

# FAME GROWS FOR TIGERS



By Jeff Pistola

Lobethal Football Club's rich history was further endorsed when the Tigers third Hall of Fame induction dinner was held on Saturday, August 10.

A crowd of approximately 110 people were in attendance at the Lobethal Recreation Club Complex for the third induction to the prestigious Hall of Fame within the Hills Football League Central Division club.

Possessing origins dating back to 1901, Lobethal has carved out a celebrated history over its 112 years of existence, including winning 16 A-grade premierships and qualifying for a further 14 grand finals at top tier level.

During 2009, a charter was established to set down nomination guidelines and key points towards the recognition and enshrinement of players, coaches, administrators and officials who have made a most significant contribution to the Lobethal club since its inception.

A player becomes eligible after having been retired for a minimum of three years, while coaches and officials shall be eligible after one year of retirement.

The original charter committee consisting of David Karger, Colin Dent, Rob Cavies and Lance Watkins have since been joined by past Hall of Fame recipients David Fechner and Peter Stanbury in nominating suitable recipients to be recognised, with service divided over four designated periods of the club's history – 1901-1939, 1940-1966, 1967-1989, and 1982 until the present day.

Following the inaugural induction of 10 members in 2009, a further six were inducted in 2011, and four added during the 2013 dinner earlier this month, making a total of 20 people now recognised within Lobethal's Hall of Fame, with Jason Sziller also accorded the honor of being the inaugural and to this stage sole 'Legend' during his 2011 nomination.

Among special guests attending the 2013 ceremony were Kavel MP Mark Goldsworthy, Hills league president Glen Sickerdick, SANFL identities Robert Oatey and Colin Casey – who was the key guest speaker on the night – together with various Lobethal club patrons, life members and major sponsors.

## Tributes

During an evening in which Andrew 'Ned' Kleemann acted as master of ceremonies, and Matthew Karger provided an excellent computer-generated presentation, the likes of Fechner, Colin Elsworthy, Kevin Kleemann and Bruce Handke were also involved in small tributes as the four new inductees were honored with a badge and framed certificate personally or through representative family members.

Joining the Lobethal Hall of Fame in 2013 were Bryan Blundell, the late David Bormann, Robert Zadow and Randall Weeks.

Encompassing the 1967-1981 era, Blundell represented Lobethal as a player from 1966-1979, including being A-grade captain in 1973-74, and making nine representative appearances for the HFL.

A past dual best and fairest recipient, he also served as a junior coach, was a member of the club committee for a decade, including a stint as president, and was a member of the Lobethal Sports and Recreation Ground Management Committee, being a key influence in a number of major projects to improve facilities at the venue.

Late life member Bormann was honored for his contributions between 1982-2009, having been a member of the football club's junior and senior management committees, serving as canteen manager and a long time sponsor, and through his business, carried out various renovations and improvements to club facilities.

During the period 1982-present, 'Joe' Zadow tallied a total of 405 senior games for the Tigers between 1973-1996, and played in a Senior Colts and two B-grade premierships for the club.

He served as club secretary between 1996-2005, as well as being involved on various committees and acting as Auskick program co-ordinator.

Also representing the 1982-present era, Weeks played 290 games and was A-grade captain from 1992-2000, including premiership skipper in 1998-99, while claiming a third flag as a player in 2002.

Recipient of numerous club awards, he has also served on the Tigers coaching panel at junior and senior level, and been a member of the management committee, including serving as president since 2010.

The incoming quartet join previous Hall of Fame members the late Gus Schapel, the late Ken 'Blue' Schubert, Trevor Graeber, the late Brian Zilm, Trevor Zilm, the late Dave Oborn, Tony Lloyd, Jason King, Peter Oborn and 'Ned' Kleemann who were part of the inaugural presentations in 2009, while the late Don Zadow, Darren Sziller, Damian King, Stanbury, Fechner and J. Sziller were inducted two years ago.

2013 nominees into the Lobethal Football Club's Hall of Fame ... (from left) Randall Weeks, Joy Bormann (representing the late David Bormann), Bryan Blundell and Robert Zadow. The number of inductees recognising significant contribution to the Lobethal club since its inception in 1901 has now reached 20 since the inaugural induction presentation in 2009.



Among the attendees at the third induction dinner of the Lobethal Football Club Hall of Fame held on August 10 were (from left) guest speaker Colin Casey from the Sturt Football Club, Hall of Fame charter committee member David Karger, SANFL identity Robert Oatey and Hills Football League president Glen Sickerdick.

## Tigerish gift

With Father's Day just around the corner, Slattery Media Group is offering a perfect gift idea ... particularly for Tigers fans.

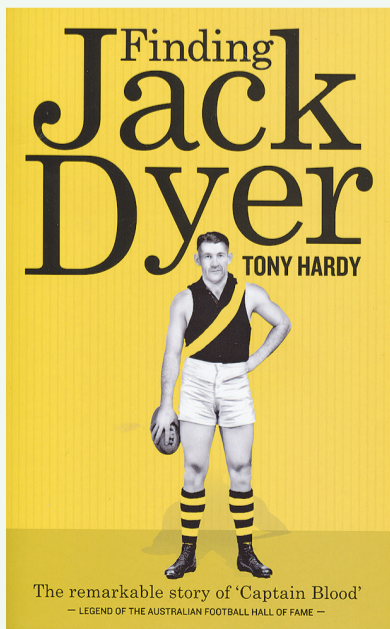
Released earlier this month, *Finding Jack Dyer* is the remarkable story of one of the most famous Tigers of all time – the late Jack Dyer, who played 312 games for the Richmond Football Club.

Over 296 pages, Tony Hardy has captured the life of one of Australian Rules' greatest icons, a decade after the 2003 passing of the man dubbed 'Captain Blood' and rumored to have broken the collarbones of 64 opposition players during his physical and colorful career.

Along the way he was a multiple best and fairest recipient for Richmond, won premierships as a player and coach, captain-coached Victoria, was a member of the AFL Team of the Century and is in the Australian Hall of Fame with Legend status.

Also one of football's first radio, print and television celebrities, little was previously known of Dyer's off-field life, but Hardy has pieced together a picture of the man behind the myth.

*Finding Jack Dyer* is drawn from factual interviews with family and friends and enhanced with just a touch of the renowned Dyer-esque



exaggeration, and gives a great account of football through the Depression era and the golden post-WW2 years.

Containing a number of images from both Dyer's playing days and private life, the book is available for \$34.95 at book stores and newsagents.

## HILLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

### CENTRAL DIVISION

## QUALIFYING FINALS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 AT HAHNDORF OVAL

- U13 - 8.30am HAHNDORF v MT LOFTY
- JC - 9.40am MT BARKER v BLACKWOOD
- SC - 11.00am BRIDGEWATER v MT BARKER
- B - 12.40pm BLACKWOOD v ONKA VALLEY
- A - 2.30pm URAIDLA DIST. v LOBETHAL

### CENTRAL DIVISION

## ELIMINATION FINALS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 AT BLACKWOOD OVAL

- U13 - 8.30am LOBETHAL v ONKA VALLEY
- JC - 9.40am BRIDGEWATER v MT LOFTY
- SC - 11.00am TORRENS VALLEY v HAHNDORF
- B - 12.40pm MT BARKER v HAHNDORF
- A - 2.30pm HAHNDORF v ONKA VALLEY

### COUNTRY DIVISION

## 2ND SEMI FINALS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 AT MEADOWS OVAL

- U13 - 8.30am BIRDWOOD v KERSBROOK
- JC - 9.40am NAIRNE BREMER v HAHNDORF COUNTRY
- SC - 11.00am MEADOWS v BIRDWOOD
- B - 12.40pm MEADOWS v KERSBROOK
- A - 2.30pm ECHUNGA v NAIRNE BREMER

### COUNTRY DIVISION

## 1ST SEMI FINALS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 AT GUMERACHA OVAL

- U13 - 8.30am MACCLESFIELD v NAIRNE BREMER
- JC - 9.40am MEADOWS v BIRDWOOD
- SC - 11.00am NAIRNE BREMER v GUMERACHA
- B - 12.40pm NAIRNE BREMER v BIRDWOOD
- A - 2.30pm KERSBROOK v MEADOWS

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