remembered and the inspiring events relived.

Guest speaker at the milestone event will be recently-retired legendary Adelaide Oval curator Les Burdett.

Burdett has a special link to Port Pirie, having married a former local girl.

A feature of the dinners are the special guests which this year include Paul and Chris Rafanelli representing Don Rafanelli, Stephen Pisani representing Norm Pisani, John Mezzino representing Shorty Mezzino and the 1960 premiership team.

This team went through undefeated, the first Port side to ever achieve this.

It was the last premiership before the formation of the Spencer Gulf Football League. Port 14-16 defeated arch-rival Solomontown 12-9.

Come to the dinner and relive some of the greatest Bulldogs memories.

Guest speaker honour roll

1970	Neil Dansie	
1971	Col Egar	Test Cricket Umpire
1972	Murray Weidemann	Collingwood Team of the Century
1973	Barry Jarman	Australian Test Cricketer
1974	Peter Marker	
1975	Graham Cornes	
1976	Robert Keddie & Jim Johnson	
1977	Fred Phillis Magarey	Medallist & Wayne Phillis
1978	Jim Deane	Dual Magarey Medallist
1979	Barry Robran	MBE, Triple Magarey Medallist
1980	Bob Hammond	AFL Commissioner, SANFL Premiership coach
1981	Neville Roberts	
1982	Harry Kernahan	
1984	Glenn Elliott	
1985	Rick Davies	
1986	Mick Redden	
1987	Paul Weston	
1988	Peter Carey	
1989	John Halbert	MBE, Magarey Medallist
1990	Greg Phillis	
1991	Jimmy Deane	Dual Magarey Medallist
	Bob Hammond	AFL Commissioner, SANFL Premiership Coach
1992	Phil Carman	
1993	Mick Redden	
1994	Ralph Sewer	
1995	Tony Symonds	
1996	Brian Cunningham	
1997	Don Lindner	Magarey Medallist
1998	Brenton Phillis	Magarey Medallist
1999	Max James	
2000	1961, 1965, 1966,	1967, 1970 Premiership sides
2001	Alastair Clarkson	Hawthorn Coach
2002	Barrie Robran	MBE, Triple Magarey Medallist
2003	Russell Ebert	OAM, Quad-Magarey Medallist
2004	Wayne Phillis	Australian Test Cricketer
2005	Brett Aitken	Olympic Gold Medallist
2006	Damien Squire	Dual Magarey Medallist
	Brodie Atkinson	Magarey Medallist
	Rhett Biglands	
2007	Andrew Jarman	Dual Magarey Medallist
2008	Darren Jarman	AFL Hall of Fame
2009	Greg Anderson	Magarey Medallist
2010	Les Burdett	Adelaide Oval Curator

Undefeated!



TOP...Port won the premiership in 1960. Back row: E.Farley (Trainer), G.Martin (Assistant Secretary), G.Pepe, N.Markey, S.Forbes, P.Fitzgerald, H.Murphy, N.Pisani, A.Egan (Trainer); **third row:** H.Holt (Trainer), D.Lemm (Players Rep.), W.Schapel, B.Lemm, T.Keain, G. Pollard, V.Pisani, J.Smale (Trainer), L.McMahon (Trainer); **second row:** W. Johnson (Colour Steward), L.Sheridan (Secretary), S.Mezzino, J.Connelly (Captian-Coach), J.Lambert (Chairman), P.Murphy (Vice Captain), L.Conder, K.Brady (Treasurer), L.Wolter (Timekeeper); **first row:** N.Tully, F.Hackett, A.Murphy (Mascot), K.Connor, D.Sayner.

ABOVE...Back, left, Hugh Murphy, Norm Pisani, John Connelly, Vic Pisani, Peter Murphy; standing, John Capurso, John Barrett, Barry Lemm, Des Lemm, Paul Fitzgerald, Norm Tully, George Pollard, Frank Hackett, Leon Conder, Carlo Rafanelli, Shorty Mezzino, George Pepe, Peter Kilgallon, Reg Murphy, Kevin Connor.

Guests of honour

1982	M.B. Condon & H. Evans Snr.
1984	R. Honeyball & E.N. Ellis
1985	R.G. Lambert Snr.
1986	H. Murphy Snr., J. Lozieau, John James Fitzgerald
1987	R. Gransden, J. Smale, H.L. Madigan
1988	K.P. Brady & W.L. Stanley
1989	P.F. Lemm & B.J. Threadgold
1990	R. Dymmott & L.F. Bourke
1991	1941 Port Teams, 1946 Initial Port B Grade Team
1992	L. Sheridan & K. Lauritsen
1993	Alan McMahon & W. (Bill) Hancock
1994	J.M. Evans & C. Thomson
1995	M. Ganley Snr. & Jack Clarke
1996	L. Wolter & M. Baker
1997	1948 Premiership Team
1998	Des Lemm & Keith Morrell
1999	Norm Hay & Lou Clancy
2000	1961, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1970 Premiership Teams
2001	Colin Casey, 1951 Premiership Team
2002	Allan Messenger
2003	Max Goodwin & John Lemm
2004	Rob Bishop & Smicka Hards
2005	Peter O'Loughlin and Bryan Lines, 1955 Premiership Team
2006	Peter Murphy and Kevin Connor, 1956 Premiership Team
2007	Hugh Murphy and Tom Keain
2008	Frank Hackett and Denis Sayner, 1958 Premiership Team
2009	Mick Tattoli and Vic Pisani, 1959 Premiership Team
2010	Paul and Chris Rafanelli representing Don Rafanelli, Stephen Pisani representing Norm Pisani, John Mezzino representing Shorty Mezzino 1960 Premiership Team

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