

## ***Mike Dwyer (Blackburn & BHRDCA) – 1983 to current***

*Written with the assistance of Mike Dwyer*

Mike Dwyer was walking his son's dog one Saturday afternoon in late 1983 and walked through Morton Park, where Blackburn was playing. He recognised the Blackburn scorer as Gary Feenane a long-time former workmate. He stayed for the conclusion of the game, won by Blackburn, and was invited in for a drink, which he did after taking the dog home. He recognised the captain of the fifth eleven, Paul Callanan as a fellow member of the Magpie Club coterie. Paul's wife Norma had lived in the same street many years before.

Paul asked him to score for the fifths, which he did for the rest of the season. The following season he scored for the seconds, and did that for around 20 years. Gary Feenane retired on account of ill-health about ten years ago, and he took over as scorer for the seniors.

He served many years on the committee, including ten years as Blackburn Secretary

The BHRDCA scores collator moved away from the district, and Mike was asked to take over in 1988-89. He has been providing score summaries to Sunday and local papers since then. In 1994 the BHRDCA celebrated their centenary, and Mike wrote the history, mainly from old newspapers and some committee minute books held by the Whitehorse Historical Society.

Mike served the Association as Assistant Secretary on the Committee of Management for ten years. He is a Life Member of both the Blackburn Cricket Club and the BHRDCA. Mike remains an active contributor to the history of the BHRDCA.