

14 May

LET'S GET THE SCORE ON THE BOARD

By Phil Skeggs



Conceptual image of Ivanhoe's electronic scoreboard. Pic from Electronic Signage Australia

THE push is finally on to install an electronic scoreboard at Ivanhoe Park.

The fundraiser is being overseen by the Ivanhoe Sporting Club - the umbrella body for not only Ivanhoe Amateur Football Club but Ivanhoe Cricket Club and Ivanhoe Junior Football Club.

The scoreboard is worth about \$50,000 and the sporting club has had pledges for about half that amount so far.

Donations are coming in from individuals and families in the form of Foundation Family bricks, valued at \$1000 and \$500 each. There are a couple of dozen \$1000 bricks still available and about 37 \$500 bricks remaining.

These contributions are being administered through the Australian Sports Foundation and are fully tax deductible.

This is a cause very close to my heart. As an East Ivanhoe primary school kid, my mates and I would often man the old wooden scoreboard on a Saturday afternoon. That was back in the late 1960s and it seemed like a bit of a relic even then. It's believed to have been built in the late 1950s, which makes it about 60 years old.



Club record score against Monash Gryphons reserves Round 15 2015. Pic: Phil Skeggs

About 20 years ago, I made an unsuccessful approach on behalf of the senior club to a well known local businessman about sponsoring an electronic scoreboard. The price was less than half of today's project.

So, as a combined sporting club, let's get the score on the board and show that we are a modern 21st century community sports club.

For more information about how to donate a Foundation Family brick, contact Andrew Smith on 0417115560, Mark Walkley 0414338866, or Tim Donohue 0418326704.

Alternatively you can click on the Donate Image at the top left of this page or this link here: <https://asf.org.au/projects/ivanhoe-sports-club/ivanhoe-sports-club-digital-scoreboard/>

Note: If you're wanting to donate \$1000, choose "other" amount and then type in the amount.

Donations can be made via EFT or credit card. Credit cards incur a 1pc transaction handling fee.

If you choose EFT, the ASF's website will quickly email it's account details to you:

Bank: **Westpac** Account Name: **Australian Sports Foundation Donations BSB: 032776 Account: 130159**

A donor reference number is also given and must be included in your electronic banking payment.

An official tax receipt will be provided once the transaction has been completed.

10 April

LIFE MEMBERS LUNCHEON - APRIL 21

IVANHOE AMATEUR FOOTBALL CLUB

Invites you to join with them to celebrate a

Life Members' Luncheon



On Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 12.00 noon in our clubrooms

Apologies for such short notice. We would love you to be a part of this day as we welcome



Luke Blackwood - Leighton Pearce - Daniel Adams - Ben Fleming

to life membership of our football club

All have been wonderful servants of this club for many years

The cost is \$25.00 per person. For full Black & Whites Members the lunch is free of cost. Please if you would respond to lrprint@i.net.au or message Rob on 0438 378 348 by Monday 16th April 2018.

28 March

VALE GEOFF HICKOX, PLUCKY PREMIERSHIP PLAYER

By Don Blackwood and Phil Skeggs

Ivanhoe Amateurs mourns another great clubman of yesteryear, Geoff Hickox, who died on March 18. Born in 1934, Geoff was a member of Ivanhoe's 1953 Under 19 premiership team, the 1954 B grade premiership and 1956 A grade premiership.



Geoff Hickox, 1956 A grade premiership player

Geoff was a popular member of the club with a lively sense of humour and a classy small forward who always made his presence felt. Former teammate Ian Anderson said Geoff, who was 20th man in the 1956 premiership side, was a brilliant mark. “He didn’t take a lot of them, but by jeez he could take a speccie and he was only little,” Ian said. Ian recalled one game at Warringal Park in Heidelberg when Geoff got accidentally knocked over by burly centre-half back Lloyd Williams. “He was 19th man and someone got injured and Hickox ran on to the ground and he got in Lloyd’s way. He got absolutely flattened, broke ribs, punctured his lung, and he went off coughing up blood and straight to hospital. But he recovered very well and was back on deck in a couple of days ... he had to look after himself of course.” He said his old mate was also a bit of a wag and there are some memorable tales from club footy trips.

With Geoff’s passing, it’s believed there are fewer than eight or 10 players remaining from the immortal '56 team – the club’s only A grade premiership. Geoff was also a regular member of the Ivanhoe Cricket Club and was a capable wicketkeeper in the first eleven for many years. He dropped into both clubs over the years for reunions or just to pay a visit. Ivanhoe Park was very much his home in earlier years.

Both the IAFC and ICC mourn Geoff’s passing and we pass on our sincerest condolences to his wife Barbara, sons Craig, Scott and Matthew, and grandsons Toby and Lachlan.

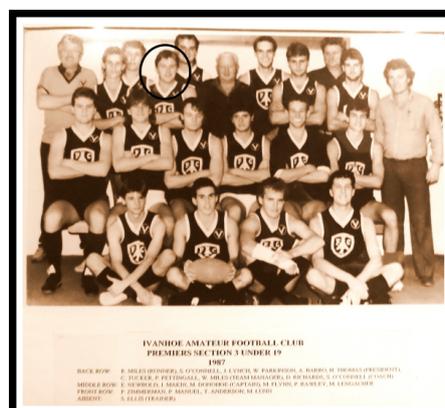
His funeral will be held at Tobin Bros, Seasons of Life Chapel, 331 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood at 10am on Wednesday, March 28.

20 March

VALE SCOTT 'WALLY' PARKINSON

It is with sadness that we share the news of past player Scott 'Wally' Parkinson's passing. Wally was a member of the U19s team that won the Premiership in 1987 (circled in picture below), also coming second in that year's B&F. 'Wally' came to the club the previous year from Macleod, and also played finals that year. A tough but accomplished half back flanker, 'Wally' played 2 seasons of Senior football at Ivanhoe before heading to Heidelberg in the then DVFL.

Scott 'Wally' Parkinson's funeral (service and wake) will be held at Heidelberg FC, Warringal Park, Beverly Rd, Heidelberg at 1pm this Friday.



Scott 'Wally' Parkinson (circled) with the 1987 U19 Premiership team