

## Reservoir Sporting Club Team of the Century

1923 - 2023

In 1981 the Reservoir Colts Football Club transferred from the P.D.J.F.A to become the junior section of the Reservoir Football Club.

Colts players must have played with the Reservoir Football Club Seniors to be eligible to be selected in the Team of the Century. Colts players must have played with Senior Club before playing at the highest VFL/AFL or VFA level.

1982 saw the amalgamation of the Reservoir Football Club and the Reservoir Y.C.W Football Club.

Y.C.W. players must have played with the Reservoir Y.C.W. Football Club Seniors to be eligible to be selected in the Team of the Century.

Players who played at Senior Grade Level with either a VFL/AFL or a VFA Club(s) must have played with Reservoir and/or Colts, and /or Reservoir Y.C.W. before playing at the highest league level.

**To be eligible to be considered and or chosen for the Team of the Century players MUST have met one or more of the following Criteria.**

### Criteria:

1. Players must have played with Reservoir and/or the Colts, and/or Reservoir YCW **prior to playing at Senior level with VFL/AFL or VFA Clubs.**  
**Colts players must have played with Senior Club before playing at the highest VFL/AFL or VFA level.**  
Y.C.W. players must have played with the **Reservoir Y.C.W. Football Club Seniors before playing at the highest VFL/AFL or VFA level.**
2. Players who played **50** or more **Senior Games.**
3. Players who played in 2 or more **Senior Club Premierships.**
4. Players who won 2 or more **Senior Best & Fairest Awards.**
5. Players who won 2 or more **Senior Goal Kicking Awards.**
6. Playing coaches who coached **2** or more **Senior** premierships.
7. Senior coaches who coached the club to **3 or more consecutive finals.**

### Acknowledgement:

Over the years many people have displayed exceptional service (**20 years or more**) to the Reservoir Sporting Club through their volunteer commitment, and their contribution is to be acknowledged.

## 29<sup>TH</sup> July 2023 RESERVOIR SPORTING CLUB TEAM OF THE CENTURY

### Coaches:



**1. Playing Captain & Coach Keith Gent**

**Reservoir 1975 – 1977**

**1975** Undefeated Senior Premiers **1976** Premiers **1977** Runners up

**1965 – 1966** VFL/AFL Club Essendon & VFA Club Preston **1969** & Brunswick, & Brunswick **1970** to **1972**



**2. Playing Assistant Coach Don Atkinson:**

**Reservoir 1946 - 1951**

**1947 - 1950** Captain & Coached Reservoir **1946** Member of Premiership Team

**1947** Captain & Coach of Under defeated Premiers **1948** Runners Up

**1949 & 1950** Coached the team to finals **1949 – 1950** Senior Best & Fairest

**1950 & 1951** Seniors Goal Kicking Award

**1940** AFL/VFL Carlton (Reserves) **1940 – 1945** VFA Coburg **1946** VFA Preston



**3. Non Playing Assistant Coach Ross Terranova**

**Reservoir Senior Coach 2012 - 2015**

**2012** Third, **2013** Preliminary Final, **2014** Runners Up, **2015** Premiers



**4. Chairman of Selectors: Andy McCarthy 1956 - 1980 Reservoir YCW**







Coached Reservoir YCW Juniors & Seniors over many years







**1958 & 1959** YCW Senior Coach




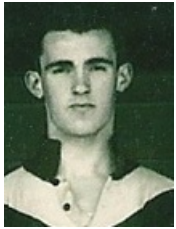


**1959** Coached Premiers

**1971 - 1976** YCW Club President






## Team

<p><b>BACKS</b> 1946 – 1951</p>	 <p><b>Graeme O'Neil</b> 1971 - 1982 1980 Senior Premiership Player 1978 Senior Capt 1981 Senior Best &amp; Fairest</p>	 <p><b>Kevin McArdle</b> 1976 - 1985 1980 &amp; 1984 Senior Premiership Player</p>	 <p><b>Don Atkinson</b> 1946 – 1951 1947 – 1950 Senior Captain &amp; Coach 1946 &amp; 1947 Senior Premiership Player 1949 &amp; 1950 Senior Best &amp; Fairest 1950 &amp; 1951 Senior Leading Goal Kicker 1940 AFL/VFL Carlton (Reserves) 1940 – 1945 VFA Coburg 1946 VFA Preston</p>
<p><b>HALF BACKS</b></p>	 <p><b>Robert Docherty</b> 1979 - 1993 1986, 1987 &amp; 1988 Senior Best &amp; Fairest Senior 1980 Runner Up Senior Best &amp; Fairest 1984 Premiership Player 1988 &amp; 1993 Senior Leading Goal Kicker 2010 &amp; 2011 Seniors Captain &amp; Coach 2014 Reserves Premiership Coach 1996 Club President Life Member</p>	 <p><b>Greg Dollman</b> 1969 - 1975 1970 Senior Best &amp; Fairest 1969 Senior Runner Up Best &amp; Fairest 1972 &amp; 1975 Premiership Player 1969 VFL/AFL Essendon (U 19's &amp; Reserves)</p>	 <p><b>Paul Bolger</b> 1971 - 1985 Played Juniors YCW 1973, 1974 &amp; 1975 YCW Senior Best &amp; Fairest 1985 Coached Reservoir Seniors 1976 – 1983 VFA Preston (Seniors)</p>

<p><b>CENTRE</b></p>	 <p><b>Ron Oliver</b>  <b>1970 – 1984</b>  <b>1970</b> Reserves  Premiership Player  <b>1972, 1975, 1976 &amp; 1984</b> Senior  Premiership Player  <b>1971, 1978 &amp; 1984</b>  Runner Up Senior Best  &amp; Fairest  Life Member</p>	 <p><b>Bob Harris</b>  <b>1965 – 1978</b>  <b>1972, 1975 &amp; 1976</b>  Senior Premiership  Player  <b>1965, 1968 &amp; 1973</b>  Senior Best &amp; Fairest  <b>1966, 1967 &amp; 1970</b>  Runner Up Senior Best  &amp; Fairest  <b>1974</b> Coached Reserves  <b>1964</b> AFL/VFL Fitzroy  U19's &amp; Reserves  Life Member</p>	 <p><b>David Kemp</b>  <b>1965 - 1977</b>  <b>1972, 1975 &amp; 1976</b>  Senior Premiership  Player  <b>1972</b> Senior Best &amp;  Fairest  Life Member</p>
<p><b>HALF FORWARDS</b></p>	 <p><b>Mick Weller</b>  <b>1973- 1981</b>  <b>1975 &amp; 1976</b> Senior  Premiership Player  <b>1973, 1974, 1975, 1976,</b>  <b>1977, 1978, 1979 &amp;</b>  <b>1981</b> Senior Leading  Goal Kicker.  Over 8 years Mick  kicked a total of 565  Goals for an average of  <b>70.6</b> per year.  <b>1972</b> VFA Northcote</p>	 <p><b>Phil Spencer</b>  <b>1974 – 1984</b> Senior  Premiership Player YCW  <b>1980 &amp; Reservoir 1984</b>  <b>1978 &amp; 1980</b> YCW  Senior Best &amp; Fairest  <b>1975 – 1977</b> VFA Port  Melbourne (Thirds &amp;  Reserves  Life Member</p>	 <p><b>Don Sutton 1952-1961</b>  <b>1959</b> Senior  Premiership player  <b>1959</b> Senior Best &amp;  Fairest  AFL/VFL Collingwood  <b>1952 - 1954</b>  Played in  Collingswood's <b>1954</b>  Reserves Grand Final  Life Member</p>

<p><b>FORWARDS</b></p>	 <p><b>Jack Davies</b>  <b>1946-1949</b>  <b>1946 &amp; 1947</b> Senior  Premiership player  <b>1956 DVFL</b> Senior Best  &amp; Fairest  <b>VFA Club</b> Northcote  <b>1952 &amp; 1953</b></p>	 <p><b>Gordon Hastings</b>  <b>1946 – 1949</b>  <b>1946 &amp; 1947</b> Senior  Premiership Player  <b>1946, 1947 &amp; 1948</b>  Senior Leading Goal  Kicker  <b>1945 VFA</b> Preston  (Seniors)</p>	 <p><b>Elias Demestichas</b>  <b>1964 – 1975</b>  <b>1972 &amp; 1975</b> Senior  Premiership Player  <b>1967, 1974 &amp; 1975</b>  Senior Best &amp; Fairest  <b>1968 &amp; 1972</b> Senior  Runner Up Best &amp;  Fairest  <b>1980 DVFL</b> Div 1 Senior  Best &amp; Fairest whilst  playing with South  Morang</p>
<p><b>RUCKS</b></p>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Ruckman</b></p>  <p><b>Harvey Stevens</b>  <b>1947</b> Senior  Premiership Player (17  Years of age)  <b>1948-1952 AFL/VFL</b>  <b>Club Collingwood</b>  54 Games 56 Goals  <b>1952</b> Played in  Collingwood’s Grand  Final  <b>1953-1957 Footscray</b>  72 Games 71 Goals  <b>1957</b> Captain of  Footscray  <b>1954</b> Premiership  Player  <b>2012</b> Attended  Reservoir’s Reunion  <b>1966</b> Foundation  member of the  Watsonia Football Club</p>	<p><b>Ruck Rover</b></p>  <p><b>David Wissell</b></p> <p><b>1980 &amp; 1984</b> Senior  Premiership player  <b>1977 &amp; 1979</b> Senior  Best &amp; Fairest (YCW)  <b>1984</b> Senior Best &amp;  Fairest</p>	<p><b>ROVER</b></p>  <p><b>Noel White</b></p> <p><b>1972, 1975 &amp; 1976</b>  Senior Premiership  player  <b>1977</b> Senior Best &amp;  Fairest  <b>1974, 1975 &amp; 1977</b>  Runner Best &amp; Fairest  <b>1977 PHFL</b> Best &amp;  Fairest  <b>1979</b> Senior Best &amp;  Fairest  <b>1982</b> Reserves  Premiership coach  Life Member</p>

## INTERCHANGE FROM

 <p><b>Alan Laurie 1947 - 1949</b>  <b>1947</b> Undefeated Senior Premiership player  <b>1948</b> Member of Runner Up team  <b>1949</b> Runner Up in Clota Memorial Award Best &amp; Fairest in the Sub-District Football League (later became the Metropolitan Football League)  <b>VFA Clubs 1953</b> Moorabbin  <b>1955 &amp; 1956</b> Williamstown  <b>1955 &amp; 1956</b> Senior Premiership player</p>	 <p><b>Keith Gent 1975-1977</b>  Senior Playing coach  <b>1975</b> Undefeated Premiership coach  <b>1976</b> Premiership coach  <b>1977</b> Runners Up  <b>AFL/VFL Club 1965-1966</b> Essendon, VFA Clubs  <b>1969</b> Preston  <b>1970 - 1972</b> Brunswick</p>
 <p><b>Terry Brown</b>  <b>1959 – 2023</b> Played Juniors U 12 through to Seniors with the YCW. Member of <b>1971, 1973 &amp; 1979</b> Grand Finals teams, <b>1977</b> Best &amp; Fairest, <b>1976 -1978</b> Senior Captain Coach  <b>1977</b> Senior Best &amp; Fairest  <b>1979 &amp; 1980</b> Club President YCW  <b>1988, 1999-2003</b> Club President Reservoir</p>	 <p><b>Alan Coates 1972 -1974</b>  <b>1972 1973 &amp; 1974</b> Senior Playing coach  <b>1972</b> Premiership coach,  <b>1973</b> Runners Up <b>1974</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Semi Final <b>1973</b> Runner Up Seniors Best &amp; Fairest, <b>1972</b> represented the club in the PHFL Inter League. <b>1973</b> Coached and led the PHFL side to victory against the Riddell F. L.  <b>1980</b> Coached the Reserves to a Grand Final,  <b>1981, 1982 &amp; 1983</b> Club President</p>
 <p><b>Geoff Hollingsworth</b>  <b>1981 – 1986</b>  <b>1984</b> Premiership player  <b>1985</b> Senior Best &amp; Fairest</p>	<p><b>Dale Breeding</b>  <b>2006 – 2010</b>  <b>2006, 2009, 2010</b> Senior Best &amp; Fairest  <b>Ross Canavan</b>  <b>1971 - 1978</b>  <b>1972, 1975 &amp; 1976</b> Senior Premiership Player  <b>1971</b> Reserves Premiership Player  <b>David McGregor</b>  <b>1998 – 2018</b>  <b>2004, 2017 &amp; 2018</b> Senior Leading Goal Kicker  <b>2015</b> Senior Premiership Player</p>

## Emergencies (Honorable Mentions)

<p><b>Brian King</b>  <b>1972 &amp; 1975</b> Senior Premiership player  <b>1971 VFA Clubs</b> Preston (Seniors, Reserves &amp; Thirds) &amp; Northcote</p>	<p><b>Lindsay Mitchell</b>  <b>1973- 1985</b>  <b>1975 &amp; 1976</b> Senior Premiership player  Life Member</p>
<p><b>Steven Plain</b>  <b>1981 - 1986</b>  <b>1982, 1983, 1984 &amp; 1985</b> Senior Leading Goal Kicker  <b>1979 VFA Club</b> Preston (Seniors)</p>	<p><b>Toby O'Meara</b>  <b>2003, 2012 -2013</b>  <b>2003, 2012 &amp; 2013</b> Senior Leading Goal Kicker</p>
<p><b>Ron Black</b>  <b>1946- 1948</b>  <b>1946 &amp; 1947</b> Senior Premiership Player  <b>1948</b> Member of Runners Up team</p>	<p><b>Terry Flynn</b>  <b>1946- 1948</b>  <b>1946 &amp; 1947</b> Senior Premiership Player  <b>1948</b> Member of Runners Up team  <b>1947</b> Senior Best &amp; Fairest</p>
<p><b>Ron Dunkley</b>  <b>1946- 1948</b>  <b>1946 &amp; 1947</b> Senior Premiership Player  <b>1948</b> Member of Runners Up team</p>	<p><b>William Allen</b>  <b>1946- 1948</b>  <b>1946 &amp; 1947</b> Senior Premiership Player  <b>1948</b> Member of Runners Up team</p>
<p><b>Neville Ward</b>  <b>1954 – 1984</b>  <b>1957, 1958 &amp; 1959</b> Senior Leading Goal Kicker  <b>1959</b> Senior Premiership Player Life Member</p>	<p><b>Greg Smith</b>  <b>1975 &amp; 1984</b> Senior Premiership Player  <b>1982</b> Reserves Premiership Player  Life Member</p>
<p><b>A. Hepburn</b>  <b>1946- 1948</b>  <b>1946 &amp; 1947</b> Senior Premiership Player  <b>1948</b> Member of Runners Up team</p>	<p><b>T. Storey</b>  <b>1946- 1948</b>  <b>1946 &amp; 1947</b> Senior Premiership Player  <b>1948</b> Member of Runners Up team</p>
<p><b>Jack Bracher</b>  <b>1946- 1948</b>  <b>1946 &amp; 1947</b> Senior Premiership Player  <b>1948</b> Member of Runners Up team</p>	<p><b>Ron Fisher</b>  <b>1966 - 1968</b> Reservoir YCW Football Club  <b>1969 - 1972</b> VFA Club Preston (Seniors)</p>
<p><b>Stewart Short</b>  <b>1975- 1986</b>  <b>1975 &amp; 1984</b> Senior Premiership Player  <b>1982</b> Reserves Premiership Player  Life Member</p>	<p><b>Colin Dowdle</b>  <b>1979 - 1985</b>  <b>1984</b> Senior Premiership player  <b>1985</b> Best &amp; Fairest  <b>1981</b> Runner Up Best &amp; Fairest</p>
<p><b>Peter Cooper</b>  <b>1956 – 1959</b> Reservoir YCW Football Club  YCW Juniors through to Seniors  <b>1959</b> YCW Senior Premiership player</p>	<p><b>George Madgis</b>  <b>1975 - 1977</b>  <b>1975 &amp; 1976</b> Senior Premiership Player</p>

## Emergencies (Honorable Mentions) (Continued)

<b>Phil Fairbairn</b> <b>1972 - 1976</b> <b>1972 Reserves</b> Premiership Player <b>1975 &amp; 1976</b> Senior Premiership Player	<b>Tom Jolly</b> <b>1975 - 1986</b> <b>1975 &amp; 1976</b> Senior Premiership Player <b>1982</b> Reserves Premiership Player
<b>Mick Kellerman</b> <b>1972 - 1975</b> <b>1972 &amp; 1975</b> Senior Premiership Player	<b>Shane Weller</b> <b>1974 - 1978</b> <b>1975 &amp; 1976</b> Senior Premiership Player
<b>Geoff Watson</b> <b>1966 – 1971</b> <b>1966, 1967 &amp; 1968</b> Senior Playing Coach <b>1966</b> Finals <b>1967</b> Runners up <b>1968</b> Preliminary Final <b>1970</b> Reserves Premiership Player	<b>Roy McNeil</b> <b>1978 – 1985</b> <b>Senior</b> Playing Coach <b>1978</b> Preliminary Final <b>1979</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>1980</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Semi <b>1981</b> Runner Up Senior Best & Fairest <b>1982</b> Senior Best & Fairest <b>1984</b> Club President

## Trainers

The following trainers are acknowledge for their contribution

<b>E. Fisher</b>	<b>B Chidley</b>
<b>G. Lewis</b>	<b>J. Hook</b>
<b>Roy “Rezza” Kent</b>	<b>Frank Baron</b>
<b>Andy Fraser</b>	<b>Bill McCracken</b>
<b>Ken Spencer (YCW &amp; Reservoir)</b>	<b>Anna Brown (YCW &amp; Reservoir)</b>
<b>Gerry Quinn</b>	<b>Doug Jensen</b>
<b>Ron (Darkie) Haywood</b>	<b>Peter Riley</b>
<b>David (Disney) McIntosh</b>	<b>Allan Mathews</b>



## **Acknowledgement**

Over the years many people have displayed exceptional service (20 years or more) to the Reservoir Sporting Club through their volunteer commitment, and their contribution is acknowledged.

Records show that the following people provided outstanding service:

Dave McColl (1946 – 1977 = 31 Years)

Bob Chandler (1952 – 1993 = 41 Years)

Neville Ward (1954 – 1984 = 30 Years)

Bill Splatt (1965 – 1993 = 28 Years)

Heather Crocker (1968 – 2006 = 38 Years)

Kevin (Bulla) Crocker (1968 – 2011 = 43 Years)

John & Jan Brown (1980 – 2002 = 22 Years each)

Terry Brown (1959 – 2023 = 64 Years)

Daryl Sprigg (1988 – 2019 = 31 Years)

Bob Harris (1965 – 2023 = 58 Years)

Barry Marsh (1991 – 2011 = 20 Years)

Andy McCarthy (1956 - 1980 = 24 Years)

The above named have put in a combined total of **452** Years of custodian service.

**Thank You**