



*Stan Clares*

Swan Districts  
National Football Club

PREMIERS 1961

(Inc.)



28th

ANNUAL REPORT

Presented at

*Annual Meeting*

MONDAY

18th DECEMBER

1961

McDONALD STAND  
BASSENDEAN OVAL

---

★ HAYDN BUNTON, League Award  
Captain and Best 1961

**SWAN DISTRICTS NATIONAL FOOTBALL CLUB (INC.) W.A.N.F.L.**

**OFFICE BEARERS, SEASON 1961**

**Joint Patrons:**

Mrs. N. O. Innes. E. P. Byrne, R. A. McDonald, J.P., R. A. Newbey,  
A. J. Calnon.

**President:**

P. J. Bright.

**Vice-Presidents:**

E. Holdsworth and S. Moses.

**Delegates to W.A.N.F.L.:**

A. T. Moiler and E. Holdsworth.

**Proxy Delegates:**

P. J. Bright and P. Mountain.

**Players' Representatives:**

R. Payne and B. Geer.

**Coach:**

Haydn Bunton

**Seconds Coach:**

Max Kelleher

**Thirds Coach:**

Tony Nesbit

**Thirds Manager:**

K. Mountain.

**Trophy Committee:**

Chairman, C. Murtha and E. Barker.

**Auditor:**

E. Mellar.

**Solicitors:**

R. S. Haines & Co.

**Hon. Trustee,**

Mr. G. Goodridge.

**Hon. Timekeepers:**

G. Baynes (League), L. Turner (Seconds) and A. Robins.

**Hon. Secretary:**

A. T. Moiler.

**Treasurer:**

P. Lynch

**Hon. Assistant Secretary:**

P. Mountain.

**Committee:**

E. Barker, C. Murtha, P. Mountain, O. Devitt, E. Thomas and D. D. Anderson.

**Hon. Medical Officers:**

Dr. R. Roberts.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

It is with pride that I present my presidential report for the greatest year that the club has ever enjoyed, not only because of our first ever premiership, but because of the achievement of knitting together all sections of our club and area.

No words of mine can describe the elation we felt as the season advanced and it became quite clear that the planning at the end of last season was going to bear fruit. The advent of Haydn Bunton brought to our players an attitude to the game that had not been experienced before as also a comradeship that resulted in a fearless approach to the matches played, no matter who the opponent.

My compliment to Haydn is not only for his own wonderful contribution to the season but his unassuming approach to his success. His one objective was **team work**, and he was convinced that once that was achieved success would follow. How right he was has been proved by results. No matter what success the club may have in the future the name of Haydn Bunton will be emblazoned in the pages of history for his greatness in the 1961 premiership. I thank you for your co-operation in all matters, Haydn. Your leading of the State team to its great success is another example of your sterling qualities as a footballer.

In the lavishing of praise in players, committee and others, we are too apt to forget the small band of officials whose job it is to, firstly, grade the large numbers of potential footballers, and then week after week have the unenviable task of naming 20 players for each match. When things go wrong we very quickly remember that there is such a band known as **Selectors**, but with continued success we hear our happy supporters say, "the side picks itself." No one knows more than I the hours of thought and planning put into the season's work by Stan Moses, Norm Baty and Haydn. Every endeavour was made by them to ensure that only fit, determined players would represent the club. Thank you, gentlemen, for your excellent effort.

I am appreciative of the work of the general committee, particularly in the early stages of the season, when quick decisions had to be made. The members worked hard for their club and I thank them for their co-operation.

There is one person who must come in for a special word of thanks, Jack Swaby is the name and how we will ever measure his worth for the season's work I do not know. You are all aware of the pride that we present our new training rooms to all and sundry. The cleanliness and arrangement of the rooms, which have been the envy of all other clubs, has been the personal joy of Jack. The players are mighty appreciative of the effort on their behalf and I sincerely thank you for it, Jack.

The social committee, under the guidance of Ron Preedy and George Ripp, again gave sterling support to the club. The advent of our "Happy Hour" Sunday sessions meant added work to the committee but, as usual, they took up the burden without complaint. The leasing of catering rights to the oval to Bright Spot eased some of the work for the ladies. Thank you for your efforts, everybody.

One of the greatest effort of money-raising made in the history of the club was by the Tour Fund Committee, headed by Ted Holdsworth. Very few are aware of the organisation and hard work that went into raising over £3,000 this season. I am appreciative of the co-operation of supporters. The result was a tour of Tasmania and Victoria, the most ambitious project of its type ever undertaken by the club. It will be one that will live long in the memory of those who made the trip. The managership of the tour was entrusted to Vice-president Ted Holdsworth, as was fitting after his successful money-raising efforts. During the tour he ensured that the party had the best of conditions and comfort. What was more important he extended to all courtesy and friendliness that made the party one big happy family. Thank you, Ted, for a job well done in the interest of your club. Also congratulations on your excellent work as a State selector, Ted.

I feel that a special word of thanks is due to all those good people who

financially assisted the club during the year, and particularly in the raising of funds for the final round incentives.

I am appreciative of the co-operation of the Members' Club committee during the season.

To the players who so grandly made sacrifices in the interests of football and their club I thank them sincerely. Particularly am I appreciative of those who trained so well right to the grand final but were not fortunate to make the team. This was symbolic of our team spirit. Special congratulations to Keith Slater on his winning the Simpson Medal, the first ever won by your club.

It is again my pleasure to record my sincere appreciation of the work of "old faithful," Tom Moiler. After his years of faithful service it was fitting that he should be in office when success came along. No president had a more willing and sincere worker. Thanks, Tom!

Well, all our dreams came true in 1961, but we face up to a most difficult 1962. Gone are the well-wishers from other clubs; we are on our own now. We are at the TOP of the tree and all the others will bark and snap to tear us down. This is where solidarity, co-operation and team spirit will count. We **HAVE** the players, the will to win and most important, the man who has proved that his ability, courage, determination and leadership **WILL** enthuse the average player to be top class.

Members, I ask you again to pledge yourselves again to the success of your club in 1962.

P. J. BRIGHT, President.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to compile this, the 28th annual report, after our most successful season on record. Credit must go to our young coach, Haydn Bunton, and our players for a performance never to be forgotten. Congratulations, Haydn and Boys, our premiership success was one of our greatest victories ever — from last on the ladder in 1960 to the winning of the premiership in 1961.

Our recruiting campaign, commenced before last season had been concluded. Our president, Percy Bright, flew to Adelaide and Melbourne to interview players. His trip was very successful, for we eventually signed on our captain and coach, Haydn Bunton. Haydn went further afield to Tasmania where he induced Max Kelleher to come West. We all know Max's prowess as a footballer. He was appointed assistant coach. Other players to be recruited were Mike Wundke, Maurie Drennan, Phil Garwood and Ted Mackie interstate; Billy Walker, Gary Gray and Keith Watt from the country. Alan Mycock and Ray Bairstow, who have signed with the club could be playing in 1962.

The long-awaited new home training room eventually arrived and is the best in the State. This room certainly helped to raise the morale of the players. Full credit must go to Ted Holdsworth for the home room being where it is, for Ted was quite adamant that if we altered the McDonald Stand the room would be everything desired.

Through the courtesy of Bell Bros. a new score board was installed on our oval. It is an outstanding board and we wish to sincerely thank Dave Bell for his assistance and co-operation in this project.

We also wish to thank the Bassendean Shire Council for the improvements made on the oval and in the rooms over the past year. An approach has been made to this Council to instal new hot showers in the seconds' room for the coming season.

This year the general committee held an inaugural dinner for ladies and committee at the Shaftsbury Hotel. The night was a great success and the ladies appreciated the honour extended to them. It is my firm opinion that such a dinner should be held annually.

After reaching the final four, our players and ladies were the guests of the

W.A. Turf Club at the races. They were also the guests of the Pinjarra Trotting Club on Wednesday, October 11th. The League team and officials will be the guests of the Rottnest Board for a weekend to be arranged on return from the Eastern States. The "Triton" Motor Vessel will transport the party to Rottnest on Saturday and return on Sunday.

To all these sponsors of entertainment we give our special thanks and appreciation from all concerned.

I personally wish to thank Dave Bell for the evening he gave the executive officers of our committee at the Shaftsbury Hotel. It was a wonderful evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank my president, Percy Bright, for the way he has led the club this year, and for the assistance rendered to me at all times. I wish also to thank all the executive officers and committeemen for the way they have conducted the affairs of the club and the way they have assisted me in my duties as honorary secretary.

Last, but not least, I again wish to congratulate all the players on their wonderful and outstanding performance throughout the season, especially in the grand final. I cannot put into words my feelings on the result. To Keith Slater, I say a mighty job well done in the grand final. Keith thoroughly deserved the Simpson Medal.

Congratulations to East Perth on winning the seconds premiership and Perth on winning the thirds pennant.

Our Premiership Pennant will be unfurled on the occasion of our first home game next season.

A. T. MOILER, Hon. Secretary.

## COACH'S REPORT

In the years to come when football is discussed, the year 1961 will always be known as Swan's Year in W.A.

When the final siren sounded the end of that great game on October 7, it was one of the most memorable moments of my life.

The same could surely be said by all our players on the ground, club officials, members and supporters.

For a league team to win a premiership after finishing "wooden spooners" the previous season, with only two victories, could be defined as a miracle.

But our success was no miracle and few could deny that Swans were a better combination than the opposition in the grand final.

The team's success this year was a result of careful planning by our committee, selectors and the players themselves.

I cannot remember seeing a football team, which was as much a team in the true sense, as Swans were this season.

Credit for this must mainly go to the players. They were responsible for instilling a fanatical determination in each other, and developing a new spirit and a will to win within themselves. This spirit is in Swans now and will stay there.

Two main aspects contributed towards the lift in the side. The first was the strenuous pre-seasonal training the players were prepared to undertake.

This included the punchball competition and sandhill running with exercises in the hills at Scarborough.

Strengthening work in soft sand, under a hot sun, is not particularly enjoyable, especially when others further down the beach are in the water. But there were very few complaints.

When I could see the extent the players were willing to push themselves, I became optimistic over our chances of improved performances in 1961.

During the season we had exceptionally few injuries, particularly pulled and torn muscles and ligaments. This lack of injuries was greatly influenced by the pre-seasonal training.

The second factor towards achieving success was the policy of the selectors to keep the team intact with a few positional changes as necessary. Players were thereby allowed to settle into a regular position, leading to an under-

standing with their teammates around them, and a mutual knowledge of one another's game.

They also individually gained confidence in the knowledge that they would not be switched at idle random by panicking selectors, from one position to another.

An influx of young players into the league side gave Swans the correct blend. A well-balanced side must have experienced players, but the right proportion of youth has to be there to add fresh enthusiasm to the team. I felt Swans succeeded in coming close to the necessary mixture.

Early in the season it was apparent Swans, from years of heartbreaking defeats, had lost the confidence and realisation that a team can wear another down, and win, by relentlessly keeping the opposition under pressure for the full four quarters.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude, firstly and foremost to the players whose co-operation and understanding made my job easy.

My special thanks go to the president, secretary and committee. They gave me assistance when I needed it, yet didn't interfere when a decision was my responsibility.

To my two co-selectors, I owe a great deal for their valuable help. I am sure few selectors have ever agreed unanimously as often.

I'd also like to record my appreciation of the assistance given to the players and myself by our club doctor, Dr. Dick Roberts, head trainer, Phil Stephenson, and his training staff, and Mick Cooper, the property man.

I am also grateful to every worker in the club not already mentioned, and our loyal members and supporters. They have all contributed towards making me welcome at Swans this year.

Now, a word of warning!

Next season is even more important to Swans than this year. A tradition has been born and nothing, or nobody, must threaten the future of this tradition.

I fear an attitude of complacency may develop in some players following our success at reaching the pinnacle of football here.

We must put 1961 behind us and throw everything into an even greater year in 1962. And to do this we must have the men who are prepared to dedicate themselves for a maximum effort.

Finally, on behalf of the players and myself, I wish all our members and supporters a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

HAYDN BUNTON, Captain-Coach.

## ASSISTANT COACH'S REPORT

To the President and Committee of the S.D.N.F.C.

Dear Sirs.—It is with much pleasure I submit my first report to you of a club I have grown to respect during our short association.

May I respectfully submit the past season was one of fluctuating fortunes for our second team. Towards the end of the season our youthful side rose to great heights, emerging from the ruck in the bottom four, to be second only to West Perth.

The close nature of the seconds competition, plus promotions to the league side, positional changes, and very close losses at this vital part of the season, justifies one feeling we were a little unlucky not to have maintained our place in the final four.

To offset this debit, the credit side of the ledger was handsomely rewarded by the wonderful performances of the promoted players, whom I consider in no small way helped pave the way for our first-ever league premiership.

The support I received from the players and my co-selectors during the past season, coupled with the excellent club spirit that existed not only in our second side, but throughout our entire club, made me proud to be associated with you all.

In conclusion, I thank you, gentlemen, for this opportunity, and ask you to accept my best wishes for the future.

MAX KELLEHER, Assistant Coach.

## THIRDS COACH'S REPORT

In compiling this report I must firstly take this opportunity of officially congratulating our league coach, Haydn Bunton, and the committee on their immediate success in the 1961 season.

Secondly my congratulations to Keith Slater on winning the Simpson Medal for his display in the grand final.

Success in my first year as coach of the third eighteen has fluctuated greatly, due mainly to the right type of material throughout the season. If the standard that has been set by our league and seconds sides is to be maintained, then I can assure you that a great deal of interest should be put into the third eighteen.

This, I feel, can be mainly achieved by greater unionism between our club and the clubs of the Junior Council competition. I have found during the year that there are a greater number of players of the right standard playing in the junior competition than I have had in my own side. So I feel that before the thirds can reach the standard that is required, these juniors must be urged to try themselves at the commencement of each season in the future with the thirds.

Lastly, I would like to officially thank my manager, Kevin Mountain, and all the staff connected with myself during the '61 season.

Wishing the club all the success in 1962 and I am sure that it will be as plentiful as in the '61 season.

TONY NESBIT, Thirds Coach.

### OFFICERS OF THE CLUB SINCE ITS INCEPTION

#### PRESIDENT

1935 R. A. McDonald	1949 K. Drake-Brockman
1935 F. C. Lange	1950 R. A. McDonald, J.P. and R. A. Newbey
1936 F. C. Lange	1952 R. A. Newbey
1937 R. A. McDonald	1953 R. A. Newbey
1938 F. C. Lange	1954 R. A. Newbey
1939 F. C. Lange	1955 R. A. Newbey
1941 F. C. Lange and J. Fitzpatrick	1956 R. A. Newbey
1942 F. C. Lange	1957 R. Retallack
1943 E. J. Reilly	1958 R. Retallack
1944 E. J. Reilly	1959 R. Retallack and A. J. Calnon
1946 E. J. Reilly	1960 P. J. Bright
1947 E. J. Reilly	1961 P. J. Bright
1948 K. Drake-Brockman	

#### SECRETARY

1934 J. F. Jenner	1942 W. Dobson	1952 A. T. Moiler
1935 J. F. Jenner	1943 W. Dobson	1953 A. T. Moiler
1936 J. Motteram	1944 W. Dobson	1954 A. T. Moiler
1936 J. F. Jenner	1945 L. G. Lowry	1955 A. T. Moiler
1937 J. F. Jenner	1946 L. G. Lowry	1055 A. T. Moiler
1938 J. F. Jenner	1947 L. G. Lowry	1956 A. T. Moiler
1939 R. M. Lethbridge	1948 L. G. Lowry	1957 A. T. Moiler
1940 R. M. Lethbridge	1949 L. G. Lowry	1958 A. T. Moiler
1941 R. M. Lethbridge and W. Dobson.	1950 L. G. Lowry	1959 A. T. Moiler
	1951 A. T. Moiler	1960 A. T. Moiler
		1961 A. T. Moiler

#### TREASURER

1934 L. R. Latham	1944 J. Hollis	1954 J. Hollis
1935 J. Reilly	1945 J. Hollis	1955 J. Hollis
1936 T. H. Neilson	1946 J. Hollis	1956 J. Hollis
1937 T. H. Neilson	1947 J. Hollis	1957 J. Cooper
1938 T. H. Neilson	1948 J. Hollis	1958 J. Cooper
1939 T. H. Neilson	1949 J. Hollis	1959 J. Cooper
1940 A. W. H. Lucas	1950 J. Hollis	1960 J. Cooper and P. Lynch
1941 A. W. H. Lucas	1951 J. Hollis	
1942 A. W. H. Lucas	1952 J. Hollis	1961 P. Lynch
1943 J. Hollis	1953 J. Hollis	

## LEAGUE DELEGATES

Messrs. A. T. Moiler and E. H. Holdsworth were appointed league delegates and Messrs. P. J. Bright and P. Mountain were appointed proxy delegates.

Mr. Moiler attended 14 league and 10 permit meetings. Mr. Holdsworth attended 12 league meeting. P. Bright attended two.

1934 Messrs. T. Neilson and H. Walker.
1935 Messrs. T. Neilson and H. Walker.
1936 Messrs. T. Neilson and H. Walker.
1937 Messrs. T. Neilson and H. Walker.
1938 Messrs. T. Neilson and H. Lucas.
1939 Messrs. T. Neilson and H. Lucas.
1940 Messrs. T. Neilson and H. Lucas.
1941 Messrs. T. Neilson and H. Lucas.
1942 Nol.
1943 Messrs. T. Neilson and F. Hatton.
1944 Messrs. T. Neilson and F. Hatton.
1945 Messrs. T. Neilson and L. Lowry.
1946 Messrs. T. Neilson and L. Lowry.
1947 Messrs. T. Neilson and L. Lowry.
1948 Messrs. T. Neilson and L. Lowry.
1949 Messrs. T. Neilson and L. Lowry.
1950 Messrs. T. Neilson and L. Lowry.
1951 Messrs. L. Lowry and T. Moiler.
1952 Messrs. L. Lowry and T. Moiler.
1053 Messrs. L. Lowry and T. Moiler.
1954 Messrs. L. Lowry and T. Moiler.
1055 Messrs. L. Lowry and T. Moiler.
1956 Messrs. L. Lowry and T. Moiler.
1957 Messrs. T. Moiler and E. Holdsworth.
1958 Messrs. T. Moiler and E. Holdsworth.
1959 Messrs. T. Moiler and E. Holdsworth.
1960 Messrs. T. Moiler and E. Holdsworth.
1961 Messrs. T. Moiler and E. Holdsworth.

## LEAGUE DIVIDENDS

Year	£	Year	£	Year	£
1934	358	1943	235	1952	2027
1935	362	1944	246	1953	1804
1936	566	1945	712	1954	2724
1937	686	1946	1241	1955	3033
1938	900	1947	1209	1956	3479
1939	748	1948	1247	1957	3668
1940	599	1949	1415	1958	4104
1941	486	1950	1305	1959	4961
1942	nil	1951	1970	1960	6340
				1961	7414

## 100 GAMES

The following have played 100 or more games with the club: F. H. Mosey, F. Sweetapple, G. Krepp, A. Zilko, S. Sinclair, H. E. Holdsworth, J. F. Murray, H. Andrews, D. D. Anderson, A. Radiach, R. G. Till, V. R. Ashworth, R. Lowry, A. Lockyer, E. Barker, J. O'Connell, C. Patton, G. Cox, D. Carrick, J. Cooper, B. Gray, W. Sidebottom, J. Lawson, G. Bruce, W. Brown and K. Slater.

## 50 GAMES

Certificate of Merit: A. Nesbit, A. Sangalli, F. Castledine.

## SELECTION COMMITTEES

League: H. Bunton, S. Moses, N. Baty.  
 Seconds: H. Bunton, S. Moses, N. Baty, M. Kelleher.  
 Thirds: A. Nesbit, Captain and Vice-Captain.