

INTRODUCTION

In celebration of one hundred years of Australian Rules Football in the Mangoplah district, this booklet has been compiled in an attempt to document events that have affected the Mangoplah-Cookardinia Eastlakes Football Club over the past centenary.

Australian Football had its beginning in Melbourne in the year 1858, when H. C. A. Harrison and his cousin Tom Wills evolved what has now become the National Code. As a point of interest the founders of our great game were both born in New South Wales – Wills at Molonglo near Queanbeyan on 19 August 1835, and Harrison at Picton in October 1836.

27 April 2013

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The reference regarding the years of 1913 to 1954 are major excerpts from Chris Blackshaw's book "A History of the Mangoplah Football Club" written in 1969. Chris was the school teacher at Burrandana School from 1962 to 1969 and also wrote the The Burrandana Public School 50th Anniversary booklet, therefore contributing greatly to the recorded history of the area.

Chris Blackshaw noted our beginnings as 1912, which was when Mangoplah pastoral run (Cox's/Porter's), occupied since the 1830's was subdivided for closer settlement. Many of these first farmers came from Victoria, and naturally brought with them the desire to play Australian Rules football, known then as "The Victorian Game". The present club has decided to celebrate from the official formation of the Mangoplah Football Club which was in April 1913.

FOREWORDS

"When the first recorded meeting of the Mangoplah Football Club was held in April 1913, those present could not have known they would be remembered one hundred years later as the pioneers of a sporting tradition - one that would profoundly affect their descendants and future generations who would live, work and play in the Mangoplah district.

As a child growing up in Mangoplah in the 50's, the fine sporting traditions of the Mangoplah Cookardinia United Football Club and the Netball Association run deep in my veins to this day!

Being a Lloyd (third child of Billy and Mary), meant belonging to a vast clan of football players, supporters, fans and officials whose attendance at every game was obligatory and just as devotional as going to Church on Sundays.

Whether home or away, every match was fiercely contested; every game was minutely deconstructed and rivalries were put aside in the tales of glory (and rare defeats) that were told over tea in the Mangoplah Town Hall after the game!

And this was not to overlook the netball prowess of the girls who strutted their stuff during the Seconds match in time to barrack for our boys in the main game match of the day.

Premiership success brought with it fame and glory and fierce pride in wearing the blue and gold jersey of the mighty Goannas! But more broadly it reflected a will to win-a desire to pitch in and be on the championship team. This spirit shaped all of us who grew up in such a competitive environment. I know it was to equip me well for many a stoush in Parliament in later years!

A lasting tribute to the feats of the mighty Goannas remains on display for all to see in the Mangoplah Hotel and the Clubrooms - a vast array of trophies, pennants, Best and Fairest awards, photographs, newspaper reports and other memorabilia. This is not only an historical record, it is a graphic reminder that we are the custodians of a wonderful sporting tradition that must be safeguarded for future generations.

I must not let nostalgia get the better of me, but I cannot refrain from honouring the foundation families including the Lloyds, Creasys, Coxes, Robersons, Butts, Terlichs, Harpers, Jarricks and Caldwelles for setting us on the path to football fame when they started playing what was called "the Victorian Game" at Mangoplah one hundred years ago.

Of course the rest is history and I must congratulate and thank all those who have contributed to this fine commemoration which is as much about the community spirit that lives on in Mangoplah, as it is a tribute to the finest traditions and achievements of the MCU Football Club.

The Hon Helen (Lloyd) Coonan



Outstanding People, Outstanding Club

The strength of a football club is with the people who stick by it through thick and thin. They are the mainstays who ultimately ensure long-term success or otherwise. Mangoplah is a Riverina football institution.

It has a century of fine achievements and memories. It boasts a trophy cabinet full of silverware. But its greatest assets are those wonderful people who have made it the marvellous club it is today. The staunch committee members. The devoted players. The dedicated supporters. The small army of blue and gold loyalists who front up every week - rain, hail or shine - to cheer on the club which has been so much a part of their lives.

A story which underlines just why the club we now pay tribute to is so admired occurred midway through its long and colourful history. The club's then coach, Frank Slater, had a real problem. He had played the game at its highest level and then, in his second year coaching this bush club, the 29-year-old former Richmond Victorian Football League defender was faced with a newspaper headline which screamed:

"Mangoplah-Cookardinia club is in danger of collapse".

"... unless there is a sudden upsurge in interest by players in next few weeks, MCU could have difficulty in fielding even a first grade team," read The Daily Advertiser's 28 March 1964 article.

MCU met its commitments that season but, worryingly, failed to make the finals for the sixth straight year. Wind the clock forward to 18 September 1965 and how things had changed! MCU was triumphant in a cracking Farrer League grand final before a record crowd of 4600 with Slater best on ground at centre halfback in a thumping 41-point win against Wagga Tigers at The Rock. Amongst MCU's many fine victories through the decades, this was certainly one of the best. While it is many years ago now, that premiership (the first of three flags in a row), given MCU's desperate and dire situation just 18 months earlier, epitomises the spirit of what is a fantastic country football club. It is a special club. We all know that.

Football clubs do not last 100 years without ups and downs but MCU-Eastlakes has always managed to ride through the tough times and come out bigger and better. It is the measure of a great club. It is the measure of the quality of the people associated with that club. And when it comes to football, there are no finer or more determined people than those connected to MCUE.

Congratulations on 100 years of community service, of providing young people with opportunities to chase their dreams and of giving us all a club of which we can be so very proud.

Go the Goannas!

Michael McCormack MP
Federal Member for Riverina



1913 - 1919

- April 1913 was the date of the first recorded meeting of the Mangoplah Football Club. The meeting was held in Bill Priest's home in Baylis Street, Mangoplah, having been called by Sam Heron (builder and first Publican of The Mangoplah Hotel, est 1923) and Bill Priest. The idea of a football club aroused tremendous enthusiasm and there were Butts, Creasys, Harpers, Kieselbachs, Lees, Lloyds, Mohrs and Terlichs present. The meeting elected Sam Heron as our President and Bill Priest as Secretary-Treasurer. With the comparative lateness of the meeting it would seem that entry into the competition couldn't be allowed, therefore inter-club games were played at the present site of the Mangoplah School.
- There is nothing very romantic about how our club came by the blue and gold hoops. It was started by school teacher Darcy Meek who suggested the colours because they were his old rugby team's colours!
- A plan was underway at the current Mangoplah oval. The trees were ring-barked and within a year or two the Butts and Lloyd families brought their bullock teams (10 pairs to a team) to clear the current field. With a huge working bee, the trees roots were cut and the trees felled using the strength of the bullock teams and a long cable.
- To get to an away match in those days meant a long trip by horse and sulky or horseback. Generally the day's football was followed by a wonderful dance at the local hall and then the long ride home. Indeed when Mangoplah played at Henty it entailed an overnight stay, such was the distance involved.
- Finals were conducted differently in this era. At the conclusion of the home and away matches, the Minor Premiers played the side finishing third on the ladder. The side finishing second played the fourth team. The winners of these Semi Finals met in a Preliminary Final and the Minor Premiers had the right to challenge in a Grand Final if they were beaten in either a Semi or Preliminary Final. This system was to continue for many years.
- Each home team supplied afternoon tea along with all the umpires, hence an umpire often appearing in a team photo. Also the team Captain directed the lads on the field, unlike decades later where coaches were employed.
- Our first prized premiership was celebrated in the year of 1915.
- Sadly, our first decade of football was marred by the devastation of World War I and football was recessed for a 3 year period between 1916 and 1918. Many of our young footballers were called to fight in the mud of France, with some not to return.
- With war behind us, our second premiership was procured in 1919. We were now starting to put our mark on Australian Football...!

1914

Mangoplah Football Club – first team photo

1st XVIII defeated in Semi Final of Yerong Creek & District League



Back Row: ___, N Turnbull, ___, S Turnbull, ___, Ben Terlich, Jack Sandbrook, P Moneghetti
Middle Standing Row: Gordon Sanbrook, A Kieselbach, Fred Jerrick, W McLure, Max Creasy, J Kennedy, George Mohr, Dan Turnbull (goal ump)
Middle Kneeling Row: Sam Heron (Pres), Jack Lloyd, W Turnbull, Dan Lloyd, Jimmy Snodgrass, John Clark, J Turnbull, William Priest (Sec)
Front Row: Darcy Meek, Alec Mohr, Dave Lloyd (Captain), H Terlich, Tom Lloyd, Henry Q Mohr
President: Sam Heron Secretary-Treasurer: Bill Priest Captain: Dave Lloyd

In 1914, Mangoplah's first season, they lost more games than they won. They reached the semi final as there were only four sides in the competition, and were soundly defeated in the first semi final. The opposing teams consisted of Cookardinia, Yerong Creek and Henty.

The next year was to tell a much different story..... a Premiership! The teething troubles of the first league year passed quickly.

A note of interest with regard to this photo: Marie Lloyd (Schultz), daughter of the Captain, Dave Lloyd, recalled being told by her father that he had forgotten to pack his football socks and had to make do with his dress socks and garters.

- Excerpts from *A History of the Mangoplah Football Club 1912 – 1954*, C J Blackshaw (1969)

1915
Mangoplah Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Yerong Creek and District League

Mangoplah's first premiership win. Yerong Creek were Minor Premiers in 1915 and Mangoplah, after defeating Henty in the Semi Final and Yerong Creek in the Final, were challenged to a Grand Final.

At three quarter time of the Grand Final the scores were close. Yerong Creek were able to match Mangoplah for most of the game but Mangoplah asserted its superiority in the last quarter and ran out winners by some 20 points.

Backs:	Fred Jerrick, G Miedlejohn, Dick Anderson
Half Backs:	Dave Lloyd, Harry Terlich, Otto Terlich
Centres:	Walter Terlich, Ted Harper (c), Oswald Terlich
Half Forwards:	_____, Artie Terlich, _____
Forwards:	Albert Anderson, Charlie Lee, Charlie Anderson
Rucks:	Dan Lloyd, Albert Kieselback
Rover:	Jack Lloyd

President: Sam Heron

Secretary-Treasurer: Bill Priest

Captain: Ted Harper

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1919
Mangoplah Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Wagga United Association

President: W H Butt

Secretary-Treasurer: Jack Pigdon

Captain: Ted Harper

In 1919, Mangoplah joined the Wagga Association. This was the first year that Mangoplah and The Rock were pitted against each other in competition, commencing the rivalry between the towns which continued for many years.

End of Season Ladder: Mangoplah, Royal Stars, The Rock, Wagga Lillies, Federals

Mangoplah were defeated in the Final by the Royal Stars 8. 7. (55) to 8. 3. (51), although, under the rules of the day, as Minor Premiers, Mangoplah were able to challenge in a Grand Final.

The Grand Final was played-off between Mangoplah and Royal Stars. The match took place at the Wagga Cricket Ground on 4 October 1919 and Mangoplah were victorious by 5 points. Mangoplah 5. 6. (36) defeated Royal Stars 3. 13. (31).

Best: Ben Terlich (fullback), Albert Anderson, Jack Pigdon, E Harper, A Kieselbach, Jack Lloyd, J Blackwood, L Sloan, Tom Armstrong, F O'Halloran

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1920 - 1929

- In 1922 Mangoplah entered the Riverina Main Line Competition. The year commenced unhappily when most teams in the competition objected to playing at Mangoplah (most likely because of distance). Club officials offered to play these sides in Wagga and for a while things went smoothly. However, this did not last. Officials at Mangoplah were discontented with the organisation of the League and then discovered irregularities in the management of finances. Things came to a head when at a league meeting, Mangoplah questioned the handling of League funds. The outcome of this dispute was that Mangoplah withdrew from the competition and played no more football that year.
- With the 1927 premiership Mangoplah proudly carried home the coveted 2-foot tall silver trophy which The Rock Progress Association hoped would be fought over for years to come.
- Mangoplah competed in 8 finals campaigns in this decade, taking home 6 proud flags. This great effort started with a premiership in 1923 followed by 5 back-to-back premierships from 1925 to 1929. The Club was so pleased with this marvellous achievement that a professional team photo was arranged in Wagga. With only a few motor vehicles in the district at this time, most would have teamed together and found their way to town by horse and sulky or buggy, which would have entailed an overnight stay. Such was their pride in our club!

1920

Mangoplah Football Club – team and supporters photo 1st XVIII defeated in Preliminary Final of Wagga Association



Standing Row (players): Tim Archer, F Stone, E Janeski, Kelly Sloan, Albert Anderson, Ben Terlich, Percy Armstrong, Wattie Lloyd

Kneeling Row: Locksey Creasy, Dave Lloyd, T Nelson, G Clark, Knowles (umpire), Jack Pidgon, E Schultz, A Kieselbach, Jack Lloyd

President: W H Butt Secretary-Treasurer: Jack Pidgon Captain: Jack Pidgon

1923
Mangoplah Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Yerong Creek Association

President: Alexander Harper Secretary-Treasurer: Cyril Caldwell Captain: A Kieselbach

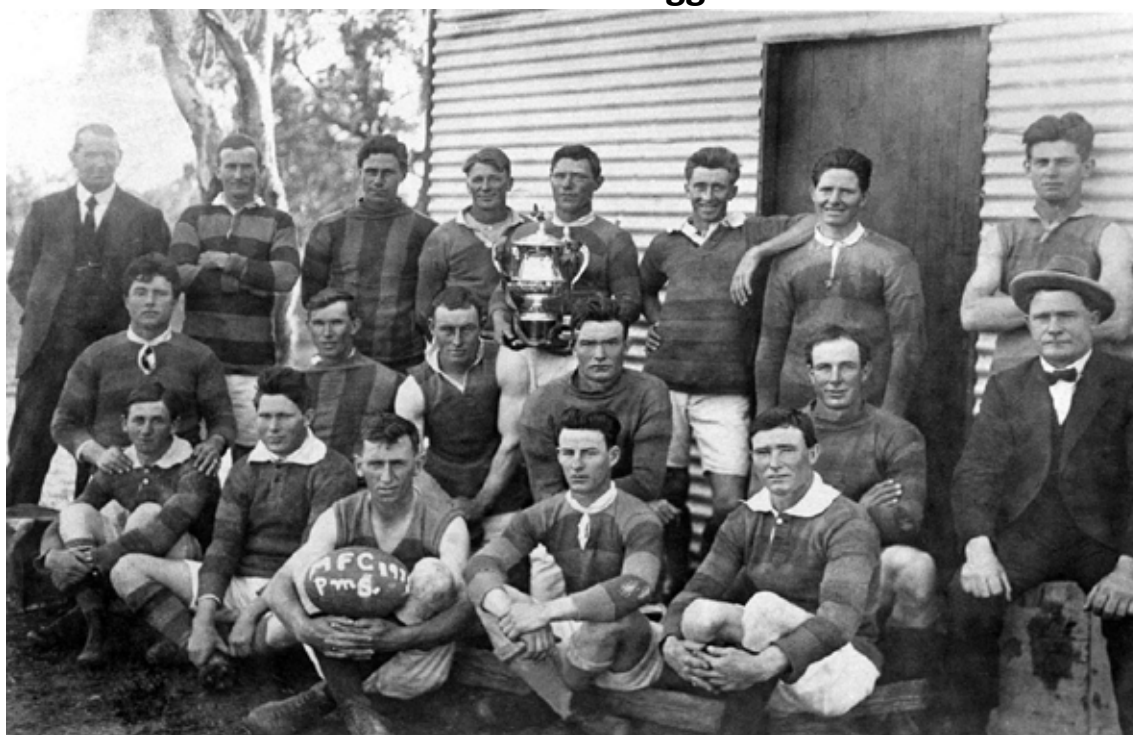
In this year, Mangoplah joined the Yerong Creek Association. The league comprised teams from Cookardinia, Mangoplah, Yerong Creek, Henty and Culcairn.

Mangoplah finished the season as Minor Premiers and defeated Culcairn in the Grand Final at Yerong Creek.

This was the Mangoplah Football Club's 3rd premiership

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1925
Mangoplah Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Wagga United Association



Back row: Cyril Caldwell, F Taylor, J Smith, Ted Schultz, A Kieselbach, A Archer, Eddie Lloyd, Selwyn Butt
Middle row: Wattie Lloyd, Lox Creasy, Percy Armstrong, Bill Lloyd, William Fox, Tom Lloyd
Front row: B Meahan, Patrick Lloyd, Cyril Butt, Tom Armstrong, Jack Lloyd
President: Alexander Harper Secretary-Treasurer: Cyril Caldwell Captain: A Kieselbach

This year saw a split of leagues - with the Wagga United Football Association comprising teams from The Rock, Mangoplah, Tootool and Uranquinty, and the Wagga teams forming a separate competition.

The Final between Mangoplah and The Rock took place on Saturday, August 29, 1925, at Uranquinty. In a close match, The Rock defeated the Minor Premiers, Mangoplah, by 12 points (60 to 54 points). The Daily Advertiser remarked:

“For Mangoplah Kieselbach, as usual, played a splendid game and always inspired confidence in his men. The Lloyds were again successful, one of them being especially dangerous to the other side. Armstrong had recovered from his knock a fortnight ago and played a rattling game. Whilst some men stood out on both sides, the team work of each side was particularly good, contributing to the big scores put up.”

Under the rules of the day, Mangoplah, as Minor Premiers, were able to challenge the winners of the Final to a Grand Final. This they did, and the match was set for the following week.

The Grand Final between Mangoplah and The Rock was played at Uranquinty on Saturday, September 5, 1925 and Mangoplah were victorious in attaining their 4th premiership. The Daily Advertiser quoted verbatim:

“In the Final of the Wagga United Football Association competition, for The Rock Progress Association Cup, Mangoplah, the Minor Premiers, defeated The Rock, the winners of the previous week.”

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1926
Mangoplah Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Wagga United Association



President: Alexander Harper Secretary-Treasurer: Cyril Caldwell Captain: A Kieselbach

Playing Tootool in the Grand Final at The Rock, Mangoplah commenced the last quarter with a meagre 5 point lead. Although the Grand Final was well contested, Mangoplah ran out fairly comfortable winners by scoring one goal three behinds to Tootool's one point.

Back to back premierships and Mangoplah's 5th flag!

According to The Daily Advertiser "this was one of the best expositions of the Australian Rules game ever seen in the district and was witnessed by over 1,000 spectators."

Mangoplah	Tootool
1.0. (6)	2. 1. (13)
4. 5. (29)	4. 1. (25)
7. 7. (49)	6. 8. (44)
8. 10. (58)	6. 9. (45)

Goals: Butt 2, Archer 2, Jack Lloyd 2, Eddie Lloyd 1, Roberson 1

Best: None listed in paper, but Lloyd brothers mentioned in report of the match

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1927
Mangoplah Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Wagga United Association



President: Alexander Harper Secretary-Treasurer: Cyril Caldwell Captain: Percy Armstrong
Vice-Captain: Paddy Lloyd

A large crowd gathered at Uranquinty on Saturday, August 27, 1927, to witness the Grand Final between Mangoplah and The Rock.

Mangoplah had the advantage of a good breeze in the opening quarter and established a lead of 20 points to nil at the first siren. The Rock rallied well in the second term and made up the deficiency, gaining a two-point lead at half time. Mangoplah prevailed in the third term, resulting in a strong 30-point lead: 58 to 28. In the final quarter, The Rock was valiant but could not repeat their second quarter burst and Mangoplah deservedly claimed the premiership honour.

Best: Jarrick and Armstrong were prominent in defence, Jack Lloyd and Archer in forward, and Butt.

In 1927, Mangoplah not only won the Grand Final, but they also won The Rock Progress Association Cup outright. The Cup, which was donated in 1924, was made of silver, approximately two feet tall, and was one of the most magnificent trophies ever competed for in football competition of this era. To win this superb cup outright, one club had to win three successive premierships. It was assumed the trophy would remain in competition for many years, but Mangoplah barely allowed another side so much as a feel of it.

The Cup was officially presented to the Mangoplah Football Club at the Masonic Hall of The Rock in September 1927. Approximately 100 persons attended the event, with McGrath's Orchestra providing the evening's entertainment. The President of the Association, Mrs H Jacobi, proudly presented the Cup to the officials of the Mangoplah Football Club. The Cup can still be seen in Mangoplah today.

1928

Mangoplah Football Club

1st XVIII Premiers of the Wagga United Association

President: Kit Sloan Secretary-Treasurer: C Caldwell Captain: Percy Armstrong
Vice-Captain: Paddy Lloyd

In the Final of 1928, The Rock played a fine game and defeated Mangoplah 14. 12. (96) to 9. 8. (62).
As Minor Premiers, Mangoplah challenged The Rock to a Grand Final.

The Grand Final took place at Bolton Park (now Robertson Oval). This was the first time that two country teams had played a Grand Final in Wagga. With The Rock having defeated Mangoplah in the Final, one could imagine that The Rock fancied their chances of ending Mangoplah's monopoly of the league premiership. The Rock didn't get a look in all day and Mangoplah ran out winners by some 13 goals. Mangoplah 16. 12. (108) defeated The Rock 3. 10. (28).

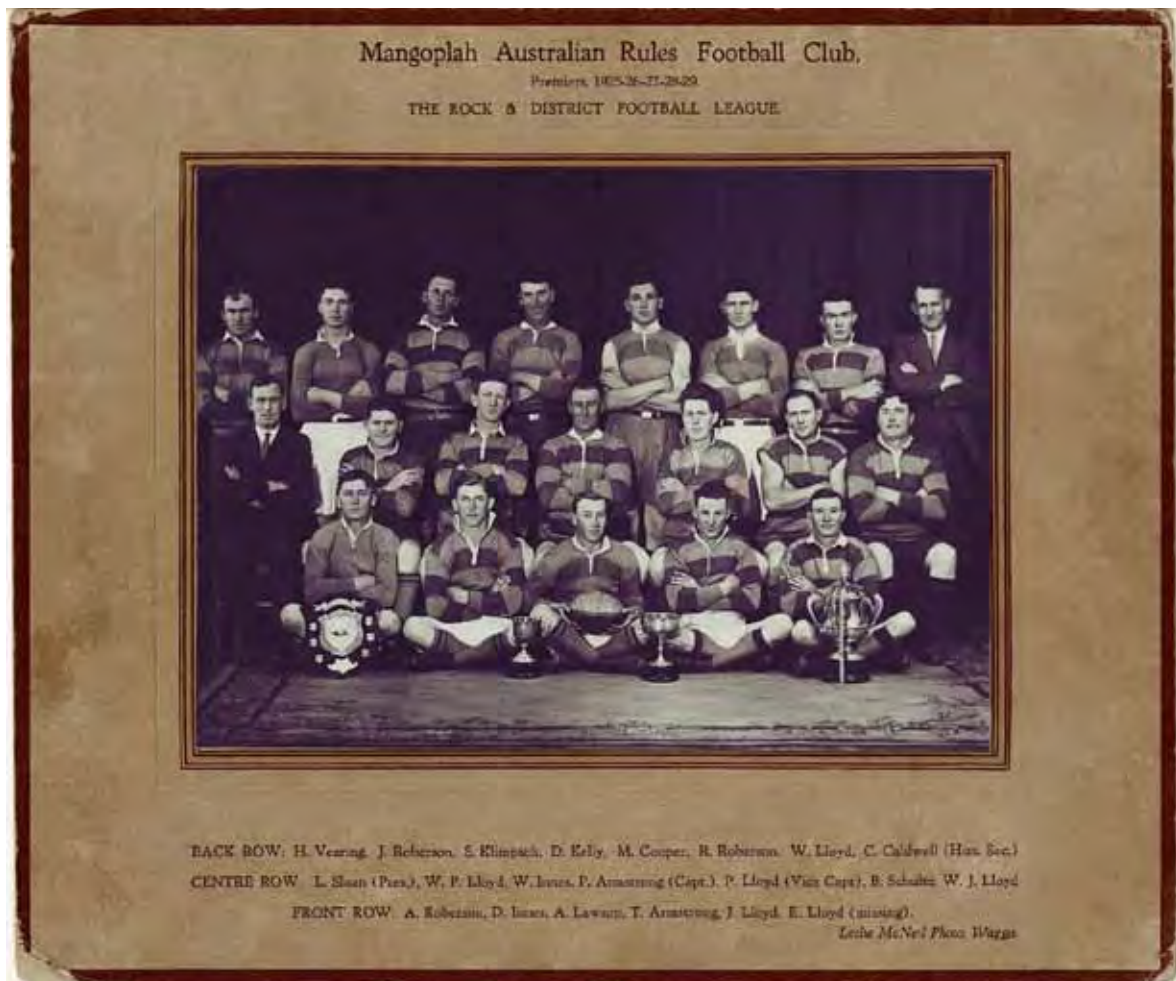
The game aroused quite an interest for The Daily Advertiser reported: "an exceptionally big attendance" and "the Mangoplah team showed its superiority and outplayed The Rock".

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1929

Mangoplah Football Club

1st XVIII Premiers of The Rock & District Association



President: K Sloan Secretary-Treasurer: Cyril Caldwell Captain: Percy Armstrong
Vice Captain: Paddy Lloyd

In 1929 Pleasant Hills was admitted to the league, which had now changed its name to The Rock and District Association, and although there were new players to contend with, it did not stop Mangoplah's dominance of the competition.

This season was a particularly strong one for Mangoplah, for we only lost one match and that was to Cookardinia who ended the season second on the ladder.

Ladder:

Mangoplah	36
Cookardinia	28
Pleasant Hills	24
Uranquinty	20
The Rock	
Yerong Creek	

The Grand Final between Mangoplah and Uranquinty was played in appalling conditions at The Rock on the 10th of August, 1929. A steady downpour continued throughout the entire game. Mangoplah easily defeated Uranquinty, 11.8 (74) to 5.5 (35). For this Premiership, Mangoplah received the Association's shield and pennant.

Our eighth premiership... Our fifth successive premiership... Our sixth premiership in seven years!

Best for Mangoplah: Paddy Lloyd, Jack Lloyd, Harry Vearing, Innes, Armstrong brothers.

Finally, 1929 was notorious as the year of the Big Crash – the depression had arrived.

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Paddy Lloyd



1930-1939

- The Wall Street crash of 1929, which affected the whole world, filtered through to Australia in 1930, resulting in the Great Depression. These were extremely tough times, with the loss of jobs en masse causing great hardship.
- Whilst these were financially and therefore socially difficult times, Mangoplah sustained their winning ways by finishing each season of this decade in the final four, having contested 8 grand finals and winning 5. It was often heard said “couldn’t keep ‘em down”!
- Mangoplah played and defeated Cookardinia in The Rock and District Football League Grand Final of 1931. Little did we all realise that 24 years later we would form a successful and agreeable partnership.
- 1934 heralded our first League Best and Fairest with Billy Lloyd awarded the J C Blamey Blazer on behalf of the Wagga Association for his outstanding season.
- 1936 was a momentous year for the club, as Mangoplah was undefeated and Association Premiers. We also won two revered knockout competitions in the South West League, giving us bragging rights for years to come!
- As a point of interest, 1936 was also the first year that official time keepers, gate keepers, goal and boundary umpires were appointed.
- 1937 brought our second League Best and Fairest with Merv Cooper awarded the Carlton Medal on behalf of the Albury and District League for his sterling effort.
- 1938 was the first year the club employed the services of a paid Coach by the name of Russ Madden.
- As another point of interest, the Minute Book of the Mangoplah Football Club reveals the admission charges to matches: adults were charged one shilling to watch, children sixpence, lady ticket holders sixpence, and other ladies one shilling. Football was a luxury at these prices!

1931

Mangoplah Football Club

1st XVIII Premiers of the Rock & District League

President: Ray Finemore Secretary-Treasurer: Cyril Caldwell Captain: Paddy Lloyd

The season of 1931 was interesting, culminating in the last matches of the home and away series being crucial for several teams, including Mangoplah and Cookardinia.

End of Season Ladder:

Tootool	40	(Percentages decided these three places. Cookardinia and
Mangoplah	40	Osborne had to play off to decide which team played
The Rock	40	in the semi-finals)
Cookardinia	38	
Osborne	38	
Uranquity	unknown	
Yerong Creek	unknown	
Pleasant Hills	unknown	

First Semi-Final at Mangoplah: Cookardinia 11-19 (85) defeated The Rock 10-15 (75)

Second Semi-Final: Mangoplah 14-14 (98) defeated Tootool 3-17 (35)

Best for Mangoplah: Merv Cooper, Billy Lloyd, Eddie Lloyd, Paddy Lloyd, Ray Roberson, Selwyn Butt

Mangoplah and Cookardinia met at The Rock to battle it out for the Grand Final of 1931. Cookardinia went off at great speed and Ron Nolan, Les Murphy, Jack Phillips, and Jack Maher each scored a goal in the first few minutes. Mangoplah stemmed the tide of attack midway through the quarter and opened a scoring account with a goal followed by a point. Billy Lloyd snapped a goal and Merv Cooper added another after missing an easy chance. The quarter ended 4-4 (28), to 3-3 (21) in favour of Cookardinia.

Cookardinia made full use of opportunities in the second quarter. Jack Maher snapped two goals nicely. Ron Nolan added a goal as the result of a free from a pronounced interference, and Murphy raised both flags. Another fine concerted attack by Cookardinia was checked by a splendid mark by Carter for Mangoplah. Mangoplah scored five minor points before Eddie Lloyd raised both flags from a running shot. After four more minors had been added Billy Lloyd ended the term with a trio of goals. At the half time interval Mangoplah led by 2 points.

Cookardinia's pace began to flag in the third quarter, and Mangoplah became superior in the air. Cookardinia added 1 goal 1 behind while Mangoplah scored 6 goals 6 behinds.

At the last change Mangoplah led by 37 points. Cookardinia rallied well and, opening up the game, held Mangoplah for the term, but was unable to make up any leeway. Cookardinia scored 3 goals 3 behinds against 2 goals 7 behinds, and the final scores were Mangoplah 15-25 (115) to Cookardinia 12-8 (80).

Mangoplah	Cookardinia
3. 3. (21)	4. 4. (28)
7. 12. (54)	8. 4. (52)
13. 18. (96)	9. 5. (59)
15. 25. (115)	12. 8. (80)

Best for Mangoplah: Billy Lloyd, Eddie Lloyd, Paddy Lloyd, Merv Cooper, Alf "Plum" Lawson, from a strong side.

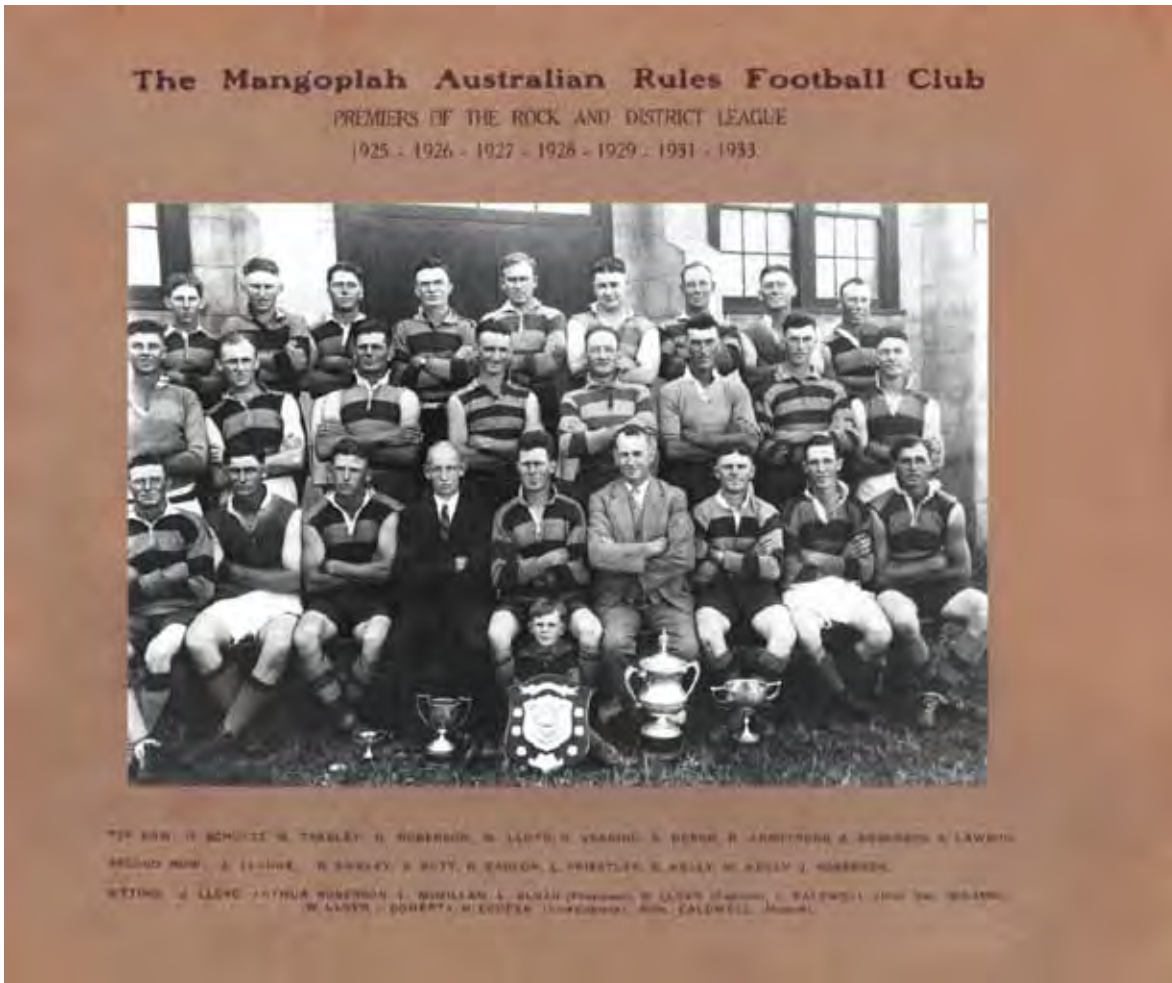
Best for Cookardinia: Jim Butler, Johnny McMillan, Jack Maher, "Toot" Murphy

Now Mangoplah had won nine premierships, with six of them in the past seven seasons.

Mangoplah's club officials decided to have a banquet to celebrate the premiership and a meeting was called to arrange same. Caterers were asked to tender for the privilege of supplying 180 persons with ham, turkey, cakes, jellies, fruit salad, etc, for two shillings each! Admission prices were fixed at five shillings for gents and 2/6 for ladies. The music provided some difficulty in settlement. Little wonder, for the prices were: Dalla Orchestra £4, the Unemployed £5, and The Jazz Serenaders £3/10/-!

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1933
Mangoplah Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Rock & District League



President: L Sloan Sec-Treasurer: Wattie Lloyd Captain: Paddy Lloyd Vice Captain: Mervyn Cooper

The last home and away match saw Mangoplah visitors at Lockhart to decide the minor premiership. Lockhart were victorious, the final scores being 7. 10. (52) to 6. 9. (45).

Final Ladder:	W	D	L	P
Lockhart	11	2	1	48
Mangoplah	11	0	3	44
Osborne	9	1	4	38
Pleasant Hills	9	0	5	36
The Rock	6	2	5	28
Milbrulong	5	0	9	20
Other teams:				
Mittagong				
Yerong Creek				

First Semi Final: Osborne 17. 13. (115) defeated Pleasant Hills 4. 8. (32).

Second Semi Final: Mangoplah defeated Lockhart 14. 20. (104) to 5. 8. (38).

Best: Alf (Nugget) Roberson, Merv Cooper, Eddie Lloyd, Paddy Lloyd, Bill Lloyd, Selwyn Butt, McMillan, Darcy Roberson, Plum Lawson

(Preliminary) Final: Lockhart 14. 7. (91) defeated Osborne 11. 19. (85)

So, Mangoplah and Lockhart were set to play-off in the Grand Final. A brawl broke out within seconds of the match beginning and this set a pattern. Ten minutes later Darcy Roberson was kicked repeatedly while lying prostrate and this led to nasty retaliations. The police intervened at this stage and took the names of the players concerned. Umpire Smith from Melbourne tried to remedy a worsening situation by frequent use of the whistle and penalty kicks, often yards from where the ball lay. The match was abandoned with the score being 4. 2. (26) each, and the replay was set for the following week.

The Grand Final against Lockhart was replayed at The Rock and Mangoplah were victorious in claiming another premiership flag by a comfortable 39 points.

Mangoplah	Lockhart
8. 6. (54)	2 2. (14)
13. 13. (91)	7. 2. (44)
18. 15. (125)	12. 14. (86)
18. 17. (125)	12. 14. (86)

Best for Mangoplah: Dave Kelly, Bill Lloyd, Ray Roberson, Alf "Nugget" Roberson

On Sunday, 8 October 1934, a side from the Wagga and The Rock and District Leagues played Richmond at Bolton Park. Richmond, runners-up in the VFL competition, ran out winners 17. 13. (115) to 12. 24. (96). Billy Lloyd was noted as the best of the local players.

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1934
Mangoplah Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Wagga Association

President: L Sloan Sec-Treasurer: Wattie Lloyd Captain: Paddy Lloyd
Vice Captain: Mervyn Cooper

In 1934 the club broke with The Rock and District League and their record is worth looking at. In nine years with Wagga and District, later to become The Rock and District, Mangoplah were premiers, on seven occasions and appeared in eight grand finals - an impressive record, indeed.

Why the change? Well, it seems that football was played on Sunday and in an attempt to get Saturday football, requests were made to join the Albury and District League, which were unsuccessful. Mangoplah then applied for membership with the Wagga Association and were accepted. The Wagga Association comprised: Newtown, North Wagga, Wagga, Collingullie and Uranquinty, making it a 6 team league.

The change had little effect on Mangoplah's winning streak as Mangoplah trounced Newtown by 78 points in the Grand Final.

This Premiership was Mangoplah's 11th.

The grand final was reported by The Daily Advertiser as follows:

MANGOPLAH PREMIERS
Newtown Overwhelmed in Wagga Final
19.10 to 6.6.
Winners Superior in all Departments

Mangoplah are to be congratulated on winning the premiership and their splendid showing against Newtown, who were soundly trounced in every department of the game. Features of the game were the magnificent play of Billy Lloyd for Mangoplah, and the fine display by Bruce Hoare, who alone played up to form for Newtown. Mangoplah set merry pace at the start, and it is a tribute to their conditions that they were able to keep going to the finish and never look like losing. Newtown won the toss, and chose the Morgan Street end, but there was no breeze to assist either side. Mr R Thompson had charge of the game, and nothing finer in umpiring could be seen.

The game opened with a free to Williamson, who forwarded for Newtown, but Alf Lawson came in and a free to Alec Creasy was marked by Billy Lloyd. Then Hodges, Bradley and Hoare were prominent for Newtown, and Williamson scored the first point of the match. Mills marked nicely for Mangoplah, but Newtown's Hoare was the stumbling block. Billy Lloyd, however, sent forward, and Merv Cooper, marking brilliantly scored the first goal from a difficult angle. Mangoplah again forwarded through Alf Lawson, but Kenyon marked high over Merv Cooper and relieved.

Mangoplah returned to the attack, and Jack Lloyd notched a point. A bad kick in by Plummer let the opposition in for a point by Mangoplah's skipper, Paddy Lloyd. Hoare nicely passed to Roberts, but nothing resulted. Then Simes notched a point for Newtown. Play had been fairly even so far. Plummer was cheered for a great run, and then Alf Roberson neatly passed to Billy Lloyd and McMillan, chipping in, scored Mangoplah's second goal. Hoare forwarded for Newton but Billy Lloyd, who was playing grandly in the centre, got possession and sent forward. Smith saved for Newtown, Jim Doherty and Billy Lloyd scored points, but the Mangoplah men were missing some easy chances.

..... saved for Newtown, but Jim Doherty, Armstrong and Kenyon temporarily relieved from Jack Lloyd and another goal gave Mangoplah a handy lead. Hoare passed to Tilden, but Alec Creasy saved

with a great mark. Alf Lawson to Percy Armstrong to Billy Lloyd, who forwarded, where Merv Cooper marked for a point. After O'Dowd had registered a point for Newtown, Ray Roberson saved for Mangoplah with a fine mark. Kenyon, however, marked his kick and found Tilden for a goal. Alf Lawson started the next move for Mangoplah and Jim Doherty, finding an unprotected goal, scored full points for a kick off the ground and the quarter ended with the scores: Mangoplah, 4 goals, 5 behinds; Newtown, 1 goal, 3 behinds.

Mangoplah set out to improve their position, and attacks were broken down by Roberts, Kenyon and Simes. Mangoplah appeared to be livening up and a magnificent mark by Merv Cooper recorded another goal by Jim Doherty. A fine run, nearly half the length of the ground by Billy Lloyd appeared to rattle Newtown and they fumbled the ball badly. Archer saved nicely for Newtown and Hodges forwarded, but a perfect pass by Eddie Lloyd to Priestly and Newtown were again hard pressed. Murphy and Bradley gave Williamson a chance, but Carlon and Ray Roberson came to the rescue. Mangoplah's pace appeared to slacken for a while. Newtown registered a point.

Dave Kelly was applauded for a great mark. Darcy Roberson forwarded, but Plummer took his kick. Billy Lloyd marked on the half forward line and Mangoplah scored another goal from a kick off the ground. Eddie Lloyd was playing grand football as the bell sounded for the interval, with the scores: Mangoplah, 7 goals, 7 behinds; Newtown, 1 goal, 5 behinds.

LAST QUARTER - Newtown started off well in the last quarter; but their effort was short-lived. Hodges, however, gained a point. Two more goals were scored for Newtown by Castles and Taylor, but Mangoplah had them at their mercy, and scored nine goals, two of them from ridiculously easy shots. There was no interest in the game towards the finish, and Newtown were defeated by a team which displayed greater football sense.

BEST PLAYERS - For the premiers, Billy Lloyd (best afield), Alf 'Plum' Lawson, Eddie Lloyd, Jim Doherty, Merv Cooper, Paddy Lloyd, N Mills, Alf 'Nugget' Roberson

Scores:

Half time: Mangoplah 7. 7. (49); Newtown 1. 5. (11)

Three quarter time: Mangoplah 10. 10. (70); Newtown 4. 5. (29)

Full Time: Mangoplah 19. 10. (124); Newtown 6. 6. (42)

The J C Blamey blazer for the Best and Fairest in the competition this year was won by Billy Lloyd.

Following the grand final, Mangoplah played a team made up from the rest of the teams in the Association. The game was played at Bolton Park on 23 September 1934. Before the game, Mangoplah was congratulated on their season's performance by the Mayor. Mangoplah proved themselves worthy premiers by defeating the Association side, "The Rest", 10.10 (70) to 9.4 (58).

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13, C. BLAMEY

Mr. Bill Lloyd,

MANGOPLAH.

Dear Sir:

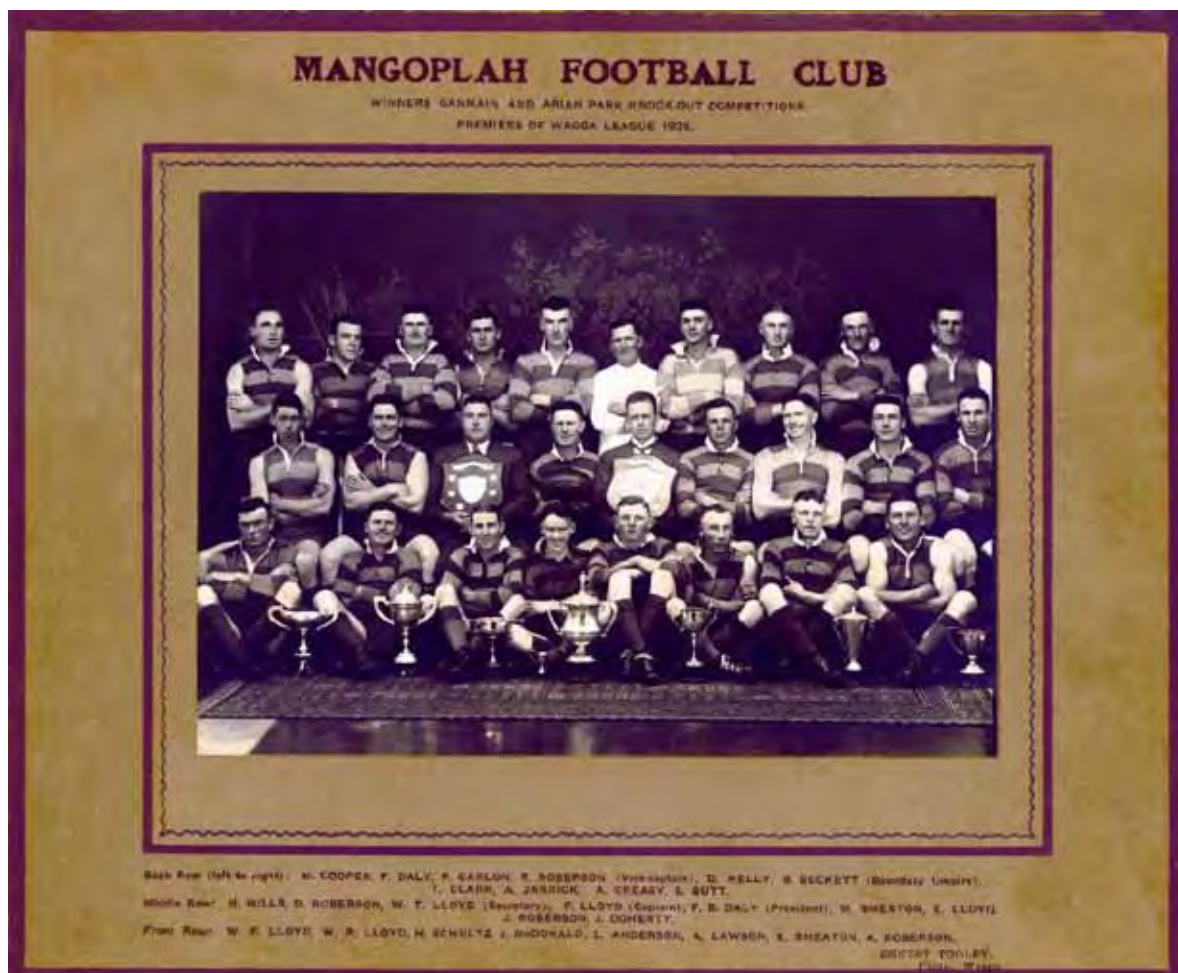
We offer you our congratulations on winning the trophy for the Best and Fairest Player in the National Football Competition Wagga this year.

As it will take some little time to make the blazer with Monogram would you please call in at your very earliest so that we can measure you for the Coat.

Yours faithfully,



1936
Mangoplah Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Wagga Association
Winners of the Ganmain and Aria Park Knock-Out Competitions



President: Frank Daly Secretary-Treasurer: Wattie Lloyd Captain: Paddy Lloyd
 Vice Captain: Ray Roberson

Mangoplah were undefeated throughout the season and soundly defeated Wagga in the grand final at Bolton Park by 46 points.

Backs:	Alec Creasy, Bill Lloyd, Darcy		
Half Backs:	Roberson,	Mangoplah	Wagga
Centres:	Jim Roberson, Dave Kelly,	2. 6. (18)	1. 5. (11)
Half Forwards:	Mick Mills	9. 11. (65)	3. 8. (26)
Forwards:	Lester Anderson, Jim Doherty,	13. 12. (90)	9. 13. (67)
Followers:	Alf Lawson	19. 14. (128)	11. 16. (82)
Rover:	Alf 'Nugget' Roberson, Ray Roberson, Harold Schultz Maurice Smeaton, Ted Smeaton, Paddy Lloyd Merv Cooper, Eddie Lloyd Billy Lloyd		

Best: Jim Doherty, Alec Creasy, Alf 'Nugget' Roberson, Darcy Roberson, Ray Roberson, Paddy Lloyd, Eddie Lloyd, Billy Lloyd, Bill Lloyd, Mervyn Cooper

Goals: Mervyn Cooper 6, Eddie Smeaton 4, Billy Lloyd 3, Alf "Nugget" Roberson 2, Paddy Lloyd 2, Eddie Lloyd, Jim Roberson

1936 was a tremendous year for the Mangoplah Football Club, for not only was the side Association Premiers and undefeated all season, but the players proved their success was well earned by winning two prestigious knock-out competitions in the South West League.

The South West League was considered to have the best sides in the Riverina and when they decided to have a knock-out, they didn't invite other clubs to send a side to compete – they invited a League or Association side. If this was thought to be impractical, two or three clubs could make up a composite side. The South West League was represented by its club teams, like Coolamon, Griffith and Ganmain.

Despite offers from Wagga and North Wagga to combine, the Mangoplah players decided to "go it alone", and entered the club in the first knock-out at Ganmain, which was held in early June 1936. To get there a bus was hired and those who went had to pay the princely sum of one shilling for the return trip.

And so to Ganmain... the early rounds consisted of two fifteen-minute halves and the finals two twenty-minute halves. In the first round Mangoplah drew Matong and had 3 goals, 2 behinds on the board before Matong scored. Matong rallied somewhat but could not prevent Mangoplah winning by 19 points. Mangoplah 6.3 (39) defeated Matong 3.2 (20).

Next Mangoplah faced Coolamon and defeated them 5.6 (36) to 2.0 (12). The semi-final against Griffith was an eye-opener, for Mangoplah handed out a 33 point hiding. Griffith was captained by Norman le Brun, formerly of Essendon, and had no answer to Mangoplah, whilst Mangoplah was captained by our local farmer, Paddy Lloyd. Mangoplah 9.3 (57) defeated Griffith 3.6 (24).

The final against Ganmain was a brilliant affair and not without incident. A storm during the closing stages made conditions unpleasant and there was much amusement when the ball suffered a "blow out" and a fresh one had to be procured. Despite all of this Mangoplah held command throughout and finished worthy winners. Mangoplah 6.3 (39) defeated Ganmain 3.2 (20).

For winning the final the club received £35 and fame and glory!

The trip home wasn't without adventure. It had been a wet day of football and with the bus unable to pass a rising flood, the Mangoplah boys slept the night on a school classroom floor.

Later in June, Mangoplah entered another South West League knock-out at Aria Park and confirmed their superiority.

First round: Mangoplah 12.4. (76) defeated Barellan 4.2 (26). Semi final: Mangoplah 4.7 (31) defeated Ganmain 1.4 (10). Final: Mangoplah 6.4 (40) defeated Barellan 3.1 (19).

This second knock-out achievement inspired the reporter covering the knock-out to write:

"Mangoplah's success in this contest follows closely on their sensational victories in the Ganmain knock-out competition, with their dazzling system and vigorous dash lifted them head and shoulders above all opposition. They thus bring further honour to themselves and to the Wagga League and have earned the right to be regarded as the premier Riverina side. No other team this season has such sterling credentials to their title".

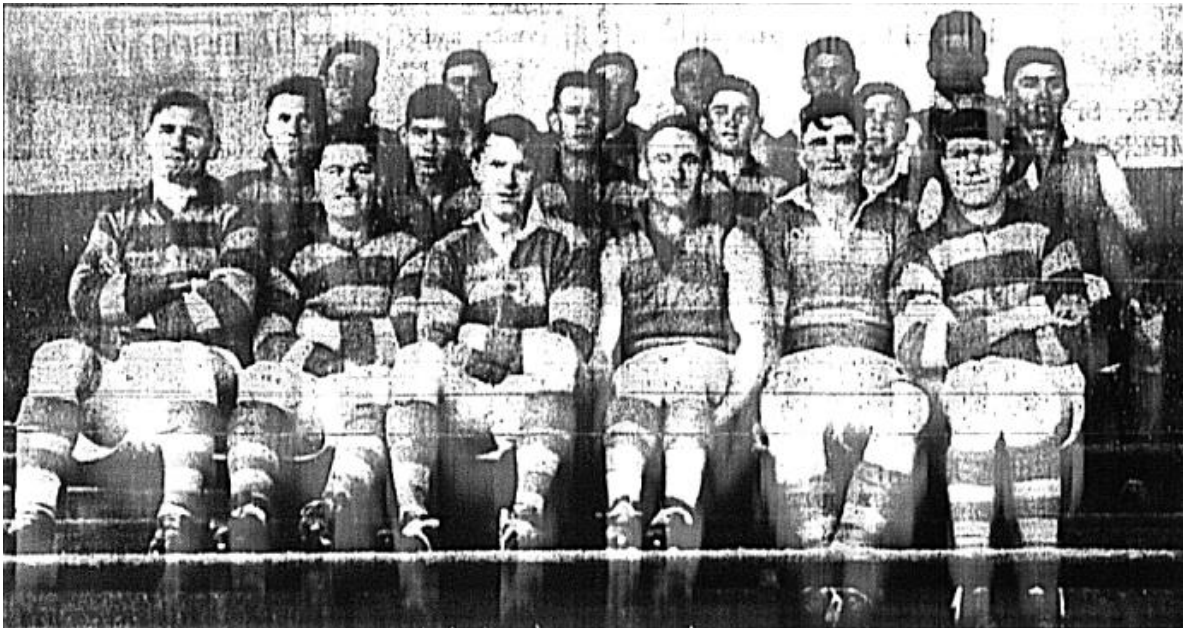
So concluded a most magnificent year. For many, many years afterwards, clubmen would remark with great pride that the outstanding achievements of 1936 marked it as the most memorable year in the club's history.



1936 Merv Cooper and Billy Lloyd

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1938
Mangoplah Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Albury & District League



Back: Alf 'Nugget' Roberson, Lester Anderson, Alec Creasy, Merv Cooper, Ray Roberson, Selwyn Butt
Middle: Jim Doherty, Gordon Mills, C Nixon, Freddie Roberson, Maurice Smeaton, Jock Clark
Front: Russ Maden, Darcy Roberson, Arthur Brewer, Jock Clark, P Carlson, Paddy Lloyd, Eddie Lloyd (missing)
President: Frank Daly Secretary-Treas: Wattie Lloyd Capt/Coach: Russ Madden Vice Captn: Paddy Lloyd

With the Albury and District League grand final played at Henty, Mangoplah 20. 10. (130) comfortably defeated Culcairn 12. 11. (83) to win the Mackie Pennant.

Mangoplah scored 4 goals to Culcairn's 3 in the first term. Billy Lloyd goaled first, followed by Paddy Lloyd, Eddie Lloyd and finally Merv Cooper, first with a pass from Merv Cooper, from Ray Roberson. Culcairn then goaled twice and placed a point, fuelling anxious speculation among the Mangoplah supporters. Mangoplah then sprang into play, and from a free awarded to Nugget Roberson, in the centre, moved forward. Mangoplah missed a mark, and Paddy Lloyd, dashing in, secured the ball and goaled. Clever teamwork by Ray Roberson, Paddy Lloyd, and Eddie Lloyd, gave the last-named a goal. Billy Lloyd passed to Merv Cooper who goaled.

Culcairn opened the second term with a goal by Reaper. Mangoplah then had two unsuccessful long shots for goal before Merv Cooper scored a goal starting a series of scores. The crack forward, Jim Doherty, goaled from a neat mark on a lead out, and then ran well into position to accept a pass from Paddy Lloyd and goal again. When Mangoplah seemed in an unbeatable mood, Fifield galvanised the Culcairn supporters into frantic cheering as he dashed brilliantly into the picture to score a running goal. Mangoplah then reasserted itself with competent ruck play, and Doherty, running into an open goal, did not miss. He added another a few minutes later, after clever play by Nugget Roberson and Paddy Lloyd. Clarke pulled down a towering mark for Culcairn, but his shot hit the post. Clever handball by Merv Cooper to Paddy Lloyd, who passed to Jim Doherty, gave the latter his fifth goal for the term. Doherty's elusiveness and anticipation had been a revelation in forward play. Ray Robbie had a successful long shot for goal, and Maurie Smeaton followed suit from closer in. Mangoplah's short, accurate passing to men in position had Culcairn puzzled. Toward half time, Culcairn came to life again, and Reaper from Crawley's pass, booted a point. Crawley marked the kick out well, and his pass to Huggins ended in the ball hitting the post.

After half time, Mangoplah resumed in their winning vein, with goals by Merv Cooper and Billy Lloyd. Culcairn applied the pressure and goaled through Judd, followed with a point by the speedy Matthews. Lester Anderson relieved for Mangoplah, and Merv Cooper sent the ball onto Nugget Roberson for a goal. Intercepting a Mangoplah punch out, Fifield dashed from the ruck and booted to Huggins, who marked and goaled for Culcairn. A free to Eddie Lloyd culminated in a snap goal by Ray Roberson. Mangoplah did not seem to be able to miss the goals. Yensch again came through, and passed to Fifield, who goaled with ease. With a sudden burst, Culcairn again broke away, and Matthews, playing finely on the wing, sent a true pass to Huggins for a goal.

Jim Doherty opened the final term with full points from a goal-mouth scramble. Clarke (Culcairn) hit the post, but soon made amends with a goal. Billy Lloyd and Jim Doherty replied with goals. Clarke took a spectacular mark and goaled for Culcairn. Mangoplah coasted along, were playing well, and content with our lead. At the final bell, Mangoplah supporters, cheering wildly, surged onto the field, and Russ Madden was chaired from the ground.

Best: Jim Doherty, Ray Roberson Paddy Lloyd, Eddie Lloyd, Merv Cooper, Nugget Roberson
Goals: Jim Doherty 8, Billy Lloyd 3, Merv Cooper 3, Ray Roberson 2, Paddy Lloyd, Eddie Lloyd, Alf Roberson, Maurie Smeaton

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1940-1949

- With the outbreak of World War II, the competition was recessed for the years 1941 to 1945. Nevertheless there were still keen footballers in the area, with no doubt a wide range of age, who were happy to pull on the boots, and small unofficial competitions were organised during this period. Mangoplah won the unofficial competitions of 1941 and 1945.
- Mangoplah contested and won every grand final of this decade. If you count 1941 and 1945 as competitions, then 1945 not only brought world peace, but Mangoplah's 16th premiership! This was followed by a further 4 back-to-back premierships in the years 1946 to 1949. An amusing point of interest with regard to the 1949 premiership - Wagga had reportedly ordered their premiership blazers, so confident were they of victory. Mangoplah caused a slight deviation from their plans and Wagga had '*Minor Premiers*' inscribed on their blazer pockets instead!
- 1940 brought another League Best and Fairest with Ray Roberson awarded the Carlton Medal on behalf of the Albury and District League for his exceptional season.
- With the resumption of football after WWII, Mangoplah also fielded a 2nd XVIII's team, according to Jim Parnell who was one of those men!
- The champion footballer, Horace Clark, reminisced about the regular method of transport to the footy in the 40's. He recollected that the boys would get themselves to Mango and then take the trip in the back of Mr Roy's livestock transport truck. The hosed out truck would have a canvas tarp thrown over the stock crate, with wooden benches placed along either side, and the boys would chat and bounce along to the away games. Perhaps this extra team bonding was a key to their great success!

1940

Mangoplah Football Club

1st XVIII Premiers of the Albury & District League



Back Row: Horace Roy, Dave Klimpsch, A Williams, Alec Creasy, Gordon Mills, Allan Klimpsch, Jock Clark, Roy Stoll, Wattie Lloyd, Jimmy Egan

Middle Row: Arthur Brewer, Freddie Roberson, Darcy Roberson, Jim Doherty, Lester Anderson, Eddie Lloyd

Front Row: Billy Lloyd, Ray Schultz, Alan 'Lal' Mohr, Ray Roberson, Patrick Lloyd, Alf 'Nugget' Roberson

Mascot: Kerry Lloyd

President: Dave Klimpsch Secretary: Wattie Lloyd Treasurer: Jimmy Egan Captain: Ray Roberson

Vice Captain: Paddy Lloyd

Because of World War II it was decided to restrict the season. So much earlier than usual, the home and away matches concluded and Culcairn were first and Mangoplah second.

In the Grand Final, Culcairn were tipped to win, and why not? They had accounted for Mangoplah in decisive fashion in the Second Semi and Mangoplah had not been convincing in their Preliminary Final win. So confident was the Culcairn Club that rumour had it that they even had a premiership banquet laid out ready to eat. However... Culcairn opened the scoring, at Cookardinia, within a minute and a half of the bounce with a point, to which Mangoplah replied shortly afterwards with a goal. And so the game went for two quarters, each countering scoring movements of the other. At half time the score stood at 7-8 each, after being 3-4 each at first quarter time. Promise of a hectic finish hung heavily in the air.

The third stanza of the game was underway and Mangoplah, brilliantly led by their captain Ray Roberson, kicked 7-5 to Culcairn's 3-1. Ray, who won the Best and Fairest medal in the league this year, rucked superbly and kicked one goal from the centre of the ground. Without a doubt, his play inspired the whole team and the result was this winning break in the third. Mangoplah rammed home attack after attack with the nimble Billy Lloyd being in everything to kick three goals within a few minutes. Ray Roberson, Williams, Ray Schultz and Lal Mohr were others to score goals in this burst for Mangoplah, which pricked the balloon of Culcairn's hopes. The Club's 14th premiership. The mascot, Kerry Lloyd, recalls refusing outright to cooperate as team mascot unless his mother bought him chewing gum!

Mangoplah	Culcairn	Best for Mangoplah	Best for Culcairn
3. 4. (22)	3. 4. (22)	Ray Roberson, Billy Lloyd, Jock Clark, Freddie Roberson, Jim Doherty, Paddy Lloyd	Vern Matthews, Jack Clarke, Lindsay Lloyd, Jack Papworth, Reaper, Jack Yensch
7. 8. (50)	7. 8. (55)	Goals	Goals
14. 13. (97)	10. 9. (69)	Ray Roberson 4, Jim Doherty 3, Billy Lloyd 3, Williams 2, Lester Anderson, Ray Schultz, Lal Mohr, Paddy Lloyd	Vern Matthews 9, J Crawley 2, Reaper, J Carroll
16. 18. (114)	13. 13. (78)		

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1940 Grand Final: Ray Roberson, Arthur Brewer, Alec Creasy versus Culcairn (at Cookardinia)

1941
Mangoplah Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the J Norrell Shield

President: Dave Klimpsch Secretary: Wattie Lloyd Treasurer: Jimmy Egan
 Captain: Ray Roberson Vice Captain: Paddy Lloyd

The Albury and District League went into recess due to WWII. To play football, Mangoplah now returned to a Wagga organised competition. It was called the J Norrell Shield competition and comprised teams from Mangoplah, Cootamundra-RAAF, Junee, Wagga and Coolamon.

Ladder	W	L	D
Mangoplah	8	0	32
Wagga	4	4	16
Junee	4	4	16
Cootamundra-RAAF3	5	12	
Coolamon	1	7	4

Mangoplah completed a most successful season of football by winning the grand final of the J Norrell Shield in the Wagga Australian Rules competition at Bolton Park. The game was exciting from start to finish, and it was evident from early in the second quarter that the game would be close.

At half time Junee were 14 points in front but at the last change Mangoplah made up the leeway and were only a point behind Junee. For the first ten minutes of play in the final session neither side could score and excitement reached a high pitch with the crowd, which was the largest for the season, the gate takings being £49. However Mangoplah rose to the occasion and in the latter part of the last quarter they took control of the game and won well.

Half way through the final quarter the teams were level, but in the final stages of the match Mangoplah prevailed and won the grand final of this unofficial league by 17 points; 13 goals 9 behinds (85 points) to 9 goals 15 behinds (69 points). Mangoplah's captain, Ray Roberson, was the outstanding player of the match and his play and control of his team was a major factor to our premiership win.

Mangoplah	Junee
4. 1. (25)	1. 3. (9)
5. 2. (32)	6. 10. (46)
10. 3. (63)	9. 10. (64)
13. 9. (87)	9. 15. (69)

Goals: Jim Doherty 4, Billy Lloyd 3, Harry Mohr 2, Jack Maher 2, Ray Roberson 1, Gordon Mills 1

1945
Mangoplah Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of The Rock District League

President: Dave Klimpsch Secretary: Wattie Lloyd Treasurer: Jimmy Egan
 Captain: Ray Roberson Vice Captain: Patrick Lloyd

In 1945, due to the World War II football recess, Henty, Holbrook, Culcairn and Mangoplah organised themselves into a small competition. Mangoplah won the grand final of this series by defeating Henty at Holbrook.

Goals: Bill Lloyd 3, Harry Mohr 2, J Maher 2, Ray Roberson 1, Gordon Mills 1

1946
Mangoplah Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Albury & District League



Back Row: ____, ____, Allan Klimpsch, Jock Clark, ____, Bert Kelly, Lester Anderson
Middle Row: Horace Clark, George Clark, Ken Lyons, Alf 'Nugget' Roberson, Clarence 'Bon', Jim Doherty
Front Row: Billy Lloyd, Wally Mohr, Ray Roberson, Norm 'Pom' Schultz, Paddy Lloyd
Jimmy Mohr, A Geier, P Schultz, H Kelly, Lester Anderson, R Stoll, E Clark (19th)
President: Dave Klimpsch Secretary: Wattie Lloyd Treasurer: J Egan Captain: Ray Roberson
Vice Captain: Allan Klimpsch
Mid-year team line up. Premiership as of yet unavailable

First Semi Final: Culcairn 18. 21. (139) defeated Holbrook 6. 12. (48)

Second Semi Final: Mangoplah 16. 16. (112) defeated Cookardinia 8. 14. (62)
Gate: £93

Preliminary Final: Culcairn 13. 23. (101) defeated Cookardinia 10. 12. (72)

Culcairn had a 20 point advantage at three quarter time and it appeared that they had a firm grip on the 1946 premiership pennant, but in a gruelling final term were swept aside by an inspired Mangoplah team.

The final term commenced with Billy Lloyd snapping a point. Horrie Clark, a great opportunist, got the ball back and a smothered kick let Jim Doherty in for a goal. Culcairn endeavoured to consolidate their winning advantage but Royal, with a snap shot, hit the behind post and Smith followed with a single, and another. Heartened by these failures, Mangoplah flashed the ball to the goal area, where Reaper, in defence, miskicked and Nugget Roberson pounced on the ball to give Billy Lloyd possession and two flags fluttered.

Nine points down, Mangoplah were tenacious and the crowd shouted its approval of this titanic struggle, which was gradually swinging in Mangoplah's favour. Nugget Roberson, complete master in the centre, showed initiative when he ran on from a free to retain the offensive for Mango, and in the goal area, Paddy Lloyd found Jim Doherty for a goal that left Mangoplah a point down. Culcairn made a gallant effort to recover, but Matthews posted a single on the run and immediately Mangoplah were back hammering at the goals. Singles levelled the score, then in a flash of confidence Ray Roberson commenced a chain of marks between Billy Lloyd and Wally Mohr which brought a maximum from our Horrie Clark. In the lead and hard pressed by an all in effort by Culcairn, Mangoplah contested every issue as the 'Maroons' came time and again, but their only success was a single from Fifield. From the kick-out by Bert Kelly, Ray Roberson forwarded to Nugget Roberson and Billy Lloyd sealed Culcairn's doom with a goal scored 1 ½ minutes before the final bell. In a great finish of courageous football, Culcairn rushed forward but Mango's Bert Kelly saved splendidly as the bell sounded to end a truly magnificent grand final.

The Mangoplah lads rose to tremendous heights in a superlative burst of great football to win the title by 11 points in the last few thrill-packed phases of play. The pace, vigour, position play, aerial highlights, and superb field kicking made the 1946 grand final a memorable clash.

Mangoplah	Culcairn
2. 1. (13)	3. 7. (25)
7. 6. (48)	4. 10. (34)
7. 8. (50)	9. 16. (70)
12. 13. (85)	9. 20. (74)

Allan Klimpsch won the Border Morning Mail's writer's award as the best afield. At centre half back, Allan was unconquered in the air and gave tremendous power to Mangoplah's defence tactics. Running Allan closely for the honours was Nugget Roberson, who gave the most entertaining and enterprising display of centre play seen for some time. Nugget's breezy style stamped him as a footballer of supreme quality. Roy Stoll and Jimmy Mohr won considerable prominence in defence, while Ken Lyons and Pom Schultz won the honours on their respective wings. Clark and Lester Anderson were gallant followers, while Horace Clark, Billy Lloyd and Jim Doherty were splendid forwards. Ray Roberson and Wally Mohr were always prominent, and veteran, Paddy Lloyd, gave a courageous and meritorious display.

The Albury and District was fortunate to have umpire, Jack McMurray, officiate the grand final game, as he was one of the foremost umpires operating in Melbourne.

Playing before a crowd that paid more than £150 at the gate, Culcairn dominated the early stages of the match and at three quarter time held a 20 point advantage. Once the final quarter began, it was clear that Mangoplah was going to make a "go" of it.

With Nugget Roberson playing the game of his career at centre, and Allan Klimpsch impassable at centre half back, the team began to click. With five minutes to go the scores were level. A goal to Mangoplah saw them take the lead, after trailing for most of the game. From the centre bounce Culcairn rushed the ball forward. Their full forward gathered the ball, turned, and from point blank range, kicked a point! Mangoplah then swept into attack and scored another goal just before the siren. Mangoplah ran out victors by 11 points! Premiership Number 17!

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1947
Mangoplah Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Albury & District League



Back Row: Lester Anderson, Bert Kelly, Cec Lawson, Allan Klimpsch, Jock Clark, Percy Schultz, Eric 'Charlie' Clark, Raymond Jarick
Middle Row: Horace Clark, Jim Doherty, Eric Langfield, Ray Roberson, Les Stoll, Alf 'Nugget' Roberson, George Clark
Front Row: Clarence "Bon" Maher, Ken Lyons, Harry Mohr, Patrick Lloyd, Wally Mohr
President: Dave Klimpsch Secretary: Wattie Lloyd Treasurer: Jim Egan Captain: Ray Roberson
Vice Captain: Allan Klimpsch

In the Second Semi Final, Holbrook 9.12 (66) defeated Mangoplah 8.9 (57).

The Preliminary Final at Cookardinia between Mangoplah and Culcairn was a thriller with Culcairn coming within a hair's breadth of stopping Mangoplah's run of premierships – 1 point. Mangoplah 11.8 (74) defeated Culcairn 10.13 (73)

The grand final scores were level at three quarter time. Fast and exciting play marked the opening of the final term, in which Ray Roberson and Lester Anderson were prominent. The Holbrook defenders were doing a grand job but when the dashing Ken Lyons got possession he put Mango a goal in front. Doherty from a free was unable to make the distance, and Kenny Lyons swooped in again and slammed it through for another goal. Holbrook attacked well but sterling defence by Cec Lawson broke the assault. Ken Lyons and Bon Maher sent the ball straight down the centre for another goal. With Holbrook 3 goals down they scored a single and then a goal and brought themselves back into the challenge. Mangoplah then flashed the ball to Jim Doherty and the cool forward raised the flags. Allan Klimpsch always defended stoically. Ray Roberson took a nice mark

and kicked truly putting Mangoplah 11 points in the lead. A kick out from the centre and Ken Lyons raced in and flashed the ball to Ray Roberson and onto Jim Doherty to goal. Holbrook replied with a goal kicked off the ground and then snapped another to leave them trailing by a mere 5 points. Mangoplah snapped two singles and then sealed the premiership with a goal. The Mangoplah supporters swarmed onto the ground and embraced and cheered their men, who had won a well merited victory. Mangoplah's 18th Premiership.

Mangoplah	Holbrook
1.4. (7)	4. 5. (29)
9.7. (61)	6. 4. (40)
9.9. (63)	9. 9. (63)
16.11. (107)	14.10. (94)

Goals: Horace Clark 4, Ken Lyons 4, Jock Clark 3, Jim Doherty 2, Ray Roberson 2, Eric Langfield 1
 Best: Allan Klimpsch, Horace Clark, Ken Lyons, from a very strong side

1947 was the year Patrick Lloyd retired. "Paddy" as he was known to one and all, was a wonderful person and clubman. Paddy played his first game with Mangoplah in 1921 and was team captain from 1931 to 1939, with his playing career spanning over 27 seasons. He wore a felt hat to keep the sun out of his eyes whilst playing, and was known far and wide as "the man in the felt hat". The opposition would often try to knock his hat from his head! Paddy was a shrewd tactician and an elusive player. With Paddy's retirement, Mangoplah lost not only one of its greatest players, but its most colourful.

- Excerpts from *A History of the Mangoplah Football Club 1912 – 1954*, C J Blackshaw (1969)



Lester Anderson and Horace Clark 1947 Grand Final v Holbrook

1948
Mangoplah Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Albury & District League



Back Row: Cec Lawson, Jock Clark, Percy Schultz, Allan Klimpsch, Bert Kelly, Horace Clark,
 Ray Jarick, George Clark

Middle Row: Jim Doherty, Eric Langfield, Alf 'Nugget' Roberson, Alf Geier, Les Stoll, Jo Kennedy

Front Row: Norman Schultz, Harry Mohr, Billy Lloyd, Ken Lyons, Wally Mohr, Clarence 'Bon' Maher

President: Ray Roberson Secretary: Wattie Lloyd Treasurer: Jimmy Egan Captain: Allan Klimpsch

Grand Final spectators alike were expecting fierce rivalry and contests between Mangoplah and The Rock, but The Rock weren't given a chance to display the dashing form that had made them formidable Minor Premiers. Mangoplah led easily at each quarter; with rover, Ken Lyons, playing an epic part in Mangoplah's victory. Ken kicked eight goals and, at every opportunity, cut holes in the opposition's defence.

Mangoplah	The Rock
5. 1. (31)	3. 1. (19)
10. 5. (65)	5. 6. (36)
14. 9. (93)	8. 12. (60)
18. 13. (121)	11. 18. (84)

Best: Ken Lyons, Horace Clark, Allan Klimpsch, Bert Kelly

Goals: Ken Lyons 8, Jim Doherty 2, Pud Schultz 2, Wally Mohr 2, Billy Lloyd 1, Horace Clark 1, Alf Geier 1, Ray Roberson 1

First Semi Final: Holbrook 14. 13. (97) defeated Culcairn 13. 18. (96)

Second Semi Final: Mangoplah 21. 17. (143) defeated The Rock 16. 17. (113).

Preliminary Final: The Rock 19. 17. (131) defeated Holbrook 16. 10. (105).

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1949
Mangoplah Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Albury & District League



Back Row: Selwyn Butt, Cecil Lawson, Bill McRae, Jim Doherty, Ken Lyons, Alfred Geier, Alf 'Nugget' Roberson, Horace Clark
Middle Row: Raymond Jarick, George Clark, Bert Kelly, Jock Clark, Allan Klimpsch, Percy Schultz, Eric Langfield
Front Row: Norman Schultz, Billy Lloyd, Harry Mohr, Bonnie Maher, Les Stoll
President: Ray Roberson Secretary: Wattie Lloyd Treasurer: Jimmy Egan Captain: Allan Klimpsch

In 1949, Wagga and North Wagga joined the league to make it an eight team competition. The league comprised: Mangoplah, Cookardinia, Holbrook, Culcairn, Henty, The Rock, Wagga, and North Wagga.

1949 was a competitive season with Wagga, Mangoplah, and Culcairn all ending the season on 44 points, and respectively on percentage points.

A record crowd of 3,500 people at Culcairn saw Mangoplah decisively defeat Wagga in the grand final of the Albury and District League by 27 points, causing the biggest upset since 1940.

Both teams took to the field at full strength and the high marking was excellent throughout the day. Mangoplah, ripe in the experience of grand finals, grasped every opportunity which came their way. Mangoplah's victory was greatly assisted by the brilliant Horace Clark and the paper stated that Horace was the outstanding player on the field at centre half forward.

Mangoplah

5. 1. (31)
8. 7. (55)
12. 9. (81)
14. 15. (99)

Wagga

2. 5. (17)
2. 9. (21)
4. 15. (39)
9. 18. (72)

Best: Horace Clark (best afield), Allan Klimpsch, Bert Kelly, Ray Jarick, Percy Schultz, Jim Doherty, Jock Clark, Ken Lyons, Harry Mohr

Goals: Horace Clark 5, Jim Doherty 2, Alf Geier 2, Percy Schultz 2, Billy Lloyd 2, Ken Lyons 1

Our 20th premiership!

The Premiership inspired the following ode. Although anonymous, it is generally accredited to Ned Scantleton (Billy Lloyd's father in law).

The Mango boys are happy
The Mango boys are fine
For they are football premiers
For 1949
And our dear sec Wattie
They all say he is great
But that what makes him happy
Was the takings at the gate
The Clark's they are a credit
To any football code
And so is Schultz and Jarick
And Klimpsch and Billy Lloyd
The boys did all so splendidly
The best were hard to pick
With Lawson, Mohr and Langfield
And Lyons hard to trick
Doherty, Maher and Geier
Played clever football too
And when they saw an opening
They always put it through
There was Stoll and Nugget Roberson
Who never missed a chance
Every time they kicked the ball
The ladies fair did dance
The umpire was impartial
The breaches missed were small
And when the play got hectic
He whistled up the ball
While Lyons on the boundary
Was laying two to one
That Mango would be premiers
Before the day was done
And now dear friends I leave you
For I have work to do
On a ranch not far from Mango
But I bet you can't guess who!

1950-1959

- Another successive premiership in 1950 cemented 6 back-to-back premierships – a sterling effort indeed! Mangoplah was considered ‘the standard’ or ‘the team to beat’ for many years.
- In 1954 a meeting was held between the Mangoplah and Cookardinia football clubs and it was decided to amalgamate for the season of 1955. Here forward we became Mangoplah Cookardinia United and this union brought many more successful years...
- Our maiden season of 1955 was closely contested with both Seniors (Holbrook defeated MCU at Culcairn by 19 points) and Reserves Runner Up.
- The back-to-back Seniors premierships of 1956 and 1957 were testament to the brilliance of this union, with 1957 also bringing a Reserves flag home.
- 1958 marked the end of the Albury and District League with the teams entering the Farrer League, thus making Farrer a ten-team-strong competition. MCU Seniors were Runner Up in this year, being beaten in the Grand Final by Wagga by 20 points.
- Early 1950 hailed the advent of Ladies Basketball, to be internationally standardised and recognised as Netball in 1960. It is uncertain whether the men were sideline barracking back then, but it is certain that our first netball premiership was attained in 1959! As it was not customary for the league to provide netball trophies, the girls supplied their own spoons and had them engraved to celebrate and mark this momentous occasion.

1950

Mangoplah Football Club

1st XVIII Premiers of the Albury & District League



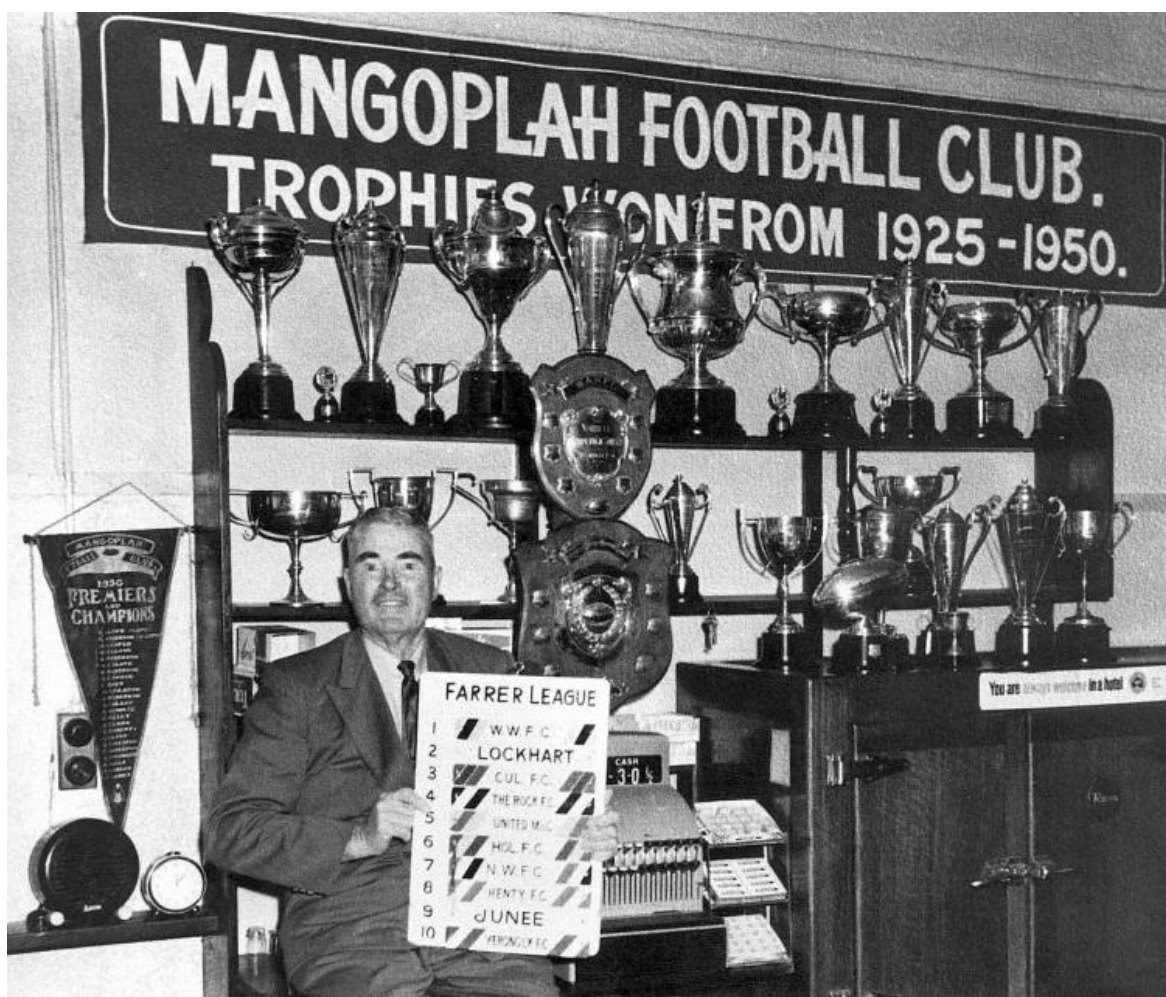
Back row: Cecil Lawson, Les Jerrick, Percy ‘Pud’ Schultz, Jock Clark, Ron Smith, Ray Jarick, Horace Clark
Middle row: Alfred Geier, Les Stoll, Ken Lyons, Allan Klimpsch, Jim Doherty, Eric Langfield, George Clark
Front row: Norm ‘Pom’ Schultz, Harry Mohr, Alf ‘Nugget’ Roberson, Wally Mohr, Jo Kennedy, Reg ‘Buddy’ Schultz
President: Ray Roberson Secretary: Wattie Lloyd Treasurer: Jimmy Egan Captain: Allan Klimpsch

Mangoplah won the 1950 premiership of the Albury and District League from Holbrook by a thrilling four points.

After the playing of the national anthem, the grand final was under way! The game was tight with Mango trailing by a point at the first two quarter-time sirens. Both sides had marked and kicked brilliantly, with the aerial work being a feature. They matched speed with speed and gave bump for bump from the outset. Holbrook gave away two very costly penalties in the first half from which Mangoplah scored goals.

Holbrook attacked well in the final term, but Les Stoll kept them out. Cec Lawson, Horace Clark and Wally Mohr combined in grand style for Wally Mohr to goal. Mangoplah's fullback, Les Jerrick, gave a grand exhibition for his side, whilst Nugget Roberson, Alf Geier and Horace Clark worked their wonderful 'Mangoplah Magic'. Holbrook was fighting hard and both teams were playing great football. With the play tight and adrenalin running high, Les Jerrick and Horace Clark brought down two towering marks to save Mangoplah from defeat. The crowd was in an uproar and with 10 minutes to go Mangoplah were 10 points in front. With the final minutes ticking away, Holbrook the bounce and a free kick was awarded to Horace Clark as the final bell sounded to end this great game. Both teams received a grand ovation, and were chaired from the ground by the crowd. This was Mangoplah's hard-fought and well-earned 21st premiership.

Mangoplah	Holbrook	
3. 3. (21)	3. 4. (22)	Best: Horace Clark, Les Jerrick, George Clark, Jock Clark, Ron Smith,
7. 5. (47)	7. 6. (48)	Ray Jarick, Alf Geier, Allan Klimpsch, Wally Mohr, Pud Schultz
11.9. (75)	9. 7. (61)	Goals: Pud Schultz 5, Horace Clark 2, George Clark, Cec Lawson,
12.9. (81)	11.11.(77)	Jim Doherty, Ken Lyons, Wally Mohr



Wattie Lloyd with the Mangoplah Football Club trophies from 1925 to 1950

1954
Cookardinia Football Club
Final season before amalgamation with Mangoplah



BACK ROW: Ron 'Scullen' Bunyan (Capt), Vic Smith, Ken Bahr, John 'Cocky' Sone, David Hulme, Graham Ross, Lachlan "Pete" Joyce
MIDDLE ROW: Peter Pirrie, Val Post, Dick Davis, Clarrie Smith, Gordon Brown,
FRONT ROW: Ashley 'Chappy' Maher, Lew Hulme, Les Parker, Bob Joyce, Keith Parker, Horace Bunyan (missing)
President: Keith Parker Secretary: Jack Mulquiney Treasurer: Jack Maher Captain: Ron Bunyan

Cookardinia Football Club was formed in 1909 when a meeting was convened at the Squatter's Arms Hotel, Cookardinia, with the object of forming a competition. Arising from this meeting, the first organised premierships competition in the district was formed. It was called The Cookardinia and District Football Association with teams from Germanton, Culcairn, Henty and Cookardinia.

The following year the competition was renamed The Culcairn District Association and expanded into an eastern and western division with the former comprised of the original teams and the latter made up of teams from Walla Walla, Brockelsby, Balldale and Walbundrie. During the war time period of 1914 – 1918 the competition ceased and recommenced in 1919. In 1924 there was a massive restructuring of competitions and participating teams. At that time Cookardinia joined the Wagga Association playing against Wagga Stars, Mangoplah, Uranquinty, Yerong Creek and Wagga Federals.

In 1934 Cookardinia joined The Albury and District League competition. In 1937 Mangoplah also joined the league commencing a neighbouring rivalry that continued right up to eventual amalgamation. Following the 1940-1945 war interruption, The Albury and District League recommenced in 1946.

Cookardina and Mangoplah contested the Grand Final of 1931, with Mangoplah defeating Cookardina by 35 points: 15.25 (115) to 12.8 (80). 1946 saw Cookardina defeated in the Preliminary Final 13.23 (101) to 10.12 (72).

Cookardina Football Club amalgamated with Mangoplah Football Club the following year as both teams were experiencing difficulty fielding a side.

1955 Mangoplah Cookardina United Football Club First Season



Back Row: Ken Bahr, Cecil Lawson, Allan Klimpsch, Graham Ross, Peter Pirrie, Bob Smith, Kerry Lloyd
Middle Row: Neil Kendall, George Clark, Ron 'Scullen' Bunyan, John Meagher, Horace Clark, Bill McRae, Les Stoll
Front Row: John 'Cocky' Sone, Ted Davis, Murray Schultz, Harry Mohr, Ken Bunyan, Horace Bunyan

Mascot: Colin Roberson

President: Albert Parker Coach: John Meagher Vice Capt: Ron Bunyan

Best and Fairest: Not selected

1955 was the amalgamation year of Mangoplah Football Club and Cookardina Football Club. The club of Mangoplah Cookardina United was now formed.

In the Grand Final of 1955 Mangoplah Cookardina United were defeated by Holbrook, at Culcairn, by 19 points.

1956

**Mangoplah Cookardinia United Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Albury & District League**



Back Row: Bob Smith, Murray Schultz, Allan Klimpsch, Laurie 'Cocky' Sone, Graham Ross, Dick Davis, Ken Bahr, Ron 'Scullen' Bunyan
Middle Row: Kerry Lloyd, Eric Langfield, George Clark, Bill Byrne, Bill McRae, Oliver Mohr, Horace Clark
Front Row: Les Stoll, Neil Kendall, Harry Mohr, Ken Bunyan, Bruce Doherty. Mascot: Maurice Finemore
President: Arthur Hulme Secretary: Geoff Shoemark Treasurer: Stan Finemore Coach: Bill Byrne Best & Fairest: Kerry Lloyd

The battle for the premiership of 1956 took place at Henty. The Rock commenced in sparkling fashion, and had a good lead at quarter time, having the advantage of a fairly brisk wind. The Rock's de Rouffignac was marking grandly and defended often with towering marks in the teeth of the goals. At the first term siren, The Rock led by 5. 3. (33) to MCU's 2. 0. (12).

With the breeze in the second quarter, MCU were first into attack. Ron Bunyan passed skilfully to Ken Bahr who was right in front of goals, and Ken kicked truly. Winning again from the rucks, United pressed forward with Harry Mohr and Kerry Lloyd goaling. The rivalry was fierce between The Rock and Mango and The Daily Advertiser noted that The Rock was playing the man too much. Horace Clark was cutting holes in The Rock's back lines with his classy football, and Ron Bunyan was roving superbly. At the half time siren the scores were, MCU 7. 5. (47) to The Rock 5. 3. (33).

The Rock had the breeze in the third quarter, but did not make full use of it. Allan Klimpsch, after a quiet first half, was now marking in his usual style. Two quick goals against the wind by Graham Ross and Ken Bahr gave United a strong lead. The Rock came back with goals by Condon and Brown, with de Rouffignac maintaining his grand display at full back. The Bunyan brothers, Horrie Clark, Allan Klimpsch, Bill Byrne, Kerry Lloyd and Harry Mohr were exhibiting their grand final brilliance. At the end of the third term, Mangoplah were leading by a mere goal. 9. 6. (60) to The Rock's 7.12. (54).

Opening the last quarter, The Rock attacked strongly but United took control and had the better of the play. Bill Byrne, Horace Clark and Ken Bunyan were combining well and driving the ball up to the goals. Quick goals by Bob Smith, Ken Bahr and Harry Mohr gave United a comfortable lead. United, keeping up the pressure, ran out easy winners. MCU 12.11. (83) defeated The Rock 7.13. (55).

MCU Best: Bunyan brothers, Horace Clark, Bill Byrne, Harry Mohr, Allan Klimpsch, Kerry Lloyd, Jim Doherty, Murray Schultz

MCU Goals: Horace Clark 3, Ken Bahr 3, Harry Mohr 2, Ron Bunyan, Kerry Lloyd, Bill Byrne, Graham Ross, Oliver Mohr

1957

Mangoplah Cookardinia United Football Club 1st XVIII Premiers of the Farrer League



Back Row: Bill McRae, Kerry Lloyd, Eric Krutzberger, David Hulme, Laurie 'Cocky' Sone, Allan Klimpsch, Ken Bahr, Oliver Mohr

Middle Row: Ron Bunyan, Murray Schultz, Bob Smith, Bill Byrne, Horace Clark, George Clark, Les Stoll

Front Row: Harold Dew, Neil Kendall, Harry Mohr, Ken Bunyan, Bruce Doherty Mascot: Maurice Finemore

President: Arthur Hulme Secretary: Brian Parnell Treasurer: Stan Finemore Coach: Bill Byrne

Best & Fairest: Murray Schultz

The 1957 grand final against Holbrook was played off at Henty. In the sometimes torrid decider MCU led from the start to finish, but only by a meagre point at half time and by twelve points at the three quarter mark. In an often rugged match MCU played superbly to fend off a determined Holbrook.

Coach Bill Byrne, at centre, controlled his team well and in the last quarter steered United to its systematic style of football. Ken Bunyan, a dangerous wingman, was best on ground and attacked and defended all day without a single mistake. Cocky Sone was a force in the ruck and never relented during the four quarters. Allan Klimpsch, at CHB, gave one of his usual good displays of hard football and notwithstanding the extreme vigour of the play never lost his head. Other fine stars on this grand final day were Ron Bunyan, Horace Clark, Kerry Lloyd, Ken Bahr and Murray Schultz.

United went into the last term with determination. Horace Clark was moved to full forward and scored two quick goals with his blistering show of class which turned United steadfastly towards victory. Kerry Lloyd then goaled from a great distance and Ron Bunyan kicked United's last major to seal the 1957 premiership victory.

MCU	Holbrook
2. 6. (18)	2. 3. (15)
3. 12. (30)	4. 5. (29)
6. 13. (49)	4. 13. (37)
10. 14. (74)	5. 16. (46)

Best: Ken Bunyan, Bill Byrne, Allan Klimpsch, Laurie Sone,
 Ron Bunyan, Horace Clark, Kerry Lloyd, Ken Bahr, Murray Schultz
 Goals: Ken Bahr 3, Ron Bunyan 2, Horace Clark 2, Bob Smith,
 Kerry Lloyd, Murray Schultz



Kerry Lloyd - Premiers 1957



Horace Clark – Footballer of the Year 1958 (DA)

1957

Mangoplah Cookardina United Football Club 2nd XVIII Premiers of the Farrer League



Back Row: John Murphy, Norman Zadow, David Hulme, Graham Ross, Raymond Jarick
 Middle Row: Bert Parker, Keith Parker, James Murphy?, Eric Langfield, Errol Lloyd, Bert Scur, Norman Schultz,
 Lewis Hulme
 Front Row: Martin Kendall, Harold Dew, Les Parker, Allan Pankhurst, Jo Kennedy, William Higgins,
 David Roberts

Mangoplah Cookardina United's 2nd XVIII defeated Culcairn at Henty in 1957. Seniors and Reserves flags!



The Boys with Bill Byrne (coach from 1956 – 1959 who lead MCU to 2 premierships in 1956 and 1957)



Back Row: Allan Anderson, Keith Rogers, John Joyce, John Ross, Murray Anderson, Ross Smallwood, Lew Hulme, Bill McRae, Mike Galvin
Upper Middle Row: David Hulme, John Lenehan, Harry Mohr, Allan Klimpsch, Bruce Doherty, George Clarke, Ken Bahr
Lower Middle Row: Oliver Mohr, Bill Byrne, Ron Bunyan, Laurie Soane, Horace Clark, Lyle Brown
Front Row: Errol Lloyd, Maurice Finemore, Wally Lloyd



1960-1969

- This decade saw our Seniors contest 4 grand finals, winning a hat-trick in 1965, 1966, and 1967 and claiming Runner up in 1969. The 1967 hair-raising Grand Final was a draw, with the replay favourable.
- 1966 awarded David Maher the honour of League Best and Fairest, an acclaim only bestowed on 3 previous clubmen in our 53 years.
- John Ross won a staggering 5 Club Best and Fairest in this decade.
- Rex Burge was the League's leading goal kicker for three consecutive years: in 1965 with 70 goals; 1966 with 70 goals; and 1967 with 85 goals.

1965

Mangoplah Cookardinia United Football Club 1st XVIII Premiers of the Farrer League



Back Row: Martin Bourke, Dick Davis, John Ross, Rex Burge, Ray Klimpsch, Wally Lloyd

Middle Row: Don Anderson, Reg Sheather, Horace Clark, Allan Joyce, Graham Maher, Frank Slater, Ron Finemore

Front Row: David Maher, John Joyce, Ian Sanbrook, Colin Roberson, John Semmler, Allan Anderson, Pat Keough

Mascots: Trevor Slater, Colin Slater

President: Harry Mohr Secretary Chris Blackshaw Coach Frank Slater Best & Fairest: Colin Roberson

“MCU gave a superb display of teamwork to take out the 1965 Farrer League premiership with a 41 point win over Wagga at The Rock on Saturday. Nothing can be taken away from MCU - they played a game of football that was so near 100% as to make no difference.

Shortly after the start of the game, Mundy and United ruckman John Ross exchanged blows, after Ross had taken an excellent mark. United had been playing well until this stage, but after the episode, there was a fire in their game which remained for the entire match. David Maher scored first with a point, followed a minute later with a goal. Wagga's use of handball – a match-winning factor for them against weaker teams – was ineffective against United. Whenever Wagga tried to use handball in the packs around the vital goalmouth areas, United usually ended up taking the ball. In the third term, it was obvious that Wagga were playing without purpose. Even when they took the mark, the ball was often kicked straight into the arms of an opponent.

To pick out any best players from the Mangoplah side is to do the team an injustice, but there are several who deserve a special mention. First and foremost is Frank Slater, best on ground, for his magnificent leadership and excellent work at CHB where he easily outmarked Fred Mundy in the first half. Col Roberson's roving for the full 100 minutes could be scarcely faulted and he gave Wimpy Barber very little chance to show his prowess. David Maher, at CHF, gave Alister Caldwell a bath. In a league that is generally starved of good forwards, Dusty Maher showed he is definitely a player to watch. He took nine beautiful marks and kicked very soundly. His "head" play when he bounced the ball past a Wagga opponent on his way towards the goal in the last quarter drew applause from the crowd.

He recorded the highest number of marks for the day – 12 – and used them all to advantage, outplaying Chic Hann. Veteran Horace Clark showed the intelligent play that made him one of the area's "greats". Wagga kept full forward Rex Burge well-guarded, but Burge was right on form and gave fullback Smokey Heathcote a lean time. Fullback Ray Klimpsch, showed plenty of courage and never failed to come out for the ball and took some excellent marks, including one really superb high flier seconds before the final siren."

MCU	Wagga	MCU	Wagga	MCU	Wagga	MCU	Wagga
5. 2. (32)	2. 3. (15)	8. 5. (53)	4. 4. (28)	12. 9. (81)	5. 8. (38)	15. 10. (100)	8. 11. (59)

MCU Best: Frank Slater, Col Roberson, David Maher, John Semmler, Rex Burge, John Ross, Horace Clark, Ray Klimpsch

MCU Goals: Rex Burge 5, Col Roberson 4, David Maher 3, Horace Clark 3

1966

**Mangoplah Cookardinia United Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Farrer League**



Back Row: Noel Willis, Russell Post, Rex Burge, John Ross, Ray Klimpsch, Graeme Killalea, Frank Slater, Wally Lloyd
Middle Row: Ian Sanbrook, Graeme Maher, Allan Joyce, Arthur Cole, John Semmler, Allan Anderson, Allan Langfield
Front Row: David Maher, Horace Clark, Colin Roberson, Max Sanbrook, John Joyce
Mascots: Darren Cole, Trevor Slater, Stephen Cole
President: Harry Mohr Secretary: Chris Blackshaw Coach: Arthur Cole Best & Fairest: Frank Slater

Mangoplah Cookardinia United's premiership victory was a great team effort. It was difficult to select more than two players who played so well to be outstanding. The choice of the 36 men on the field was United's Ray Klimpsch, whose brilliant marking and outstanding clearing kicks placed him head and shoulders above any of his other team mates. Not far behind him was ruckman, John Ross who turned in a magnificent display of following, solid marking and good disposal.

It was a very low scoring match until the final term. Strong battles were continually waged by the defences, which in most cases held firm. It was difficult to keep tally of the innumerable brilliant marks which were taken in defence by both sides. Though Collingullie's inaccuracy in front of the sticks will haunt them for years.

Before 10 minutes of play Rex Burge had scored United's first two goals, one from a very difficult position out on the flank. Collingullie's first goal didn't come until 23 minutes into the first quarter, by Trevor Tippings, followed closely by Alan Tippings. United lost John Joyce early in the quarter and he was replaced by Wally Lloyd, who was a great asset on the day.

During the time-on period of the second quarter only three points separated the teams when United turned defence into attack, allowing Wally Lloyd to break clear on the half forward line, bounce once and kick a goal. A minute later Collingullie responded with Cocky Morrow passing to their full forward Ken Morrow who ran into an open goal.

In the third term, the defences of both sides were continually called upon to rise to the occasion. Rex Burge kicked another goal after taking a brilliant mark over his shoulder while running in the same direction as the ball. Play then slowed considerably when heavy rain started to fall.

At the start of the final term, United held a 6 point lead. Within two minutes of play MCU had increased this to three goals through the brilliance of Rex Burge and captain-coach Arthur Cole. At around the 25 minute mark, Morrow rose to the occasion and landed two quick goals to reduce United's lead to 17 points. Collingullie threw everything they had into a final effort but Mangoplah Cookardinia United held strong and claimed the premiership honours by 15 points. MCU 8.9 (57) d Collingullie 4.18 (42).

MCU Best: Ray Klimpsch, John Ross, Arthur Cole, Rex Burge, Ian Sanbrook, G Maher, Wally Lloyd
 MCU Goals: Rex Burge 4, Arthur Cole, Col Roberson, Wally Lloyd, Russell Post

MCU	Collingullie	MCU	Collingullie	MCU	Collingullie	MCU	Collingullie
2. 1. (13)	1. 5. (11)	3. 4. (22)	2. 7. (19)	4. 6. (30)	2. 12. (24)	8. 9. (57)	4. 18. (42)



Coach – Arthur Cole



John Ross and Frank Slater



Graeme Maher and Allan Joyce



1966 - Allan Joyce



1966 Grand Final - Oliver Mohr, Frank Slater, Ray Klimpsch



David Maher – Interleague representative 1966

1967
Mangoplah Cookardinia United Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Farrer League



Back: Chris Blackshaw, David Maher, Russell Post, John Ross, Ray Klimpsch, Arthur Cole, Reg Burge, John Mooney, Wally Lloyd, Harry Mohr
 Middle: Terry Langfield, Horace Clark, Graeme Maher, Noel Willis, Graham Towers, John Bahr, Tony Willis
 Front: Colin Roberson, Max Sanbrook, Ian Sanbrook, John Semmler, Alan Langfield
 Mascots: Stephen Cole, Alan Finemore, Colin Kendall, Darren Cole, Byron Cole
 President: Harry Mohr Secretary Chris Blackshaw Coach: Arthur Cole Best & Fairest: John Ross

The Grand Final between United and Collingullie sensationally drew with the replay earning Mangoplah Cookardinia United the drawn out and hard earned Premiership honours!

MCU 13.13 (91) drew with Collingullie 13.13 (91) at Yerong Creek. The game was highlighted by a magnificent, and typical, second half fightback by MCU who lost captain coach Arthur Cole at half time with a badly bruised muscle in his right leg. Not one person at the ground would have begrudged either side a win but MCU must be complimented on their great performance considering it was their third successive hard game – and they face another one next week.

Best: J Ross (BOG), R Burge, C Roberson, J Semmler, T Willis, R Post, H Clark, D Maher
 Goals: R Burge 4. 2, D Maher 3. 2, J Mooney 1. 2, R Post 1. 1, C Roberson 1. 1, A Cole 1. 0, T Willis 1. 0, J Ross 1. 0, I Sanbrook 0. 2, 3 behinds

The Grand Final replay saw MCU 8.11 (59) defeat Collingullie 7.11 (53). The replay unfortunately lacked the excitement of last week's Grand Final. Collingullie trailed at each quarter but did stage a belated bid for victory but were still 6 points down at the final siren. Once again MCU did it again without top line player Colin Roberson who went off at halftime after receiving a strong blow to the head in the first quarter and a kick in the abdomen in the second.

Best: David Maher, Ray Klimpsch, Rex Burge, Allan Langfield, Ian Sanbrook, Col Roberson
 Goals: Rex Burge 4, Authur Cole 2, Horace Clark, Allan Langfield

MCU's third successive premiership. 1965 – 1966 – 1967



1967 2nd Semi Final v Collingullie –
Tony Willis, Colin Roberson, John
Semmler



1967 Preliminary Final v Culcairn –
Dusty Maher and Max Wyatt



1967 Grand Final v Collingullie John Ross,
Graeme Maher, Dusty Maher and Wally Lloyd



1967 Grand Final –Ian Sanbrook



1967 Grand Final – David Maher in air,
John Mooney on ground



1967 Grand Final – David Maher, Rex
Burge, Arthur Cole (Coach) and Ray
Klimpsch revelling in their trifecta of
premierships



1969 (circa) Grand Final –Mango Mascots

1970-1979

- 1971 and 1972 brought us back-to-back Seniors premierships under the leadership of Captain / Coach Graeme Jewell – a magnificent effort.
- Terry Langfield won the Reserves Verdon Medal for League Best and Fairest in 1971.
- The 1974 Seniors Grand Final saw MCU sensationally draw again with Collingullie. The replay was not sympathetic to MCU and our Seniors returned home Runner Up.
- Our Reserves also played off for this 1974 Grand Final and victoriously came home with their flag!

1971

Mangoplah Cookardinia United Football Club 1st XVIII Premiers of the Farrer League



Back Row: David Maher, Colin Smith, John Mooney, Graeme Jewell, John Ross, Russell Post
Middle Row: Colin Cooper, Ian Mooney, Neville Wilson, Allan Langfield, Maurice Finemore, Graham Killalea, Lew Killalea
Front Row: Ian Sanbrook, Terry Langfield, Alan Anderson, Colin Roberson, Max Sanbrook, Bob Stoll, Chris Maher
President: Keith Killalea Secretary: Eric Langfield Coach: Graeme Jewell Best & Fairest: David Maher

MCU trounced Henty in the 1971 grand final, played off at Yerong Creek. United exerted their overall superiority from the opening bounce and never relaxed their grip to win effortlessly by 52 points: 20. 13. (133) to 11. 15. (81).

In Captain-Coach, Graham Jewell's, pre match address he said that if the ball was delivered to him properly at full forward, he would do the rest. Sticking to his promise, Jewell quickly became a dominating player as he capitalised on his ability, experience and brilliant high marking to outplay Henty fullback Barry Armstrong.

Time and time again when the Goannas stormed into attack, Col Roberson was standing alone deep on a half forward flank, having all the time he needed to drive MCU towards the goal square with deadly short passing. Col Robbie, Ian and Max Sanbrook and Russell Post turned the game into a picnic as they kicked 10 goals, ensuring a memorable display of team football.

Trailing by 37 points at half time, Henty players knew they were in for a “dressing down” from Coach, Pat Adams, and it was noted as one of the most pointed and personal addresses ever given at Yerong Creek.

As if to add insult to injury, no sooner had the teams taken their place for the third quarter when Col Roberson booted another goal. This was only the start of the onslaught, however, although Henty booted 4. 4. in the third quarter to more than double their half time total, United played passages of brilliant football to pile on 8. 4.

Henty made drastic changes, to no avail, at three quarter time in a desperate bid to ‘fire’ Henty for a grandstand finish. From the first bounce until the final siren, Henty’s Pat Adams, the oldest player on the ground, tried all he knew to lead the Swans to a long overdue pennant. Even when it became obvious that Henty had no hope, Adams never stopped his great play until the bitter end.

Mangoplah Cookardina United played out the time to the final siren and thus secured another coveted premiership victory!



1971 Grand Final –Col Roberson,
Chris Maher



1970's Grand Final supporters



1971 Grand Final –Ian Sanbrook

1972
Mangoplah Cookardinia United Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Farrer League



Back row: David Maher, John Ross, John Mooney, Graham Jewell, Michael Taylor, Maurice Finemore, Russell Post
Middle row: Graeme Killalea, Graeme Maher, Ian Mooney, David Miosge, Neville Wilson, Allan Joyce, Gary Schultz
Front row: Terry Langfield, Trevor Smith, Robert Stoll, Colin Roberson, Ian Sanbrook, Chris Maher
Mascots: Owen Geddes, Jason Toogood, Tony Matthews, Brendan Roberson, Andrew Maher, Scott Sanbrook,
Tony Geddes, Owen Ross
President: Keith Killalea Secretary: Eric Langfield Coach: Graeme Jewell Best & Fairest: Ian Sanbrook

Staging what must have been the greatest grand final fightback in the history of the league, Mangoplah Cookardinia United defeated Wagga 18.19. (127) to 12.15. (87), at Yerong Creek.

The Grand Final started, and Wagga claimed their early dominance with a first quarter lead of 23 points.

The second quarter had a fiery opening, with Colin Roberson being flattened behind play in the first minutes. Maurice Finemore and Wagga's Daryl McLean tangled. A scrimmage then erupted with a Wagga player reported.

Wagga, leading by 24 points at half time, had the better of the play in the first half and had it not been for John Ross and fullback, Ian Mooney, MCU would have been behind by 50 points. Two goals by Wagga's full forward Ted Obudzinski and another by ruckman Ian Inglis, and a serious of behinds gave Wagga a lead of 48 points eight minutes into the third quarter. Up to midway through the third quarter, Wagga had been winning handsomely at CHB and CHF through Doug Priest and Warwick Jones respectively.

An incredible comeback by MCU, brilliantly sparked off by David Maher, who had been switched from CHB to CHF.

The Coach, Graham Jewell, said the switch of Dusty Maher to CHF was the major factor in their premiership victory. Jewell said Dusty's drive enabled MCU to put pressure on Wagga's defence, and keep it up, until it crumbled! The mighty John Ross, rucked strongly and superbly all day, and was awarded Best on Ground. Colin Roberson roved the packs brilliantly and John Mooney was strong and reliable on the field.

In the fourth quarter, Wagga's Doug Priest was moved from CHB to full forward. Mango's flood gates were opened for a stream of goals that were to follow. Mick Taylor raised the flags twice within a minute and Russell Post kicked superbly to leave MCU eight points down with six minutes gone in the last term. **Mango, getting on top, and sensing a premiership, played football that wins great grand finals.**

Jewell reduced the leeway to two points at the eight minute mark of the last quarter, and at the 17 minute mark, Mick Taylor kicked a fine goal from 50 yards out to give MCU a 6 point advantage. Three minutes later, Mick Taylor kicked his fifth goal and late into the game, Dusty Maher, Graeme Jewell, and Russell Post, added majors, to seal the premiership for the boys in the blue and gold.

Within an amazing club history, this grand final was outstanding and is well remembered by both sides to this day.

Best: John Ross (Best on Ground), Dusty Maher, Colin Roberson, Ian Mooney, John Mooney

Goals: Mick Taylor 5, Russell Post 3, Graeme Jewell 3, Ian Sanbrook 2, Robert Stoll, Colin Roberson, D Maher



1972 Grand Final - Allan Joyce, Neville Wilson



1972 Grand Final Victory – Graeme Jewell chaired from the ground



1972 Grand Final Victory – David Maher chaired by Peter Matthews, Col Robbie chaired by Bernie Roberts, Trevor Smith chaired by his brother. Graeme Jewell in background



1972 Grand Final - MCU supporters

1973 was the year Mangoplah was defeated by Wagga in the grand final at Robertson Oval (Wagga 9. 10. 64, Mangoplah 6. 7. 49). In rice-paddy conditions Wagga dumped last season's premiers, MCU, by 15 points.



1973 Grand Final - Ian Mooney, David Maher



1973 Grand Final – Ian Mooney



1973 Grand Final – Graeme Killalea, Ian Mooney



1973 Grand Final – Col Roberson



1973 (circa) mid year Bobby Egan, Russell Myers



1973 (circa) mid year Bobby Egan marking

1974
Mangoplah Cookardinia United Football Club
2nd XVIII Premiers of the Farrer League



Back Row: Michael Taylor, Gordon Wooden, Colin Smith, Arthur Cole (Captain), Daryl Armstrong, Peter Lumsden, Maurice Finemore
Middle Row: Pat Wilson, John Mohr, Peter Stoll, Ross Smith, Lew Sanbrook, Michael Mohr, Lew Killalea, Brian Langfield
Front Row: Kevin McRae, Russell Sanbrook, Trevor Kendall, Peter Roberson, Robert Stoll

MCU Reserves defeated The Rock Yerong Creek in the Grand Final.



1977 (circa) Dusty Maher assisting Wayne Carroll from the field.

1980-1989

- The mighty Goannas Seniors contested all but one Grand Final during this remarkable decade, claiming three victories in 1985, 1988 and 1989.
- Stephen Cole won the Seniors Club Best & Fairest in 1982, 1986 and 1987, along with the 1982 League Leading Goal Kicker with a massive 144 goals.
- Our Reserves contested six Grand Finals, returning home with two flags.
- Reserves League Best and Fairest Schmidt Medals were awarded to Jeff Siebels in 1982, Lew Sanbrook in 1985 and 1986, and Trevor Smith in 1989.
- Our Under 19's, re-aged to Under 18's in 1980, contested six Grand Finals, winning all but one!
- On five occasions MCU had all three grades contesting the Grand Final, and on two other occasions had two grades. September was never a time for annual leave...

1981

Mangoplah Cookardinia United Football Club Under 19's Premiers of the Farrer League



Back Row: Michael Phyland, Gary Davis, Andrew Lloyd, Michael Luvio, Tim Lloyd, David Maher (Coach)

Middle Row: Grant Roberson, Craig Geier, Robert Kirsopp, John Schultz, Andrew Swan, Rod Enders, David Tulk, Francis Mohr

Front Row: Fraser Parker, Noel Pearson, David Lloyd, Matthew Lloyd, Winston Dew, Paul Phyland, Owen Reynolds

1982
Mangoplah Cookardinia United Football Club
Under 19's Premiers of the Farrer League



Back Row: Bernard Kerlin, David Tulk, Boyd Kendall, Tim Lloyd, Michael Luvio, Fraser Parker, John Schultz, Gary Davis, David Maher (Coach)

Middle Row: David Griffin, Byron Cole, Craig Geier, Andrew Griffin, Matt Lloyd, Robert Kirsopp, Andrew Swann, Craig Reynolds

Front Row: Antony Cole, James O'Connell, David Braham, Michael Melton, Stuart Davis, Winston Dew, David Lloyd

Mascot: John 'Wal' Griffin



1985
Mangoplah Cookardinia United Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Farrer League



Back Row: Wayne, Brown, Trevor Smith, Tim Lloyd, Trevor Kendall, Gordon Wooden, Stephen Cole, Philip Davis, Danny Galvin, Greg Leech, Trevor Ion, Alan Finemore, John Schultz, Tony Matthews

Front Row: James Brennan, Paul Phyland, Michael McRae, George Galvin, Darren Cole, Paul Longley, Fraser Parker

President: Jim Parnell Coach: Greg Leech Best & Fairest: Dan Galvin

Displaying grit and hardy resolve MCU defeated Collingullie-Ashmont 16. 14. 110 to 10. 10. 70 in a grand final which had everything. Collingullie were hot favourites, but it was MCU which gave a lesson in how to play a resilient grand final. MCU's win was of the highest merit and champion rover George Galvin was rightly given all the accolades. George took a battering from the opposition but nevertheless played a courageous game to lead the Goannas to a gutsy win.

The anticipated fireworks began almost immediately and the teams quickly became enveloped in a brawl which took several minutes for VFL umpire, Brian Woodhead, to separate the melée. In the first half George Galvin lurked freely around the packs and creatively instigated much of MCU's play which was a renowned running game. Stephen Cole fired in the second quarter to show the brilliant form expected of him week in and week out to boot MCU's first goal in the second quarter. Another MCU goal followed and then Collingullie booted a goal to narrow MCU's lead to seven points.

As MCU's lead grew, they began to throw off the shackles which stilted its game in the first quarter. Goals resulting from aggressive running play by Trevor Ion, who played one of his best final games,

and the Cole brothers, Stephen and Darren, gave MCU a handy but not impregnable half time lead of 26 points. A desperate half time plea from Gary Colvin worked well, and the crowd was then treated to a great spectacle. Collingullie pushed on, taking ground from MCU.

Collingulle slashed MCU's lead by just two points at the final break... and what a quarter it was.

Collingullie goaled and the mighty Gorden Wooden responded with the two flags flying. MCU's astute Captain Coach, Greg Leech, moved Peter Longley onto the ball and Paul produced two brilliant run-on goals to put MCU into a good lead. Two more goals from the classy Cole brothers rattled some of the Collingullie players with disastrous results. Collingullie's ruckman, Trevor Tipping, lost his cool repeatedly, arguing on several occasions and finally pushing the field umpire. MCU kicked four more goals to clinch the premiership of 1985.... a long awaited premiership, the last being 1972.

1985 Mangoplah Cookardinia United Football Club Under 19's Premiers of the Farrer League



Back Row:, Nick Matthews, Andrew Maher, Stuart Davis, Stephen Klimpsch, Edward Lloyd, ____
Middle Row: Mark Noack, David Bedgood, Austin McRae?, Colin McCann, Anthony Melton, Owen Ross, Bernard McRae, Chris McDevitt, Scott Finemore Max Sanbrook
Front Row: Glenn Darcy, David Griffin, Wayne Galvin, Darren Albert, Cameron Male, Antony Cole, Phillip McDevitt, Jason Mandell



1985 circa supporters with run thru



1985 Finals...Trevor Kendall, Darce Cole



1985 George Galvin v Temora Alan Grentall



1985 GF Greg Leech, Darce Cole, Paul Phyland



1985 Finals v TRYC Tony Matthews

1988
Mangoplah Cookardinia United Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Farrer League



Back Row: Trent Kendall, Dan Galvin, John Schultz, Phil Davis, Stephen Hedley, Billy Quirk Mark Quinlivan, Leigh Brown, Michael McRae, Trevor Kendall, Trevor Ion, David Lloyd
Front Row: Glen Darcy, Tony Matthews, Darren Cole, Stephen Cole, John Bennett, Brendan Roberson, Gerard Phyland, Jim Brennan
President: Don Baker Captain Coach: Stephen Hedley Best & Fairest: Michael McRae

Grand Final: Mangoplah 12.7 (79) defeated Collingullie 10.9 (69) at Maher Oval. Mangoplah Cookardinia United staged a thrilling last quarter comeback to snare the premiership - our second in the past eight grand final appearances.

Steve Hedley and Billy Quirk inspired the late turnaround with eight minutes remaining when some would have thought MCU had let it slip.

Collingullie took the lead for only the second time when Demon full forward Terry Gillett kicked his first goal at the seven minute mark of the last quarter to put Collingullie three points in front. Robbie Whyman's third goal soon after had Collingullie in front by nine points as the rain poured.

The rain stopped and MCU bagged three goals in four minutes. Collingullie retaliated. Stephen Cole moved onto the ball after spending most of the day at full forward and kicked two goals while Billy Quirk started the run home with a snap after juggling, dropping, regathering and scoring a vital goal. Ruck rover, Dan Galvin, put MCU 15 points ahead with one minute remaining on the clock. Collingullie ruckman, Brian Alexander, hit back with a goal from a free kick and then Dan Galvin kicked a point close to the siren, leaving the final margin at 10 points.

The brilliant Hedley, who'd collected 28 kicks and delivered eight handballs out of the middle, never lost faith in his players and was quoted:

“We showed more commitment in the end and the rewards came our way. It was always going to be close. I knew we could win it by getting to the ball first and using each possession. It was a fine comeback and I'm so glad we won it”



1988 Billy Quirk



1988 GF v Gullie Blue Schultz Bill Quirk



1988 GF v Collingullie Stephen Cole, Trevor Ion, Fab



1988 Finals...Billy Quirk, Tony Matthews

1989
Mangoplah Cookardinia United Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Farrer League



Back Row: Wayne Galvin, Jim Brennan, Gordon Wooden, Stephen Hedley, Brett Fellows, Dan Galvin, Phil Davis, John Schultz, Andrew Buchhorn, Trevor Kendall, Don Baker
Middle Row: David Lloyd, Byron Cole, Tony Matthews, Eddie Lloyd, Frazer Parker,
Front Row: Darren Cole, Paul Phyland, Stephen Cole, Leigh Brown, Gerard Phyland, Mick McRae
President: Don Baker Coach: Stephen Hedley Best & Fairest: Leigh Brown

Appearing in our ninth consecutive grand final, Mangoplah Cookardinia United achieved arguably its greatest sporting triumph this decade when it beat Barellan by 12 points. MCU 10.11 (71) defeated Barellan 8.11 (59) at Maher Oval to win back-to-back premierships. Steven Hedley captain-coached MCU to their first successive grand final since Graham Jewell coached the teams of 1971 and 1972.

The grand final opened with a number of fiery brawls and Barellan lead the first quarter by 5 points. In the second term, Mick McRae and Paul Phyland each scored, then Andrew Buchhorn, booted two successive goals to put us 10 points in the lead. The Goannas remained goalless in the third term with The Roos scoring four majors to lead by 16 points going into the last quarter.

The game was won and lost in the last quarter and in this moment of truth the mighty Goannas gave it all they had. The high flying Stephen Cole shone; with Trevor Kendall, Tony Matthews, John Schultz and Fraser Parker holding the defence well. Our forwards were given many opportunities through Steve Hedley, Lee Brown, Mick McRae, Dan Galvin, Paul and Jed Phyland, and Bryon Cole. Jim Brennan and Eddie Lloyd played strong in defence, Phil David and Gordon Wooden rucked well, and wingers Darren Cole and David Lloyd always kept their drive.

Mick McRae was named best on field with 19 kicks, 10 marks and 10 handballs. He was followed closely by Steven Hedley who claimed 24 kicks, six marks and two handballs. Hedley made two vital changes at three quarter time: Steven Cole moved from the half forward flank to full forward and found more latitude against opponent Damien Conlan, and defender John Schultz went into the half forward line and spearheaded Andrew Buchhorn to the centre half back.

MCU played in all three grand finals today, winning the senior grade and also defeating Collingullie in the Under 18's.



1989 GF v Barellan
Tony Matthews in air



1989 GF v Barellan
Gordon Wooden



1989 GF v Barellan Jim Brennan
marking, Blue Schultz



1989 GF win against Barellan David Lloyd



1989 GF v Barellan - Mick McRae



1989 GF win against Barellan Steve Hedley



1989 GF v Barellan Hedley chaired
with trophy n boys



1989 GF v Barellan Dan Galvin tackling



1989 GF v Barellan Trevor Kendall contesting



1989 GF v Barellan Hedley banner run thru



1989 GF v Barellan Melee - Paul Phyland, Blue Schultz, Trevor Kendall



1989 GF v Barellan Blue Schultz



1989 GF v Barellan Paul Phyland, Darce Cole



1989 GF melle v Barellan

1990-1999

- 1990 again saw all three grades in the Grand Final, with the Seniors and Under 18's Premiers, and Reserves Runner Up.
- 1990 brought Trevor Smith another Reserves Schmit Medal for Best & Fairest in the League.
- 1991 raised another flag for the Reserves and the Under 18's.
- 1992 saw the Goannas Seniors lose the Grand Final by a small margin to our rival North Wagga, with the Reserves also Runner Up.
- 1992 awarded Brian Hawke the prestigious Clear Medal for Seniors Best and Fairest in the League.
- 1993 celebrated our next Seniors premiership, with the Under 18's Runner Up.
- 1994 was MCU's last Seniors Grand Final appearance, losing the flag to North Wagga.
- 1995 brought a league change with MCU switching to the Riverina Football League.
- 1997 saw MCU incorporate with Eastlakes Wagga-based junior club to become MCUE. Colin Roberson, Wally Lloyd and Daryl Armstrong were instrumental in the initial negotiations between the clubs.
- The MCUE Providence Fund was set up in 1999 to reward juniors for remaining with their club until 21. The Fund's aim is to relieve poaching from other clubs and encouraging a strong team spirit.
- With the Junior Club, Eastlakes, among other premierships was the Under 16's Premiership of 1998!

1990
Mangoplah Cookardinia United Football Club
Under 18's Premiers of the Farrer League



Back Row: Colin Roberson, Bon Baker, N Ferguson, ?, S McMahon, David Armstrong, Brett Fellows, Jeremy Radley, ?, ?, Stephen Cole
Middle Row: Wayne Joyce, Ashley Creasy, M Jacobs, Wade Jones, Peter Mohr, Mark Rose, M McDevett, D Jaeger, Ross Denton
Front Row: William Lloyd, ?, ?, Stephen Wheeler, R Ferguson, G Winterton, M Doboski, C Mason

1990
Mangoplah Cookardinia United Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Farrer League



Back Row: Eddie Lloyd, Andrew Buchhorn, Gordon Wooden, Phil Davis, Mark Conway, Nathan Irvine, Byron Cole,
Middle Row: Tony Matthews, Stephen Cole, Tony Turner, Michael McRae, Dan Galvin, David Gollash, Leigh Brown
Front Row: Antony Cole, Cameron Male, Paul Phyland, Daren Cole, David Lloyd, Fraser Parker
President: Don Baker Captain Coach: Tony Turner Best & Fairest: Tony Matthews

Appearing in our 10th consecutive grand final, Mangoplah Cookardinia United 18.9 (117) soundly defeated North Wagga 9.11 (65) at Roberson Oval, to win our third consecutive grand final. It was the first time since 1965-66-67 that a Farrer League or Riverina District League team has won three premierships in a row. The last club to achieve the feat was also MCU, under coach Arthur Cole. Arthur's four sons played in this 1990 premiership.

Showing their big game experience were ruck rovers Danny Galvin and Mick McRae who helped plot North Wagga's demise after half time. Andrew Buchhorn had another fine game on a half forward flank and later centre half back. Gordon Wooden rucked superbly, Lee Brown worked the centre well, and Tony Matthews and Fraser Parker held a strong defence.

Stephen Cole received a heavy knock whilst roving the ball and was taken from the field with a depressed check bone. From the incident, Stephen was awarded a free kick. From the tight pocket and with his famous precision he kicked deadly straight for a goal.

There were many reportings, although all to North Wagga with Leon Smyth being reported for striking Stephen Cole in the third, Tony Matthews in the final quarter, Dick Carey was reported for striking Darren Cole in the third.

Eddie Lloyd at centre half back, and Phil Davis at centre half forward, particularly in the last quarter when it counted most, took some strong marks and fed the consistent flow of MCU ball runners. Coach, Tony Turner believed Eddie Lloyd minding Saints' captain-coach Dick Carey, and Tony Matthews effective tagging of Mark Hofert crucially limited the Saints' drive. Tony Turner noted that the three times North Wagga had beaten us, Hofert had kicked a bagful. North Wagga were strong favourites after their decisive 59 point second semi final victory and two previous victories against MCU.

MCU was taking its share of knocks with Turner taking a spell 10 minutes before the last change, Leigh Brown coping a heavy knock and Stephen Cole taking no further part in the game after the late third quarter incident. The final term continued in tough fashion with MCU holding the Saints at a safe distance to take the trifecta of premierships!



1990 GF v Nth Wagga Stephen Cole, Mick McRae



1990 Phil Davis, Chris Ross & Dick Scary



1990 GF v Nth Wagga Darren Cole & Phil Davis



1990 GF Andrew Buchhorn v North Wagga



1990 GF v Nth Wagga Darce Cole



1990 GF v Nth Wagga Stephen Cole



1990 GF v Nth Wagga Leigh Brown



1990 Finals David Gollash and David Lloyd



1990 GF v Nth Wagga
Nathan Irvine, David Lloyd



1990 GF Eddie Lloyd, Gordon Wooden shepherding

1993
Mangoplah Cookardinia United Football Club
1st XVIII Premiers of the Farrer League



Back: Robert Manuel, Mark Conway, Wayne Podmore, Byron Cole, Chris Ross, Scott Barber, James Brennan, Phil Cohalan, Darren Cole, Edward Lloyd, Neil Lawson, Leigh Brown
Middle: Peter Mohr, Michael Wheeler, Stephen Wheeler, William Lloyd, Dan Galvin, Anthony Armstrong, Daniel Lloyd, Rick Collins
President: Harold Dew Captain Coach: Phil Cohalan Best & Fairest: Scott Barber

A blistering eight goal rampage in the opening 20 minutes of the grand final led MCU to their fifth premiership in nine years with a 66 point drubbing of North Wagga.

The Goannas had winners in every position on the ground, and never looked seriously troubled by the Saints in their 19. 20. (134) to 10. 8. (68) victory at Maher Oval, Wagga.

As was the case for the majority of the day, MCU replied in double quick time with goals to full forward Eddie Lloyd, Anthony Armstrong and Rick Collins – all in the space of four minutes. With Mark Conway winning from the ruck and Danny Galvin in the centre, Eddie Lloyd capitalised on opportunities to kick eight goals for the match. Dan Galvin appeared to be everywhere at times, gaining 25 kicks, six marks, and one handball for the match. Eddie Lloyd began the ball rolling with four majors in a great first term display of leading and strong marking. Cohalan was also in solid form at centre half forward, and when he booted his major the Goannas led by 30 points. Apart from Dan Galvin in the centre, wingman Neil Lawson was on fire, having nine kicks in the first term to continually drive the ball forward.

Best players noted in the paper: Dan Galvin (Best on Ground), Chris Ross, Mark Conway, Phil Cohalan, Neil Lawson, Wayne Podmore, Scott Barber, Peter Mohr

Goals: E Lloyd 8. 1., R Manuel 4. 1., S Barber 2. 2., R Collins 2. 0., P Cohalan 1. 4., A Armstrong 1. 0., D Lloyd 1. 0., D Galvin 0. 4., N Lawson 0. 2., J Brennan 0. 1., P Mohr 0. 1., rushed 4



1993 GF Premiership defeated North Wagga



1993 GF Premiership Recovery Day. defeated Nth Wagga



1993 win Recovery Day - The Whale & the boys



1993 Lap of Honour

Out in Front: David Gollash
 Following Out in Front: __, __, __
 Leftish: __, __, __
 Piggy in the Middle: Neil Lawson
 Middle: __, __, __, Scotty Barber, Phil Cohalan
 Wing: Eddie Lloyd
 Lagging Behind: Mark Conway, Andrew Buchhorn,

1998

**Eastlakes Mangoplah Cookardinia United Football Club
 Under 16's Premiers**



B.R. : Eric Bruce (Manager), Lew Sanbrook (Coach), Phillip Leyshon, Toby Donelan, Justin Ward, Shane Mitchell, Adam Kain (v.c.)
 Ryan Head, Jeff Fletcher, Matthew Deacon, Aaron Neil, Glynn Leyshon (Assist. Manager),
 M.R. : Clayton Hancock, Mitchell Balding, Luke Kendall, Greg Hosie, Jason Halls, Ben Brown, Evan Atkinson, Simon Killalea,
 Brendan Robertson (Assist. Coach),
 F.R. : Ben Sutherland, Grant Bruce, Brendan Maher, Andrew Lieschke, Brad Sanbrook (c), Daniel Butterfield.

2000-2013

- 2003 brought another long awaited flag with Reserves Runner Up.
- 2004 saw the Club's first RFL premiership with our Under 18's coming home with the flag.
- 2006, 2008 and 2009 hailed our Reserves Premiers, following in 2010, 2011 and 2012 with Runner Up.
- 2011 awarded Neil Lawson the Reserves Gaynor Medal for Best and Fairest in the League.
- 2012 declared our Under 17's Runner Up for the season.
- The Centenary Day marks the opening of the Oliver Mohr Oval which has been kindly donated by Helen Mohr. This ground is our designated juniors oval and is situated adjacent to the seniors ground.

Oren Stephenson, as an 18 year old, and in his second year of Australian Rules football, won the Club's 2001 Best & Fairest. In 2011 he was the oldest player to be picked up in the AFL National Draft at the age of 29. He played 8 games with Geelong in 2012 and was selected at pick number 36 in the 2013 AFL Rookie Draft.

In 2002 the club appointed Scott Allen as Coach. Allen had previously played 15 games with the Western Bulldogs. Our Under 17's were strong from 2002, having played in the Preliminary Final in 2002 and in subsequent years to 2008. Due to other clubs luring our juniors away, the fund was developed to ensure our players and juniors continued to come through the ranks. With a large player retention rates now evident, it seems the fund is doing its job.

We saw improvement in 2003 under Scott Allan's tutelage, cementing 4th place on the ladder and finally seeing some finals action. Our Reserve Grade was also strong in 2003, reaching the grand final but losing to minor premiers Coolamon. This win signalled the depth we'd been working towards with developing our juniors and retaining them from junior to senior level.

The Reserve Grade were Premiers in 2006, yet another sign that the Goannas were strengthening their ranks. The Reserve Grade then went on to play in the 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 Grand Finals. In 2007 the club bounced back under the leadership of Tony Balding. The Seniors secured 3rd spot on the ladder and all three grades played in Preliminary Finals, though unfortunately not advancing further that year.

We won our first Club Championship in 2008 under Coach Nick Smith. Our Reserve Grade and Under 18's finished Minor Premiers and our Reserve Grade won the flag. Craig Websdale won the 2008 Griggs Trophy in Reserve Grade as leading goal kicker. Wayne de Britt was Senior coach in 2009, and the Reserve Grade backed up the previous season, winning the flag.

Again in 2011, the Reserve Grade battled for Grand Final glory, coming home Runner Up.

Local, Chris Willis, was appointed as Senior coach for seasons 2010 and 2011. In 2010 the Seniors secured 3rd place on the ladder and played in the Preliminary Final. Our strong Reserve Grade was Runner Up in the Grand Final.

Nathon Irvin rejoined the club as Senior coach in 2012. Nathon is an ex-MCU-E junior and senior player who played in our 1990 Premiership team. He then went on to play for the Sydney Swans. 2012 was an exciting year for the club, having such a large number of Under 17's players wanting to pull on the blue & gold jumper. Our efforts of securing and retaining our juniors had come to the fore. The result was the Goannas fielding not one but two Under 17's teams. One team played in the Riverina Football League and the other in the Farrer Football League whose fledgling Under 17's competition was no doubt grateful for. Our Farrer Football League Under 17's side was Runner Up in the 2012 Grand Final.



2007 Andrew Wild, Graeme Reid Semi Final v Tigers



2012 Jack Killalea Seniors v Tigers



2007 Dean Howard Semi Final v Tigers



2007 Brad Turner, Dylan DeBritt Kurt Thompson Semi Final v Tigers

2008

**Mangoplah Cookardinia United Eastlakes Football Club
2nd XVIII Premiers of the Farrer League**



Back Row: Trevor Smith (President), Steve Johnson (Runner), Gareth Smith, Mick Byrne, Reece Cohalan, Owen Geddes, David Willis, Peter Byrne, Peter Treloar, John Cameron, James Gorrie, Wayne DeBritt
Middle Row: Tristan Zielinski, Steven Wheeler, Ryan Price, Neil Lawson (Coach), Brad Roberson, Xavier Higgins (Co-Captain), Craig Weblade, Dylan DeBritt
Front Row: Kane Peters, Wayne Smith, Ryan Walsh, Shaun Bennett (Co-Captain), Mitch Brown, Nathan Softly

2009

**Mangoplah Cookardinia United Eastlakes Football Club
2nd XVIII Premiers of the Farrer League**



Back Row: Roger Gillies, Jason Roberts, Brent Heydon, Matthew Hope, Cameron Bailey, Reece Cohalan, Don Heydon
Middle Row: Travis Cohalan, Mick Byrne, Matt Sheppard, Josh Gillies, Tristan Zielinski
Front of Standing: Pete Treloar, Alex Donnelly, Dean Jones, Pete Byrne, Brad Roberson, Brad Carroll, Justin Hyde
Front Row: Jack Collins, Mark Roberson, Xavier Higgins, Neil Lawson, Brad Pattison, Nick Baggio, Chris Zielinski, Kane Peeters, Mark Barclay

2009

**Mangoplah Cookardinia United Eastlakes Football Club
Cookardinia Centenary Team Photo**



Back Row: Keith Parker, Don Heydon, John (Cocky) Sone, Andrew VanZanten, Horace Bunyan, Jeff Miller, Les Parker, Geoff Spriggs, Sam Balding, Graham Ross, Jordon Foster, Dick Davis, Stacey Creasy, Dylan DeBritt, Ron (Scullin) Bunyan, Trent Cohalan, Ken Bunyan, Mitch Balding, Matt Balding, Wayne DeBritt

Front Row: Mark Barclay (Trainer), Neil Lawson, Chris Higgins, Trent Balding, Grant Bruce, Jack Killalea, Jack Collins, Nat Davis, Ben Coombs, Mark Roberson, Brad Turner

2011

**Mangoplah Cookardinia United Eastlakes Football Club
2nd XVIII Runner Up of the Farrer League**



Back Row: Steven Wheeler, Nat Davis, Blake Achinger, Will Ryan, Brent Heydon, Josh Byrne, Luke Thompson, Ryan Walsh, Peter Byrne, Mick Byrne, Jason Roberts, Xavier Higgins

Front Row: Drew Lawrence, Mark Roberson, Brad Roberson, Grant Bruce, Travis Cohalan (Coach), Neil Lawson (Captain), Chris Zielinski, Dean Jones, Alex Killalea, Kade Rowbotham

Netball

- The history of the Mangoplah netball club is unfortunately not well documented. From various conversations with the more mature ex-netballers, it would appear that Mangoplah fielded a netball (or basketball as it was initially called) side from the early 1950's.
- The early days provided success, with our first netball premiership in 1959 and our second following in 1966. It is important to note that Mangoplah only fielded one side from commencement to somewhere in the 1960's or 1970's and therefore we have recorded these teams as A-Grade premierships! Of course there have been many grand finals contested over the years in all grades, however the A-Grade honour has largely eluded us.
- 1999 saw our A-Grade contest the Grand Final and lose to Temora and we secured a C2-Grade premiership in 2010.
- In 2012 Zoe Quirk won the league C-Grade Best & Fairest Runner Up Award, Milly Ryan was Best & Fairest for the Juniors and Tracy Schultz Cole was the league A-Grade Best & Fairest Runner Up. Tracy was also honoured by the club for playing 300 games for MCU-E from 1994 to the present. A great effort you'll agree.

1959 Premiership



1959 Premiership Trophy

Mangoplah played Lockhart in a hotly contested game. Lockhart was one of the old foes and any games played against them were considered hard work. Many times the players came off bruised and battered, as one of the players puts it.

Memories have since faded somewhat and so the actual score cannot be revealed here.

As the league did not provide netball trophies in the early days of the competition, the girls from the 1959 premiership team had to buy their own spoons (trophies) and have them engraved themselves (see above).

The netball uniform in the early days was a dress made of royal blue cotton and Dunlop Volleys were the popular shoe of choice (see left).

1959 Premiership Team

Shirley Roberson (Geddes), Wendy Smith, Colleen Nolan (Guest), Elaine Klimpsch (Rose), Gwen Maher (Lloyd), Valma Post (Toogood)



1950's netball uniform worn by Gwen Maher (m. Lloyd)

1966 Premiership



1966 Premiership Trophy

Mangoplah played Culcairn in a heated preliminary final and defeated them 31-23. A newspaper report of the game said "The game became rough and scrumbly, and at times the umpires lost control of it".

This set the girls up to play Yerong Creek in the grand final the following week. With Yerong Creek also considered to be one of our big rivals, the game was sure to be a cracker.

The final score cannot be recalled but it was another close game and a hard fought win by Mangoplah.



1966 Premiership Team

Back Row: Fay Jerrick (m. Galvin), Shirley Roberson (m. Geddes), Rhonda Jerrick (m. Meacham), Jenny McColm (m. Wetten)

Front Row: Teresa Roberson (m. Joyce), Val Post (m. Toogood), Belinda Galvin (m. Wornes)



1969 & 1970 Club Best & Fairest

The netball team was struggling for numbers in 1966 so a very young Teresa Roberson (now Joyce) was called on to make up the numbers. What a thrill for her, winning a Premiership in her first year and back to back club Best & Fairest awards in 1969 and 1970!



2010 C2 Grade Premiers

Back Row: Michelle Heffernan, Amanda Dacey, Lara Cohalan, Abby Kellet, Kaila Barclay, Beth O'Callaghan, Millie Ryan.
 Front Row: Jo Beard, Jo Ryan, Laura Davies.

The Evolving Uniform



Back Row: Belinda Galvin (m. Wornes), Faye Jerrick (m. Galvin), Val Post (m. Toogood), Shirley Roberson (m. Geddes)
 Front Row: Valma Sanbrook (m. Keogh), Teresa Roberson (m. Joyce), Anne Falk (m. Higgins)

1964



Back Row: Justine Lloyd, Rachael Lloyd, Naomi Zadow, Therese Melton
Front Row: Liz Phyland, Donna Lloyd, Cecilia Higgins, Bridget Lloyd

1980



Back Row: Janet Wilks, Rachael Lloyd, Bridget Lloyd, Justine Lloyd, Therese Melton
Front Row: Joanne Darcy, Donna Lloyd, Simone Griffin

1988



Beth O'Callaghan, Carla Byrne, Kate Powell, Laura Davies, Carissa Richards, Jaimee Barclay, Tyla Jackson, Ash Smith

2012



2012 – Jemma Brooks, Emily Bowen, Georgia Hull



2012 – Lani Hart, Kirra Lawson



2012 – Georgia Hull, Emily Bowen, Kirra Lawson



2012 – Sophie Baggio, Kirra Lawson, Lucy O'Donoghue

LIFE MEMBERS

Billy Lloyd	WJ "Wattie" Lloyd	Jim Roberson	Jack Lloyd
Lyle Brown	Harry Mohr	Oliver Mohr	John Ross
Eric Langfield	Colin Roberson	Albert Parker	David Maher
Harold Dew	Jim Parnell	Faye Mohr	Wally Mohr
Rita Post	Val Post	Trevor Smith	Graeme Killalea

HALL OF FAME MEMBERS (inducted in 2004)

Ron Bunyan	Horace Clark	Arthur Cole
Stephen Cole	Alan Klimpsch	David Maher
Oliver Mohr	Colin Roberson	John Ross
Ian Sanbrook		

CONCLUSION

Finally, but not lastly, a football club would not last a century without the consistent and tireless work done by so many individuals. Without our volunteers, we could not exist in the fashion that we do. Let's run through who they may be:

- Club officials working on the day-to-day running of the club. For home games, ensuring the gate is attended at all times, time-keepers in place, boundary, etc.
- The wives and girlfriends of the club, and later called The Ladies' Auxiliary, have run canteens and dinner nights for decades with proceeds being donated to the club.
- The trainers and team aides working on training nights and game day, tending to the boys.
- The grounds people who ensure our playing fields are maintained to a high standard and marked ready for the day's activities.
- Our various working bees to keep the grounds and amenities in order and up to the standard of the day.

Every effort has been made to make this production as factual as possible based on various sources of information including written publications, documented evidence and local knowledge, from past players and/or their families.

We would appreciate your sharing any historical data which is in your guardianship. All scans and enquiries can be sent to the Club Historian, by email: mcuehistorian@hotmail.com Thank you.

Some Random Photos...



Walleen Mohr escorted by Tom Joyce



Mark Quinlivan and Andrew Buchhorn (slave)



Phillip Davis, Daniella Galvin



Darleen Cole fraught with nerves



Ladies Auxiliary enjoying their work – late 80's



Debutantes



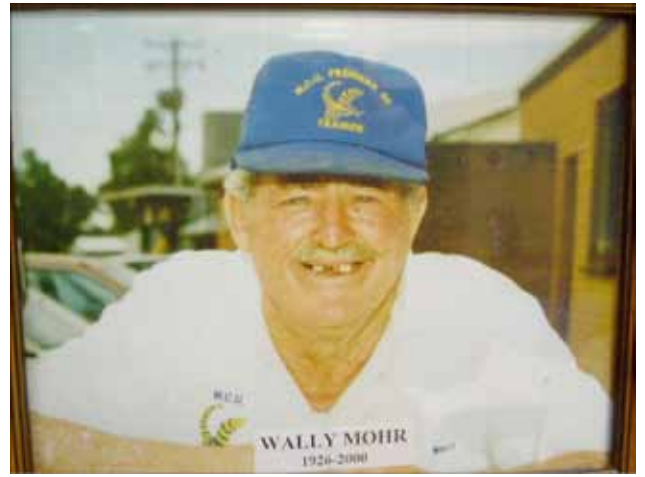
Allan Klimpsch still fitting his guernsey



Bertie Parker



Ray Creasy and Colleen Roberson



Wally Mohr



Allan and Joyce Klimpsch celebrating



Anne Mohr?





1951 Second XVIII Team Mangoplah Football Club

Back Row: Norm Zadow, Brian Parnell, Colin Harper, Jim Parnell, Jimmy Creasy, Jack Melton, Reg Schultz
 Middle Row: Keith Peacock, Bert Parker, Martin Kendall, Oliver Mohr, Kerry Lloyd
 Front Row: Neil Kendall, Elmore Geier, Noel Galvin, Bill Higgins, Edward Schultz, Harold Dew



Mangoplah Women's Football Team - Photo estimated after 1951

Mangoplah played the Dunlop Factory Girls in two matches – one at Mangoplah and the other at Robertson Oval. The aptly named Dunlop Factory Girls were employees of the Dunlop factory which opened in Wagga during World War II.

Back: Dot Lawson? (nee Klimpsch), Belle Lloyd, Ellen Sloan, Cathy Day, Betty Langfield (nee Schultz), Marie Schultz (nee Lloyd), Margaret Mumford (nee Melton), Beryl Maher, Betty Kelly

Front: Lucy Higgins, Shirley Klimpsch?, Patricia Lloyd, Elaine Klimpsch?, Norrice Maher (nee Lloyd), Pat McRae (nee Maher), Edna Schultz, Marian Condon (nee Clarke), Laurice Lang (nee Jenkins)



1937

1.—The scullery-leach Mangalah team, which defeated Flinty in the second semi-final of the A. and D. League at Culeatin on Saturday last. In the centre of the front row is Paddy Lloyd, captain. Lloyd has worn his hat while playing football over a period of 15 years. Second from the left in the back row is Mervyn Cooper, ruckman and young half-forward, who won this year's Carlton Breweries' Medal for highest points player in the League.



Centenary 1913-2013



Date	MCUE Centenary Celebration Program	Contact / Information
Friday 26th April 2013	Social Golf Day & Drinks (All Ladies & Gents welcome!) At the Wagga Wagga Country Club, Plumpton Road Wagga Back to Thomas Blamey Hotel, Main Street, Lake Albert afterwards for drinks. T-off is 1pm – Finish 5pm (Cost TBA advised on day -will depend on numbers playing)	Bookings to Tony Matthews Mobile: 0431 045090
Saturday 27th April 2013	MCUE – v – Coolamon – Program: 10.20 am - Under 17's 12 noon - Reserves 1.30 pm - MCUE past Coaches group Photo (clubrooms) 2.00 pm - Welcome & dedication of Oliver J Mohr Oval 2.15 pm - 1 st Grade Game in Centenary Guernseys ½ Time - Auskick & Afternoon tea at Clubrooms 5.30 pm - Clubrooms Bar will close <p style="text-align: center;">NOTE: NO BYO ALCOHOL INTO THE GROUND</p> <p><u>Evening Function - \$35 per person*</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Those who have prepaid/ booked to attend the Hall function are invited to move to the Mangoplah Hotel and/or Hall.</p> <p>The organising committee have purposely kept the evening event informal (dress is casual) & relaxed, to facilitate the catching up of old MCUE friends. There will be lots of chairs but only a few tables for the older members as we are expecting a huge turnout & the hall will not cater for this many for a sit down meal. Between 6.30pm & 8.30pm you will be treated to a delicious "standing meal" being brought around to you, so that you can continue chatting & mingling with everyone.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please make sure you are at the hall by 6.30 so you get fed!</i></p> <p><i>Please note: No BYO - Bar service will be available at the hall & strict responsible service of alcohol measures will be in place.</i></p> <p>8.30 pm Formalities: - M.C. Welcome - Michael McCormack M.P. - Presidents Welcome – David Griffin - Coaches Awards – Nathon Irvin - Guest Speaker: The Hon. Helen Coonan - Guest Speaker: Mr Ron Finemore</p> <p>9.30 pm - Auctioning of Centenary Guernseys 10.30 pm - 1st Bus to Wagga ** \$10 per person 11.30 pm - 2nd Bus to Wagga ** \$10 per person</p>	There will be the normal football canteen & BBQ operating throughout the day. Note: Historical Club memorabilia/slideshow will be displayed in Clubrooms for viewing during the day. A Souvenir 100 year booklet/stubby holders & MCUE Centenary polo shirts will be on sale. *For catering purposes we require prebooking & pre-payment for everyone who wishes to attend the hall function. Cost is \$35 per person Please contact Anna Davis to obtain your booking number & arrange payment by cheque/EFT. Phone: 69285255 or email elimattapastoral@bigpond.com **Bus tickets must be prebooked & purchased from: Don Tuckwell's Audio, 78 Baylis Street, Wagga. Ph: 69214862 \$10 per person
Sunday 28th April 2013	11am – 2pm Farewell Brunch - Thomas Blamey Hotel & Bistro. At your own cost.	

MANGOPLAH FOOTBALL CLUB

Premiers

Runner Up

YEAR	ASSOC / LEAGUE	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CAPTAIN/COACH	ASSISTANT	SNR	BEST & FAIREST	LEAGUE MEDALS	LIFE MEMBERS
1914	Yerong Creek & District	Sam Heron	Bill Priest	Bill Priest	Dave Lloyd			Not chosen in		
1915	Yerong Creek & District	Sam Heron	Bill Priest	Bill Priest	Ted Harper			these years		
1916	WWI recess of football						-			
1917	Unofficial Competition									
1918	WWI recess of football						-			
1919	Wagga Association	W H Butt	Jack Pigdon	Jack Pigdon	Ted Harper					
1920	Wagga Association	W H Butt	Jack Pigdon	Jack Pigdon	Jack Pigdon					
1921	Wagga Association	Alex Harper	Mr Miller	Mr Miller	Ollie Cox					
1922	Riverina Main Line	Alex Harper	Cyril Caldwell	V Hazelwood	Ollie Cox		-			
1923	Yerong Creek & District	Alex Harper	Cyril Caldwell	Cyril Caldwell	A Kieselbach					
1924	Wagga Association	Alex Harper	Cyril Caldwell	Cyril Caldwell	A Kieselbach					
1925	Wagga United Assoc	Alex Harper	Cyril Caldwell	Cyril Caldwell	A Kieselbach					
1926	Wagga United Assoc	Alex Harper	Cyril Caldwell	Cyril Caldwell	A Kieselbach					
1927	Wagga United Assoc	Alex Harper	Cyril Caldwell	Cyril Caldwell	A Kieselbach					
1928	Wagga United Assoc	Kelly Sloan	Cyril Caldwell	Cyril Caldwell	Percy Armstrong	Pat Lloyd				
1929	The Rock & District	Kelly Sloan	Cyril Caldwell	Cyril Caldwell	Percy Armstrong					
1930	The Rock & District	Ray Finemore	Cyril Caldwell	Cyril Caldwell	Percy Armstrong					
1931	The Rock & District	Ray Finemore	Cyril Caldwell	Cyril Caldwell	Percy Armstrong					
1932	The Rock & District	Ray Finemore	Cyril Caldwell	Cyril Caldwell	Pat Lloyd					
1933	The Rock & District	Kelly Sloan	Cyril Caldwell	Cyril Caldwell	Pat Lloyd	Ray Roberson				
1934	Wagga Association	Kelly Sloan	Wattie Lloyd	Wattie Lloyd	Pat Lloyd	Tom Armstrong			Billy Lloyd, Snrs	
1935	Wagga Association	Kelly Sloan	Wattie Lloyd	Wattie Lloyd	Pat Lloyd	Merv Cooper				
1936	Wagga Association	Frank Daly	Wattie Lloyd	Wattie Lloyd	Pat Lloyd	Merv Cooper				
1937	Albury & District	Frank Daly	Wattie Lloyd	Wattie Lloyd	Pat Lloyd	Ray Roberson				
1938	Albury & District	Frank Daly	Wattie Lloyd	Wattie Lloyd	Pat Lloyd	Ray Roberson			Merv Cooper, Snrs	
1939	Albury & District	Frank Daly	Wattie Lloyd	Stan Finemore	Russ Madden					
1940	Albury & District	Dave Klimpsch	Wattie Lloyd	Jim Egan	Pat Lloyd	Ray Roberson				
1941	J Norrell Shield	Dave Klimpsch	Wattie Lloyd	Jim Egan	Ray Roberson	Pat Lloyd				
1942, 1943 and 1944 - WWII recess of football							-			
1945	Unofficial Competition								RES	
1946	Albury & District	Dave Klimpsch	Wattie Lloyd	Jim Egan	Ray Roberson	Alan Klimpsch				
1947	Albury & District	Dave Klimpsch	Wattie Lloyd	Jim Egan	Ray Roberson	Alan Klimpsch				
1948	Albury & District	Dave Klimpsch	Wattie Lloyd	Jim Egan	Ray Roberson	Alan Klimpsch				
1949	Albury & District	Ray Roberson	Wattie Lloyd	Jim Egan	Alan Klimpsch					
1950	Albury & District	Ray Roberson	Wattie Lloyd	Jim Egan	Alan Klimpsch					
1951	Albury & District	Ray Roberson	Wattie Lloyd	Jim Egan	Alan Klimpsch					
1952	Albury & District	Ray Roberson	Wattie Lloyd	Jim Egan	Harry Kline					
1953	Albury & District	Ray Roberson	Wattie Lloyd	Jim Egan	Alan Klimpsch					
1954	Albury & District	Albert Parker	Bill McRae	Stan Finemore	Alan Klimpsch					

In 36 competitive seasons (33 official and 3 unofficial), Mangoplah played in all but 4 finals series, won 21 Premierships, came Runner Up in 4 Grand Finals, leaving only 11 Grand Finals uncontested by the Club.

MANGOPLAH COOKARDINIA UNITED

Premiers

Runner Up

YEAR	ASSOC / LEAGUE	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CAPTAIN/COACH	Assistant	SNR	RES	BEST & FAIREST	LEAGUE MEDALS	LIFE MEMBERS
1955	Albury & District	Albert Parker			John Meagher				None chosen		W P (Billy) Lloyd
1956	Albury & District	Arthur Hulme	Geoff Shoemark	Stan Finemore	Bill Byrne				Kerry Lloyd		W J (Wattie) Lloyd
1957	Farrer	Arthur Hulme	Brian Parnell	Stan Finemore	Bill Byrne				Murray Schultz		J R (Jim) Roberson
1958	Farrer	Arthur Hulme			Bill Byrne				Ron Bunyan		J J (Jack) Lloyd
1959	Farrer	Ron Klimpsch			Bill Byrne				Laurie Sone		Lyle C Brown
1960	Farrer	Ron Klimpsch			Alan Klimpsch				John Ross		Harry D Mohr
1961	Farrer	Harry Mohr			Bill Barton				John Ross		Oliver J Mohr
1962	Farrer	Harry Mohr			Bill Barton				John Ross		John K M Ross
1963	Farrer	Harry Mohr			Frank Slater				Colin Roberson		Eric J Langfield
1964	Farrer	Harry Mohr			Frank Slater				Ray Klimpsch		Colin J Roberson
1965	Farrer	Harry Mohr			Frank Slater	Rex Burge			Colin Roberson		Albert J Parker
1966	Farrer	Harry Mohr			Arthur Cole				Frank Slater	David Maher, Snrs	David M Maher
1967	Farrer	Harry Mohr	Chris Blackshaw		Arthur Cole				John Ross		Harold L Dew
1968	Farrer	Harry Mohr	Chris Blackshaw		Arthur Cole				David Maher		Jim J Parnell
1969	Farrer	Harry Mohr	Chris Blackshaw		Arthur Cole				John Ross		Fay Mohr
1970	Farrer	Harry Mohr			Arthur Cole				David Maher		Wally Mohr
1971	Farrer	Keith Killalea			Graeme Jewell				David Maher	Terry Langfield, Res	Rita Post
1972	Farrer	Keith Killalea			Graeme Jewell				Ian Sanbrook		Val Post
1973	Farrer	Keith Killalea			Graham Ion				Colin Roberson		
1974	Farrer	Keith Killalea			Graham Ion				John Ross		
1975	Farrer	Keith Killalea		David Maher	Graham Ion				Alan Langfield		
1976	Farrer	Keith Killalea			Arch Wilkie				Colin Roberson		
1977	Farrer	Keith Killalea			Kevin Boyd				Trevor Ion		
1978	Farrer	John Ross	Warren Cupitt	Jim Parnell	Kevin Boyd				Wayne Carroll		
1979	Farrer	John Ross	Warren Cupitt	Jim Parnell	Greg Carroll				M Bruce/Phil Cohalan		
1980	Farrer	John Ross	Warren Cupitt	Jim Parnell	Michael Daniher				Michael Daniher		
1981	Farrer	John Ross			Michael Daniher				Peter Galvin		
1982	Farrer	John Ross			Phillip Cohalan				Stephen Cole	Jeff Siebels, Res	
1983	Farrer	John Ross			Greg Leech				Gordon Wooden		
1984	Farrer	Jim Parnell			Greg Leech				Peter Graham		
1985	Farrer	Jim Parnell			Greg Leech				Dan Galvin	Low Sandbrook, Res	
1986	Farrer	Jim Parnell		Jane lloyd	Zane Separovich	Stephen Cole			Stephen Cole	Low Sandbrook, Res	
1987	Farrer	Don Baker		Jane lloyd	Zane Separovich	Stephen Cole			Stephen Cole		
1988	Farrer	Don Baker			Stephen Hedley	Bill Quirk			Michael McRae		Trevor Smith
1989	Farrer	Don Baker	Peter Matthews		Stephen Hedley	Andrew Buchhorn			Leigh Brown	Trevor Smith, Res	Graeme Killalea
1990	Farrer	Don Baker	Peter Matthews	Cherrie McKay	Tony Turner	Andrew Buchhorn			Tony Matthews	Trevor Smith, Res	
1991	Farrer	Ian Cohalan	Peter Matthews	Cherrie McKay	Scott Barber	Andrew Buchhorn			Leigh Brown		
1992	Farrer	Ian Cohalan	Peter Matthews	Cherree McKay	Phillip Cohalan				Brian Hawke	Brian Hawke, Snrs	
1993	Farrer	Harold Dew			Phillip Cohalan				Scott Barber		
1994	Farrer	Keith Manuel	Chris Jones	Ruth Galvin	Phillip Cohalan				Peter Mohr		

MANGOPLAH COOKARDINIA UNITED (cont.)

Premiers  Runner Up 

YEAR	ASSOC / LEAGUE	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CAPTAIN/COACH	ASSISTANT	SNR	RES	U18	BEST & FAIREST	LEAGUE MEDALS	LIFE MEMBERS
1995	Riverina Football	Keith Manuel	Chris Jones	Ruth Galvin	Shane Gorman					Neil Lawson		
1996	Riverina Football	Keith Manuel	Ruth Galvin	Helen Wheeler	Dan Galvin					Anthony Armstrong		

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MCU Seniors claimed 12 Premierships and 13 Runner Up trophies in this 42 year period. Among the success were 2 back-to-back, 2 hat-tricks and a run of 10 consecutive Grand Final appearances. MCU U19's / U18's excelled in these 16 years of competing for the senior club (MCU U19's commenced 1981) with 2 hat-trick Premierships and a run of 5 years of consecutive Grand Final appearances.

MANGOPLAH COOKARDINIA UNITED EASTLAKES

YEAR	ASSOC / LEAGUE	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CAPTAIN/COACH	ASSISTANT	SNR	RES	U18	BEST & FAIREST	LEAGUE MEDALS	LIFE MEMBERS
1997	Riverina Football	Lew Killalea	Andrew Lloyd	Helen Wheeler	Merv Neagle					Neil Lawson		
1998	Riverina Football	Lew Killalea	Andrew Lloyd	Helen Wheeler	Merv Neagle					Jed Simpson		
1999	Riverina Football	Phil Davis	Rachel Heffer	Skye Lloyd	Bevan Rowe					Chris Higgins		
2000	Riverina Football	Phil Davis	Rachel Heffer	Matthew Nixon	Bevan Rowe					Matt Creasy		
2001	Riverina Football	John Pocock	Di Shepheard	Eric Bruce	Owen Geddes					Oren Stevenson		
2002	Riverina Football	Graeme Killalea	Di Shepheard	Eric Bruce	Scott Allen					Neil Lawson		
2003	Riverina Football	Graeme Killalea	Bev Killalea	Eric Bruce	Scott Allen					Chris Higgins		
2004	Riverina Football	Graeme Killalea	Bev Killalea	Eric Bruce	Rodney Simms					Chris Higgins		
2005	Riverina Football	John Wilson	Marilyn Howard	Wayne Maybury	Rodney Simms					Rodney Simms		
2006	Riverina Football	John Wilson	Marilyn Howard	Wayne Maybury	Barry O'Brien					Nathan Johnson/Sam Balding		
2007	Riverina Football	Trevor Smith	Marilyn Howard	Wayne Maybury	Tony Balding					Kurt Thompson		
2008	Riverina Football	Trevor Smith	Rachael Lloyd	Cameron Dooner	Nick Smith					Jared Kahlefeldt		
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2009	Riverina Football	David Foster	Austin McRae	Cameron Dooner	Wayne de Britt					Trent Balding		
2010	Riverina Football	David Foster	Austin McRae	Brett Millar	Chris Willis					Sam Balding		
2011	Riverina Football	David Foster	Austin McRae	Brett Millar	Chris Willis					Geoff Spriggs	Neil Lawson, Res	
2012	Riverina Football	David Foster	Austin McRae	Brett Millar	Nathan Irvine					Jack Killalea		
2013	Riverina Football	David Griffin	Austin McRae	Kate Powell	Nathan Irvine							

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