



**SOUTH HEDLAND FOOTBAL CLUB**

**CLUB PREMIERS**

**LEAGUE**

**1980, 1985, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996**

**RESERVES**

**1980, 1994,**

**COLTS**

**1991**

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## **SOUTH HEDLAND FOOTBALL CLUB**

**“The Swans”  
1974 – 2014**

# **40 YEARS**

It was somewhere in the Pilbara, A land of Rock and scrub,  
That they formed a get together, Called the Swannies Footy Club  
Now they had some glamour players, and some supporters in the know  
And if you missed an easy goal, they would soon tell somewhere to go

You play it on Sunday, A thousand miles to travel  
You would drive along the bitumen, and play upon the gravel  
They say the grounds are hard, with this I must agree  
I lost so much skin in a diving mark, I was not sure which piece was me  
And if there were any bad times, they are now too few to recall  
I still remember the B-B-Q's, the bus trips and the balls  
Spectators, players, coaches and committee, you can't beat a football club,  
You will even love the trainer, when he gives your groin a rub  
Now that we are finished for the season, I will lose all my possessions  
My footy boots and jumper, I am living in depression  
For there is nought to do until April, and it's said, when it's over  
You pitch a tent and pay the rent, With a Land Rover in Wesnova

**Anthony (Bluey) Vaughan**





## **40 Years of Football in the Pilbara**

### **Welcome from Swans President**

The first thought that crossed my mind when beginning to write this welcome was how humble I feel to be the President of this great club celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Year in the North Pilbara Football League.

Humble to be part of 40 – Years of football in the Pilbara to a club I watched as a 12 year old junior footballer being established in South Hedland. To be involved with a Football club that has produced a vast number of players, but also sportsmen such as England cricketer Martin McCuige. The club has also produced WAFL players such as myself, Kevin Mitchell, Kevin Rundle, Travis Brahim, Jonas Lindberg, Greg Councillor (Jnr), Morris Coppin and Greater Western Sydney draftee Isiah Stephens.

At the various functions during the weekend, there will be comparisons made between players of different decades, but those doing the discussions will have one thing in common – they are Swannies.

The booklet is to recognise and record the achievements of those people, whose enduring efforts have made this club possible to reach 40 Years.

Of course there will be those that may not be covered in this book, but those who have done the work, whether they be the founders of the club, champions or steadfast players, coaches, administrators, trainers, property men & women, time keepers or caterers, all did it for the jumper, for the glory of the South Hedland Football Club.

The kind of friendship personifies what the Swannies are all about, long tern service from men and women, who have this club in their blood.

No doubt also during the weekend, the Swans two teams of the 40 Year teams of the Years will also cause discussions and perhaps controversy, but again we all have one thing in common – we are all Swannies.

To all of you here tonight and those that have passed on and those that cannot attend tonight's event I thank you sincerely on behalf of the South Hedland Football Club for your contribution during the past 40 Years and also to those that contributed to the booklet in photos and information, and I welcome you all to our 40 Year celebration weekend, and hope it brings as much joy and fun to you as I expect to have.

**Barry Taylor**  
**President**





### **HISTORY OF THE CLUB**

In 1962 Port Hedland was a sleepy little port with around 1500 residents. A new postal officer arrived in town. It was none other than Colin Peter Matheson.

Shortly after he arrived, he set about meeting the locals to start a football match. Originally an umpire, he organised games for the locals until 1967, when the Port Hedland Football Association was formed between three clubs – Finucane Island, Rovers and Towns.

Included among the matches were challenge games against Marble Bar and Goldsworthy. It was after one of those Matches that Colin and the President of the Marble Bar Association discussed the possibility of forming one association.

Five teams formed the De Grey Football League – Port Hedland Rovers, Port Hedland Panthers, Goldsworthy Tigers, Marble Bar and Finucane Island. The earliest casualty was Marble Bar, who disbanded in 1971, followed by Finucane Island in 1976.

To offset these losses, two new clubs were admitted to the league in 1975 – Shay Gap Hawks and South Hedland, both Clubs formed and founded in 1974. The first league game was played against Goldsworthy in 1975 for the Swans.

In 1997 the De Grey Football League and West Pilbara Football League, combined to form what is now known as the North Pilbara Football League.

In 1979 the formation of the Reserves grade started and increased in 1980, with the relegation of the Shay Gap and Goldsworthy clubs, until the closure of the mining township in 1983.

The South Hedland Football Club after being in the competition for 5 years won its first League and Reserves premiership in 1980. This followed by a League premiership in 1985.

The Reserves and Colts teams won premierships in 1991, with the Reserves again successful in 1994, and 200??

Then began what is possibly the best era / period of the clubs short history, 5 consecutive premiership flags were won in 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996 under the clubs most successful coach Kevin Taylor. Under Kevin's stewardship the 1990's would be the best decade of the club, 1 Colts, 2 Reserves and 5 consecutive League Premierships.

It must also be mentioned that South Hedland played in 9 League Grand Finals since 1992 and 2014, losing in 1998, 1999, 2005 and 2011. A remarkable achievement in the clubs history.





#### **OFFICIALS 2014**

President –	Barry Taylor
Vice President –	Josh Nannup
Treasurer –	Colin McLaren
Secretary –	Marco Taranto
Committee Members –	Zarak Bin Zaad, Liani Karaitiana, Daniel (Kiwi), Lorraine Mathieson & Albert Pianta
League Coach –	Clive (Harry) Taylor
Reserves Coach –	Wayne Stokes
Assistant Coach -	Troy Ugle

#### **LIFE MEMBERS**

Roley Larka		
Terry Mudra	John Tozer	Phil Collins
Kevin Scott	Ray Seamen	John Hawke
Rick Coles	Tony Barron	Ian Taylor
Peter Love	Casey Murphy (deceased)	Clive (Harry) Taylor
Ken Ballinger (Deceased)	Kim De Lacy	Ray Glasson
Brian (Swannie) McLaughlin	Craig McDonald	Allan Raatz
John Lever	Thomas Monaghan	Adrian Brahim
Stella Lever (deceased)	Terry Tolchard	Barry Taylor,
Ian Sutherland	Boppo Simpson	Kevin Taylor
Kevin Bean	Mark Osbourne	James Namok
Alan and Robyn Osbourne	Jamie Mills	Donny Wilson
Robert (Pricey) Smith		

#### **New Life Members 2014**





Wayne Stokes, Mark Hobson, Ian Lee, Morris Coppin, Lenny Warner, Ray Seaman, Neil Westlake, Ken & Margaret Roach, Travis Brahim, Adrian Brahim, Kevin Charles, Eric Thompson Snr., Eric Snook (Snr) – Deceased & Graham Murphy.

#### **DE GREY MEDALLISTS**

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Player</u></b>
1981	Ray Seamen
1985	Cameron Lewis
1988	Kevin Mitchell
1993	Mark Hobson
1994	Mark Hobson
1998	Laurie Gibson
2001	Arthur Ramierz
2002	Kevin Charles
2011	Morris Coppin

#### **Eric Pratt Medallist (Best in Grand Finals)**

1980	Terry Tolchard
1985	Boppo Simpson
1993	John Kimberley
1996	Ray Glasson



## HONOUR ROLL - LEAGUE

<u>Year</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Fairest &amp; Best</u>	<u>Runner Up F&amp;B</u>
1975	Ian Sutherland	Doug Austin & Gordon Laurie	Kerry Langlands	Alex Dann
1976	Rolly Larkin	Bob Mitchell	Max Kiely	Thomas Monaghan
1977	Rolly Larkin	Kerry Langlands	Thomas Monaghan	Terry Mudra
1978	Alan Clements	Barry Clarke & Craig McDonald	Don Hooper	Thomas Monaghan
1979	Alan Clements	Don Hooper	Randell Morrison	Craig McDonald
1980	Jim Woodward (Premiers)	Neil Westlake	Ray Seman	Craig Kelleher
1981	Kevin Scott	Neil Westlake	Ray Seman *	Mark Haneberry
1982	Craig McDonald	Neil Westlake	Ray Seman	Anthony Vaughan
1983	Kevin Scott	Phil Skelton & John Sussoovich	Phil Collins	Colin Andrews
1984	Heinz Knubel	Mark Allen	Ian Wolfenden	Brian Lee
1985	Kevin Scott (Premiers)	Cameron Lewis	Cameron Lewis *	Ernest Dann
1986	Craig McDonald	Boppo Simpson	Ernest Dann	Graham Taylor
1987	Craig McDonald	Boppo Simpson	Kevin Mitchell	Noel White
1988	Craig McDonald	Dave Edwards	Kevin Mitchell *	Boppo Simpson
1989	Kevin Scott	Steve Mulhall	Dino Dempstar	Allan Martin
1990	Kevin Scott & Ken Roach	Boppo Simpson	Boppo Simpson	Allan Martin
1991	Ken Roach	Phil Collins	Allan Martin	Boppo Simpson
1992	Ken Roach (Premiers)	Kevin Taylor	Mark Hobson	Casey Murphy
1993	Max Arif (Premiers)	Kevin Taylor	Mark Hobson *	John Kimberley
1994	Roy Horsman (Premiers)	Kevin Taylor	Mark Hobson	Ray Glasson
1995	Roy Horsman (Premiers)	Kevin Taylor	Barry Taylor	Jamie Mills
1996	Adrian Brahim (Premiers)	Kevin Taylor	Clayton Fyfe	Kevin Rundle



1997	Ray Horsman	Jamie Mills	Laurie Gibson	Aaron McPhee
1998	Kevin Scott	Ray Glasson	Laurie Gibson *	Robert Price
1999	Kevin Scott	Glen Coyle	Robert Smith	
2000	Nic Neal	Chris Uchman	Robert Smith	
2001	Nic Neal	Chris Uchman	Arthur Ramierz *	
2002	Ray Glasson	Kevin Caton	Kevin Charles *	
2003	Barry Taylor	Andrew Heandern	Billy Edgar	
2004	Barry Taylor	Kevin Caton	Robert Price	
2005	Geoff Stocker	Austin Kelly	Morris Coppin	
2006	Eric Thompson (Snr)	Barry Taylor	Morris Coppin	Ben Croy
2007	Eric Thompson (Snr)	Gavin Mitchell	Eric Thompson (Jnr)	Morris Coppin
2008	Eric Thompson (Snr)	Gavin Mitchell	Ben Croy	Morris Coppin
2009	Eric Thompson (Snr)	L. Greatorix / R. Smith Zynel Williams		
2010	Wayne Stokes	Ian Taylor	Braden Dhu	
2011	Wayne Stokes	Troy Ugle	Morris Coppin	Kurtis Geary
2012	Ian Ingham	Troy Ugle	Morris Coppin	
2013	Ian Ingham	Steve Markham	Morris Coppin	Kurtis Geary
2014	Barry Taylor	Clive Taylor		

- De Grey Medallist







### **STALWARTS & CHARACTERS**

With every football club throughout Australia, each one must have their stalwarts and characters. The SHFC has had its share over the past 40 Years.

Who could ever forget the great stalwarts such as Brain (Swannie) McLaughlin, or our great Scotty, Peter Love, Heinz Knubel and players such as Boppo, Tony Barron, Raattsy, Peter Topliss and Lenny Warner the late Stella Lever, Ken Ballinger and Snooky just name a few.

In the 90's we had Blackbeard, Reg who drove Heinz shit truck and was picked up for DD more times than anyone, we also had a guy called the Back Pack Murderer who rocked into town and played, one of the strangest guys we have met, Ken Roach our champion President, Bloody Max Arif another of our champion President along with Roy and Kath Horsman with their financial support, Scotty's Carrot Soup had to be even given a mentioned.

Even the Swans bus could write a few stories such as the 17 hour bus trip to Broome in 1994.

These people and we may have missed others bought laughter and comradeship into the club, and as Bluey Vaughan mentioned in his poem "and if there bad times, they are few to recall".

No doubt during the course of the weekend, many names will spring to mind, which people will have fond memories and take time to ponder and laugh of the good times at the club.





### THE CLUB SONG

We are the might Swans,  
We are the high and Mighty Swans,  
We're the team that comes from miles around,  
We'll beat them at home or any ground,  
Some come to cheer us,  
While others fear us,  
When they are near us,  
We are the 200\_ premiers  
We are the high and mighty Swans.



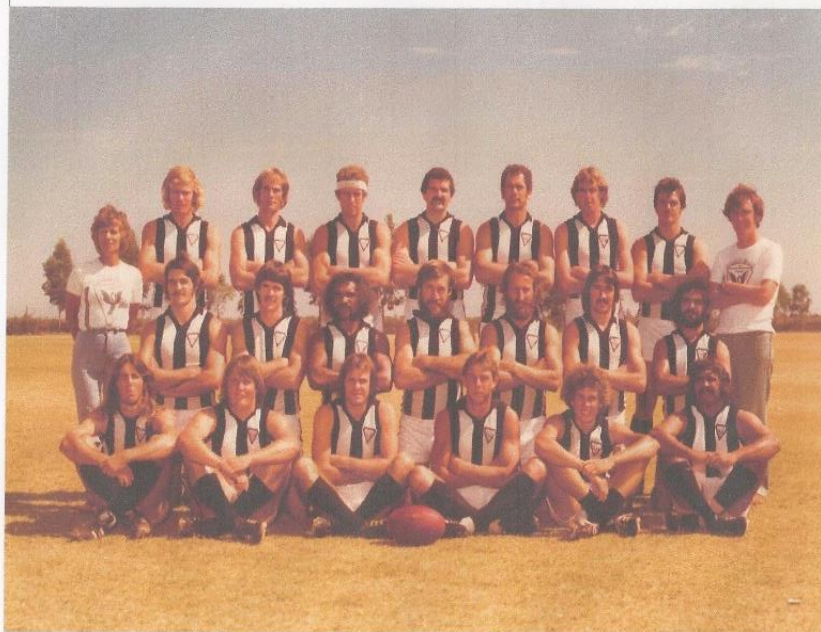


Dual Sandover Medallist Shane Beros who has joined the SHFC in 2014 pictured with SHFC junior product and De Grey Medallist Morris Coppin playing for Swans Districts in the WAFL in 2007.

#### OUR DEGREY MEDALISTS



SOUTH HEDLAND FOOTBALL CLUB  
1979 PRELIMINARY FINAL TEAM



back. S. Lever, (sec.), J. Wells, J. Singleton, R. Morrison, (vice capt), M. Poliwka, D. Hooper, (capt coach),  
T. Barron, C. McDonald, A. Clement (pres)  
middle. P. Collins, N. Westlake, T. Monaghan, B. Bennett, P. Wright, W. Hipper, A. Pianta,  
front. T. Tolchard, D. Astbury, T. Mudra, S. Owen, B. Bean, J. Bateman.

### OUR FIRST FLAG

History was made by the SHFC in just 6 year of establishing the club a premiership was delivered by a young inexperienced club led by Captain – Coach Neil Westlake to the ultimate on field success in the De Grey and West Pilbara grand final 1980 in Karratha, in a never say die performance. The Pilbara Advertiser article written by Colin Matheson described Stamina, Will, Attitude, Need, Skill = SWANS.



The Joys of winning. Jubilant fans and officials hail and lift Westlake aloft waving the Premiership flag and receiving the premiership Cup– the club's first.



**SOUTH HEDLAND FOOTBALL CLUB  
DE GREY WEST PILBARA FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
PREMIERS 1980**



**BACK ROW:** Phil Collins, Terry Slater, Greg Kelleher, Len Warner, Keith Allen, Tony Barron, Don Hooper, John Singleton  
**CENTRE ROW:** Ken Ballinger (Res Coach), Gary Hare, Peter Topliss, Brian Retzlaff, Mathew Phipps, Craig McDonald (Vice Captain), Ray Seman, Mike Neczypor, Brian McLaughlin (Trainer)  
**FRONT ROW:** Steve Owen, Terry Tolchard, Albert Pianta, Terry Mudra, Neil Westlake (Captain Coach), Clint Westlake, David Cramer  
**Absent:** Dave Barron, Brett Bean, Thomas Monaghan, John Sidebottom



WINNERS ARE GRINNERS – Players celebrating after the 1980 flag.

### 1985

Following the success of the 1980 Premiership the Swans despite playing in a number of finals the club did not until 1985 make the Grand Final. In 85 The Swans recruited ex – Claremont player Cameron Lewis as a Captain Coach which led the club to its second Grand Final win in season 85 over the Dampier Sharks. Players recruited to the club and was instrumental in the clubs successful year were Boppo Simpson (Eric Pratt Medallist) for best on ground for GF, ex East Perth player Arnold Cox, Leon Blurton and Rodney Joseph from Mullewa along with players such as Ian Wolfenden, Noel White, Rodney Joseph, Nick and Marty Melican.









Swan Player Representative for NPFL Barry Shea, Marty Melican and Cameron Lewis 1985





### THE ROARING 90's

What is no doubt the most successful period and era of the South Hedland Football Club and the North Pilbara Football League was the domination of the Swans through this period. The club recruited ex – East Fremantle, Sydney Swans, Fitzroy player and Simpson Medallist Kevin Taylor as coach between 1992 – 1996.

Kevin along with local talent in Ray Glasson, Ian Taylor, Alan Raatz, John Hawke, Harry Taylor, Darren Robertson, Phil Collins, Graham Murphy and captain Courageous Casey Murphy began building a football club and team that would see the club play and win 5 Grand Finals in a row. Along with local players that returned back to Hedland such as Adrian Brahim, Barry Taylor, Eric Brahim, Doin Radcliffe and dual De Grey Medalist Mark Hobson, Kevin set the foundations for a decade of the club being Grand Finalist and playing in finals for almost that period.

Kevin's training regime and disciplined has never been experienced by players at the Swans, however, the club benefited from his coaching philosophy and hard work.

Kevin's ability to extract the best out of the players was extraordinary, as well his ability to attract quality players to the club such as John "Moose" Kimberley (Pratt Medalist in 1993), ex Swan District player Danny Penny, Jamie Mills from the Rovers Football Club, Andy Honner, Matt Seviar, Fred and Mick Taylor from Geraldton and Harry Batzkie.

Kevin also introduced and promoted the club's junior development in young players such as Mark Osbourne, James Namok, Graham Murphy, Nathan Tullock, Travis Brahim and Kevin Rundle, all whom played in a number of the Premiership sides and went on to be long term servants of the club and becoming life members. Travis and Kevin Rundle (sons of Adrian Brahim) went on to play with Swan Districts in the WAFL. A remarkable achievement by the club in the 90's.





The Flag is ours



Ex Swan District team mates celebrate Kevin Taylor & Danny Penny



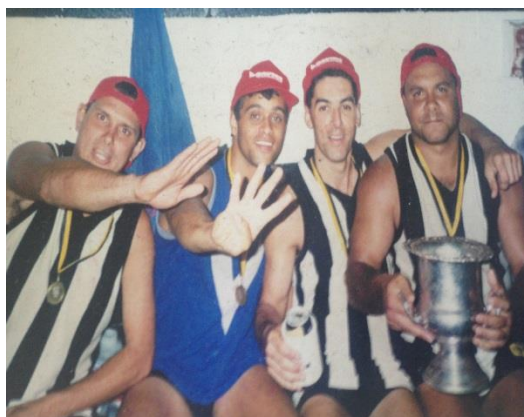
Ducko Brahim, Casey Murphy, Jamie Mills, Mark Osbourne, Nathan Tullock & Danny Penny







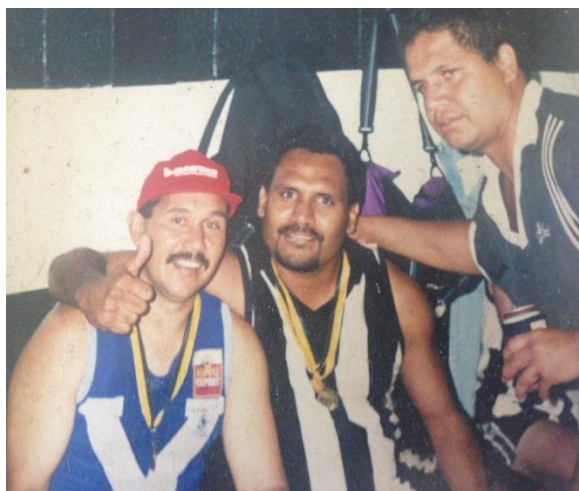
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4 in a Row Brian Dhu, Dinga Lockyer, Rattzy & Dipper

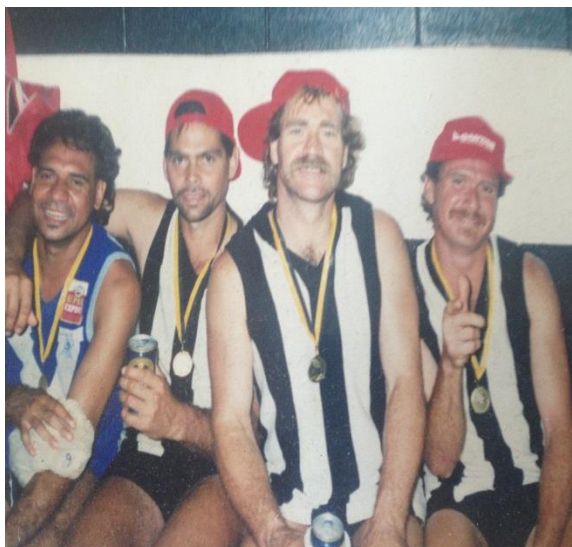


The Old Foes Raatzy, Bummy & Glas



Brothers Casey & Graham Murphy with Ducko Brahim

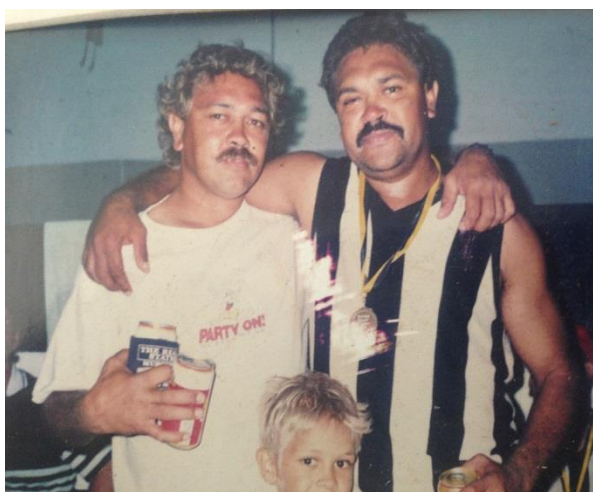




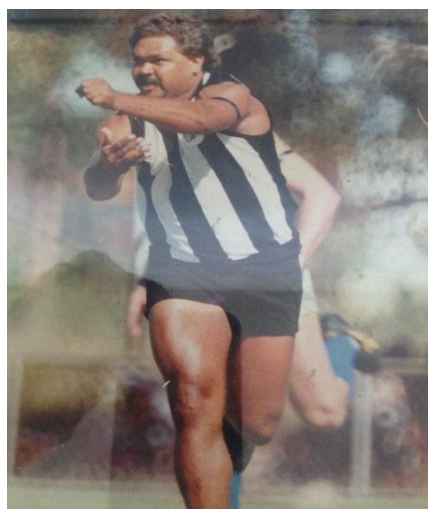
Stixs, Mike McPhee, Gareth Stewart & Doin Radcliffe



Gareth, Millsy, Red, Geoff Whinten, Barry & Dipper



Brothers in Arms Crummy & Harry Taylor with son Graham



SHFC Coach 2014 Clive "Harry" Taylor





### **THE 2000'S**

Following the outstanding achievements of the 90's the club went into a new phase in the 2000's. After several heart breaking Gran Final losses in 1998 & 1999 the club continued on being a success with successive finals appearance. Despite many of the senior players retiring from playing, past players such as Ray Glasson, Ian Taylor, Harry Taylor and Barry Taylor continued their roles in the club taking on the Presidency or Coaching positions, and many past players assisting the club in an assistance's role. Eric Thompson (Snr) was also instrumental as President in ensuring that the SHFC continued as a club whilst finals appearances continued and back to back De Grey Medallist were produced from our former junior players Arthur Ramierz in 2001 and Kevin Charles in 2002. 2005 again saw the Swans compete in another Grand Final coached by 1996 Swans premiership player and ex- Perth player Austin Kelly. The Swans were favourites to win the flag at home that year, unfortunately were beaten by Kats. The club despite losing the GF in 2005 continued to play in finals in 2006 and 2007 coached by ex – Fremantle and St Kilda player Gavin Mitchell.

The Swans in 2011 recruited ex Eagles and Swan Districts utility Troy Ugle and in his first year again took the club to a Grand Final appearance. Troy not only coached the club he was very instrumental in ensuring the club's finance off field was also successful. Troy convinced our Major Sponsor Fortescue Metal Group to commit to a 5 Year sponsorship worth over \$100,000 over the five year period.

Unfortunately again the Swans fell short of another premiership, which despite the results from 2005 and 2011 the club can be proud of its achievements since 1992, competing in 9 Grand Finals and playing in almost 12 years of finals.

It has been almost 18 years since the Swans have tasted success and hopefully our 40<sup>th</sup> Year in 2014 will bring success again back to mighty Swannies.

To those officials and players that have kept this great club alive a very big thank you and no doubt our 50<sup>th</sup> Year will see more premiership flags hanging in our new club house.







### **SWANS TEAM OF 40 YEARS**

It was suggested by past officials and players that there is recognition of past & current players be recognised in a Swans Dream team of the past 40 Years. In discussions with past officials and coaches it was remissive of the club to only pick one team, and it was suggested that a two twenty team from 1974 – 1994 and 1994 – 2014 be selected.

No doubt there will be discussion and possibly controversy and who is selected and who has been left out. The selection panel consisted of past officials and coaches. Selection was based on games played, Premierships and individual awards.

Two players the late Casey Murphy our club's captain courageous and dual De Grey Medallist Mark Hobson were selected in both 20 Year teams, a fantastic achievement by those two players. Also a fitting tribute to Adrian Brahim with his three sons Travis Brahim, Arthur Ramierz (De Grey Medallist) and Kevin Rundle who all were selected in the 1994 – 2014 twenty year team with Adrian. Well done Ducko.

It goes without saying the panel selected Kevin Taylor to coach both sides of the 40 Years. Congratulations to Kevin on this fantastic achievement. The late Casey Murphy was selected as Captain.

Also to those players that missed out on the selection it was a difficult job as there were a number of players who had narrowly missed out.





South Hedland FC most succesful coach Kevin Taylor in action.







Our Captain Courageous the late Casey Murphy who led the Swans into many of battle.





### **1974 – 1994 (20 Years)**

#### **Backline**

Phil Collins	Craig McDonald	Terry Mudra
Neil Westlake	Randall Morrison	Ernest Dann
Thomas Monaghan	Ray Seaman	Mark Hobson
Peter Topliss	Terry Tolchard	Kevin Mitchell
Boppo Simpson	Tony Barron	Terry Slater

#### **Ruck**

Casey Murphy (Captain)

Cameron Lewis

Albert Pianta

Coach – Kevin Taylor

#### **INTERCHANGE**

Len Warner

Ian Wolfenden

Barry Shea

Steve Owens

Kerry Langlands

Nick Melican





### **1994 – 2014 (20 Years)**

#### **Backline**

John Hawke	Ray Glasson	Doin Radcliffe
Alan Raats	Kevin Rundle	Danny Penny
Morris Coppin	Mark Hobson	Andy Honner
Ian Taylor	Jamie Mills	Kevin Charles
Austin Kelly	Clive Taylor	John Kimberley

#### **Ruck**

Casey Murphy (Captain)

Barry Taylor

Laurie Gibson

Coach – Kevin Taylor

#### **Interchange**

Travis Brahim

Adrian Brahim

Eric Thompson Jnr

Mark Osbourne

James Namok

Arthur Ramierz

