



Celebrating 60 Years

EST. 1952

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome and thank you for coming along tonight to help us celebrate the 60th Anniversary of our club.

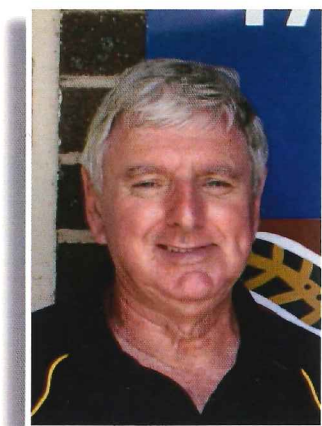
Firstly I would like to pay tribute to our founders, father and son, Herb and Keith Gilmour. They had the vision of overseeing the establishment of football clubs throughout the Hornsby shire, which they did - but our club was the first in 1952. They also established the Hornsby-Epping Football Association which evolved into GHFA. What extraordinary and inspiring men!

I also wish to acknowledge the wonderful contributions over the past 60 years of so many people volunteering their services for the betterment of our club. Some of these are deservedly recognised elsewhere in this magazine as past office holders and Life Members but there are also hundreds of others who coached, managed, administered or assisted by linemarking, putting up nets, bbq/canteen duty and so many other ways. All of these people have helped us to where we are today of having a club strong in player numbers and financially responsible and viable.

To them and to you I say thank you - well done.

I have been proudly involved with this club for over 30 years and it has added great joy to my life. We are known as the "family club" for good reason and many of us develop lifelong friendships from our involvement. I have and I hope most of you do as well.

I hope you enjoy this evening.



Ian Kendal
PRESIDENT

MARK BOSNICH

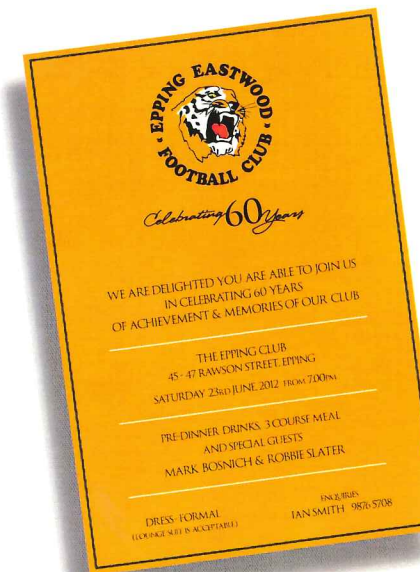


We welcome as our special guest, Mark Bosnich, arguably Australia's greatest ever goalkeeper and iconic Socceroo. Professionally he played in the English Premier League for Aston Villa, Manchester United and Chelsea as well Sydney United, Central Coast Mariners and Sydney Olympic locally. He represented the Socceroos on 17 occasions, his first full cap being a WC Qualifier v New Zealand in 1993. Mark also represented at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics and the 1997 Confederations Cup.

He is now a football analyst and commentator for FOXSports. Welcome Mark.



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MASTER OF CEREMONIES - Neil Harris

7.00pm	Pre-Dinner Drinks and Canapes
7.30pm	Guests to be seated
7.35pm	Welcome Speech - Ian Kendal
7.45pm	Entree
8.30pm	Main Course
9.00pm	Guest Speaker - Mark Bosnich
9.30pm	Presentations & Dessert
10.00pm	Tea, Coffee & Chocolates

MENU

ENTREE

Prawns and Avocado with Chilli Lime Drizzle
Pepper Crusted Kangaroo, Toasted Pine Nuts and Sweet Potato Salad, Port Glaze

MAIN

Thyme Infused Lamb Rump, Parsley Potato Mash, Juniper Berry Jus
Crisp Salmon on Crushed Butter Desiree, Lime and Caper Beurre Blanc

DESSERT

Pyramid of White and Dark Chocolate with Marinated Strawberries
Apple and Almond Flan with Macadamia Nut Ice Cream

Coffee, Tea and Chocolates

SERVED ALTERNATELY

2012 OFFICE HOLDERS

PRESIDENT	Ian Kendal
VICE PRESIDENT	Chris Salmon
SECRETARY	Ian Smith
TREASURER	Darren Freeman
REGISTRAR	Scott McGoogan
GROUND MANAGERS	Andrew McLaren & Mark McLaren
COMMITTEE	Above named plus Jarrod Mitchell, John Law, Don Walker Stu Booty, Gareth Wright, Les Guzowski, Garry Aghajani
GHFA DELEGATES	Ian Kendal & Chris Salmon
CANTEEN MANAGER	Ian Smith
TIGER TALK EDITOR	Michele Chan
WEBSITE MANAGER	Chris Salmon

HONOUR ROLL OF LIFE MEMBERS

1959	- Ray Filmer	1987	- Richard Gagg
1964	- Jack Sinclair	1990	- Bob Rowntree
1965	- Jack McBride	1991	- Tony Henson
1969	- Bess Carter	1993	- Mike Corringham
1970	- Dick Thomas	1994	- Alan Pearson
1973	- Ray Hornery	1999	- Ian Smith
1976	- Jim Murch	2006	- Stephen French
	- Lal Byers		- Anthony Mitchell
1977	- Stuart Harris	2007	- Peter Chapman
1981	- Ian Kendal		- Andrew McLaren
	- Graham Sinclair	2010	- Darren Feeman
1982	- Judy Saville		- Anthony French
1983	- Mel Reid	2011	- Scott McGoogan
	- Janet Gagg		- Jarrod Mitchell
1984	- Dick French		



20 YEAR TIGERS

In 2008, the management committee decided to introduce the "20 Year Tiger" Award. To qualify one needs to have been a member for 20 years as a player, coach, manager or club official, or any combination of these.

2008	- Ian Kendal	2010	- Graham Waterhouse
	- Ian Smith		- John Law
	- Stephen French		- Steve Madden
	- Anthony French	2011	- Jarrod Mitchell
	- David French		
	- Stu Booty	2012	- Geoffrey Casson
	- Tim Genzo		- Matthew Corringham
	- Rod Edge		- Peter Chapman
	- Nick Corringham		- Neil Harris
	- Ian Harris		- John Caddey
	- Scott Grinham		- Andrew Denniss
	- Michael Taylor		- Ben Howell
	- Daniel Caulfield		
	- Craig Johnston		
2009	- Gavin Martin		
	- Anthony Mitchell		
	- Paul Henson		
	- Scott Gordon		
	- Doug Russell		
	- David Lewis		
	- Dave Waghorn		



HISTORY

Our Club was established by Herbert Lincoln Gilmour (1900-1963) and his son Keith Lincoln Gilmour (1926-1998) in 1952 and was initially called Epping SFC. Its formation was the first step in setting up what became known as Gladesville-Hornsby Football Association.

In the 1950's there was no organised soccer north of the Parramatta River from Gladesville right up to Hornsby, other than a few senior teams playing in the Sydney Churches Competition. The area was firmly entrenched in Rugby Union. Most Primary schools participated in mid-week rugby competitions in which the boys were segregated by weight, not age. Local high schools supported rugby union to the exclusion of other football codes. Rugby League was played in Catholic Schools, tennis was also widely played.

Herb and Keith were soccer enthusiasts and envisaged soccer teams in every suburb in the region. Herb had moved to Epping in 1951. He previously had a long association with Drummoyne Soccer Club whilst living at Concord West; his son Keith had played with State League club, Concord. In late 1952 they called a meeting at Eastwood Town Hall to canvass support to bring their dream to reality. Apart from Herb and Keith, three other people attended - Les Williams, Arthur Hodgkinson and referee Alan Foster. The meeting agreed that Herb and Keith should try to recruit boys from local schools to play soccer.



In the early months of 1953, Herb and Keith stood outside Epping Public School and Epping West Public School distributing leaflets which asked parents of interested boys to attend a meeting at Herb's house. A handful of parents attended and it was decided to proceed. One mid-week afternoon in March about eight boys assembled at Epping Oval for the team's first training session. Herb, Keith and Les Williams undertook to train the recruits the fundamentals of the game and within weeks they had enough boys to form a team.



In 1953, the team which included Brian Thompson, Laurie Jezard, Gordon Shrubbs, Ross Boyd, John Coxall, Alan Best, Harvey Bromwich, Bruce McLeod and Jim (Scotty) Murray played about six "unofficial" matches across Sydney. Keith arranged the purchase of a set of shirts - red & green quarters, chosen because they were the colours of the Hornsby State League Club. The boys were responsible for the purchase of white shorts and red & green hooped socks.

In the meantime, Keith managed to gather sufficient friends to form an adult team and play some friendly matches. This team was to become Epping SFC's first All Age team.

In 1954, the Gilmour's and Les Williams started up Hornsby-Epping Soccer Football Association which subsequently changed its name to Northern Districts Football Association (in 1956) and then to Gladesville-Hornsby Football Association (in 1959). Keith Gilmour left Epping SFC (in 1954) in the capable hands of his father and Les Williams so that he could help other clubs such as Thornleigh and Normanhurst to be established.

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By 1954, Herb Gilmour had secured Boronia Park for the playing of all matches. It was a newly constructed ground and much smaller than it is today. Alan Foster who attended the first public meeting at Eastwood Town Hall was co-opted to start the Referees Association.

By 1955 the club experienced phenomenal growth and had teams in all divisions of the Association competition. The divisions were defined by letter - All Age being 'A' Grade with the under 12's, the youngest of the teams, 'E' Grade - with a two year gap between divisions. Epping SFC had multiple teams in the younger age groups and distinguished them by calling them 'United' or 'Wanderers'.

In 1956 the club changed its name to Epping-Eastwood & Districts SFC due to the large number of new players from Eastwood and in particular from the Eastwood Baptist Church teams which had previously played in the Sydney Churches Competition. The club also adopted the familiar gold shirts with black trim and became the 'Tigers'. The 'Tigers' tag was adopted from the popular British boys' weekly paper 'TIGER' which featured 'Roy of the Rovers' football comic strip. The club also adopted a new constitution.

Also in 1956, Jack Sinclair became Treasurer, a position he held for six years. Jack had five sons - John, Graham, Colin, Ross and Alan - who all played for the club. Jack was the club's second life member in 1964 after Ray Filmer, a former President (1959). Son Graham became a life member in 1981.

Unfortunately most of the club's early records were destroyed in a garage fire, so not a great deal is known about the 60's and 70's until when Stuart Harris, Warner Lewis & Bob Jansen were at the helm.

During the first half of the 1970's, the GHFA's Premier Competition was dominated by the Epping Eastwood 'B' team, which was coached by the ex Granville Magpies First Division and NSW player, Barry Dawson. When this team first became the rulers of GHFA in 1971, they were eligible to play in an under 20's competition, with many of the team still being only 19 at the end of the season. Our esteemed past President, the late Stuart Harris, used to refer to this team as "the first Gladesville Hornsby super team".

The club experimented with paid professional coaches Robert Ramage (1970-71), John Verheyen (1975) and Dave Wardell (1981) to try to improve standards, but despite some success the judgement was that they did not prove "value for money" as compared to using enthusiastic volunteers.

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During the period 1979 to 1984 the club was active in promoting Women's Football. under the direction of Lal Byers, Epping Eastwood's women's teams were a dominant force achieving many titles and representative honours for the players. The Epping Eastwood Women's FC however then became a separate club from EEW.



HISTORY

In 1984, our U17 team distinguished itself by going through the season as undefeated Premiers and Champions of GHFA and going on to win the 'Champions of Champions' title. Concurrently they contested a statewide U18 knockout competition in which they lost a hard fought final in extra time. In all games played they scored 116 goals with only 13 against.

That team was - Gavin Martin, Anthony Mitchell, Michael Taylor, Jamie Rowntree, Robbie Howieson, Paul Shelley, Dean Kuo, Simon Foster, David French, Neil Harris, Colin Craig and was coached by Bob Rowntree and managed by Chris Halfacre. Michael Taylor scored more than 50 goals that season and every player scored with the exception of the goalkeeper Gavin Martin.

In this period we promoted ourselves as 'The Family Club' - as we still do today. Taking over from the Sinclair and Thomas families we had the Harris, French, Saville, Gagg, Lewis, Kendal, Henson, Mitchell and Corringham families. Today we have the McLarens, Chapmans, McGoogans and Salmons to add.

The 90's was a great decade for our club - at the elite level we had outstanding success. Our (P/L) Premier League squads being Premiers and/or Championship in the seven of the ten years as well as winning the 'Champions of Champions' title in 1993 after being beaten finalists in 1992. They also won the State Amateur Cup in 1994. The entire NSW team selected for the Australian Amateur Championship in 1994 came from Epping Eastwood with five of our players selected for the Aust Amateur team - Michael Taylor, Andrew Stratford, Jamie Smith, Paul Dick and Peter Whiteside. Bob Smith was the EEW and NSW coach.

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From 1994 to 1998 we had two Premier League squads after our AA1 team won promotion to P/L Division 2 in 1994 and then Division 1 in 1998 - the two teams designated EEW Gold and EEW Black. The rivalry between these two teams was quite fierce. In 1999 we relinquished our right to one spot and reverted to one P/L team.

Improvements to Boronia Park with the assistance of Parramatta City Council by 2002 included - The canteen and amenities block being built, new lighting (costing \$25,000 and paid in part by EEW and in part by a NSW Government grant), a new flagpole, new fencing and new terracing along the western sideline.

In 2001, our club again won the All Age State Cup. In 2002 we celebrated our 50th Anniversary at Oatlands House with the Prime Minister, John Howard as a popular guest.

The outstanding record of our O35/1's since 2004 must be mentioned - they have won four Premierships, six Championships, two State Cups and a 'Champion of Champions' title.

With the support of strong backing from our wonderful sponsors - PERI Australia Ltd; Raine & Horne, Epping and The Epping Club over the last decade we have gone from strength to strength. With financial stability, player numbers have risen to over 450 each year, the standard of coaching has improved markedly and each year we have our fair share of Premierships and Championships. We have also been able to fund all-important ground and equipment improvements.

HISTORY

We have seen considerable improvements to our Boronia Park headquarters. A new drainage and water harvesting system was installed in 2008 in co-operation with Parramatta City Council. This project was largely funded by a Federal Government grant but with a great deal of value contributed to the project by club members David Burge, Trevor Burge and Anthony Mitchell. This work together with leveling and resurfacing paid for by our club last year has seen Boronia become one of the better wet weather grounds whereas previously it was the worst and first to close. Our club has also recently funded the installation of high perimeter fencing, whilst we must also acknowledge the fit out of the clubhouse in recent years by Scott McGoogan to make it truly functional and the envy of other clubs.

As well as Boronia Park we utilise Epping Oval as our second ground for training and competition games and Roselea Oval for training also. We continue to lobby Parramatta City Council to develop Fred Spurway Reserve as a football ground.

In administration of our club, the inexhaustible Ian Kendal continues to provide enthusiastic leadership as President supported by long term Secretary, Ian Smith; Vice President, Chris Salmon; Treasurer, Darren Freeman and Registrar, Scott McGoogan.

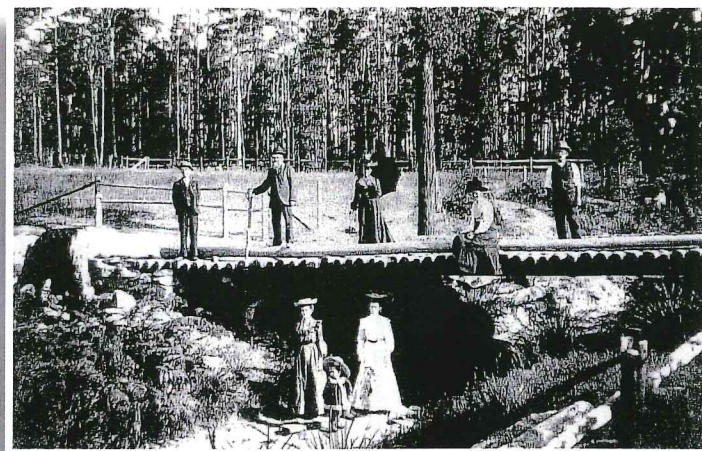
TEAM VICTORY SONG

Hail Hail,
Epping Eastwood's here,
What the hell do we care,
What the hell do we care,
Hail Hail,
the Epping Eastwood's here,
What the hell do we care now...
For it's a grand old team to play for,
For it's a grand old team to see,
And if you know the history,
It's enough to make your heart go,
Woo oo oo oo
We don't care what the others say,
What the hell do we care,
For we only know,
That there's gonna be a show,
And the Epping Tigers will be there!

BORONIA PARK

Originally this land was all private land and became parkland only from constant pressure by local citizens from the mid 1920's. Until then the Dundas Council had provided no such recreational areas. Loftus Square the very first park in the district, had come about in 1881 through a private subdivision. In January 1924, a Mr R. H. Duncan generously donated land at the foot of Bridge Street, which is today's Duncan Park. In June 1924 Rex Hazlewood suggested that five and a half acres - the property of Thomas Rhodes by Bridge Street - be purchased for 1200 pounds. State money was sought to do so. A great deal of work in improving the area was carried out under the Employment Relief Scheme which operated during the Great Economic Depression of the 1930's.

In 1938, 57 trees - Camphor Laurels, Spotted Gums, Claret Ash and Jacarandas - were planted. The park was increased by the purchase of property belonging to Ken Rhodes and the Melville family in December 1949 and September 1972. The name of the park would be more meaningful if Boronia plants (after Italian Botanist, Francesco Borone) could be featured in the gardens today.



The Melville family in the 1920's on their twelve acre property purchased in 1892.

The creek in this photo is now the stormwater channel in Boronia Park. It was formed in 1933-34 during the Great Depression by relief workers employed by the Department of Public Works. It has a concrete base and bricks on the sides.

The bulk of the Melville property is today incorporated in Boronia Park and the Council car park in Rawson Street. The Melville house which stood at 38 Kent Street was sold in 1996 for \$395,000 and demolished.

- A Melville family photo courtesy of Wal Maizey

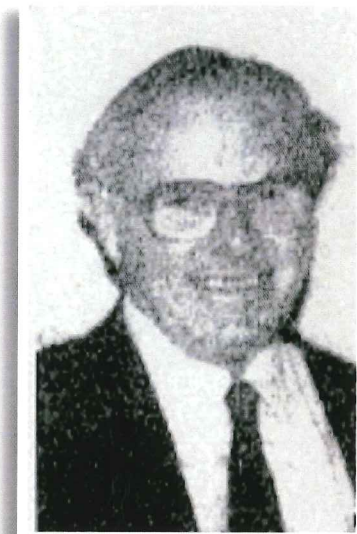
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COMMITMENT



HERB LINCOLN GILMOUR
(1900 - 1963)



KEITH LINCOLN GILMOUR
(1926 - 1998)

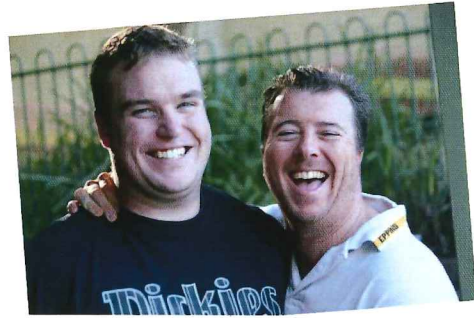


EPPING SFC All Age team - Epping Oval 1953

Photo Features:

KEITH GILMOUR (back row, first on left), KEITH GILMOUR (in suit), LES WILLIAMS, GREG EWAN, BOBBY SMITH, PHIL HARRIS, SID SEDGWICK, DOUG FRADGLEY
Other players not identified.

FRIENDSHIP & COMMITMENT



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1994 NEW SOUTH WALES TEAM at the Australian Amateur National Championships



Back Row L to R: Frank Wilson (Manager), David French, Stephen French
Andrew Dick, Jamie Smith, Peter Whiteside
Middle Row L to R: Bob Smith (Coach), Paul Dick, Wayne Fiddling
Scott Byers, Gavin Martin, Mark Jansen,
Graham Waterhouse, Les Edwards (Trainer)
Front Row L to R: Michael Taylor, Stephen Madden, David Wills,
Andrew Stratford, Tim Stratford



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