



ALLAN BURDETT LIFE MEMBER 1971

Allan Burdett played and managed between 1955 and 1978. Allan was a key member of the successful DBA A Grade teams playing in 7 premierships between 1958 and the Amalgamation in 1972.

A hustling second baseman and a fierce competitor, Allan was a left handed contact hitter, who understood game situations, with the skills to move runners around the diamond. Contemporaries referred to Allan as the “glue” that keep the teams together and the focus on finding a way to win. Allan’s best year was 1967 when he batted BA 343 with 34 hits, 31 stolen bases and scoring 47 runs. Allan played over 300 senior games for the Club and was selected in DBA representative sides during the mid 1960’s for the VPBL Carnival over the Queen’s Birthday Weekend.

Allan was an exceptional game day manager with a deep understanding of the Game. He was renowned for his ability to lead and get the most from the players he had available. His teams were invariably finals contenders.

Allen was the Club Coach and manager of the Firsts for 5 Seasons (1966 to 1970) winning A Grade premierships in 1967 and 1968.

His contributions as the assistant coach to Jim Upfill and later as the manager of the Reserves and a member of the selection panels in the years immediately following the Amalgamation were outstanding. As shewed tactician and an astute judge of playing ability, his input was highly valued by all involved.





Allan managed the Club to a premiership over Springvale in the DBA Twilight Competition in 1973-74

Off the field, Allan's contributions were also exceptional.

- Secretary for 7 years (1959 to 1965 and 1970).
- Treasurer in 1965 and 1966
- President in 1968 and 1969 when Cheltenham won consecutive DBA Club Championships.
- Secretary 1973 to 1975 following the Amalgamation.

Always a team player and administrator Allan set high standards and did everything possible to ensure they were achieved or exceeded. He played a leading role in the helping the new Cheltenham Club consolidate and develop after the Amalgamation and subsequently find a permanent home at the Kingston Heath Reserve.

Allan was recognised as one our four greatest managers at the Club's Centenary Celebration in 2014.

