



GOOLWA CRICKET CLUB



From what we have been able to find the earliest recorded cricket match in Goolwa was on November 9th 1859 reported in the Adelaide Observer newspaper between Goolwa and Pt Elliot, and the return match was played the following week at Pt Elliot. Recordings of initial formal meetings of the Club first appeared in 1871 (26 members attending) and the Club matches began to be recorded from 1885 and into the 1890s. By 1911 Goolwa was playing in the Encounter Bay Cricket Association comprising Pt Elliot, Victor Harbor, Goolwa and Hindmarsh Valley. Our first recorded premiership was in 1913-14 in the Encounter Bay Cricket Association. The Great Southern Cricket Association was established in 1921-22 and we were one of the inaugural Clubs. We recorded an A Grade Premiership in 1924-25. The first recorded century by a Goolwa player was when Alf Probert in 1902-03 scoring 101* against the Hindmarsh Island CC. J.P Maguire recorded the next century in 1921-22 in the first year of the Great Southern Cricket Association with 101* against Merridee Hills (Currency Creek). The next recorded century for Goolwa was 126 not out by Jack Lawrence in 1935 who was a grand uncle of Jim Lawrence who is currently playing in the 2010/2020s era. Another interesting point is that both Jack (in 1931) and Jim (in 2014) have both taken hattricks for the Club. Junior cricket has been a feature of our Club since it began in the GSCA in 1961-62 with notable players Graeme Byrnes, Mark Dugmore, John Tsoulos, Kingsley Vincent, Luke Giddings. Many great Goolwa generations of families have played for the Club- the Fergussons, Skewes, McKinlays, Bonners, Lawrences, Fullers, Vincents, Lewises, Giddings. There have been several very successful eras of the Club. The Ron Skewes era from 1953 – 1960s, the Paul Thurlow/Geoff Kruger era 1970-1980s, the Paul Reynolds/Jim Giddings/ Dave Carter era in the 1990s/2000s, and the Pt Elliot/ Gwa combined era in the 1990s. The current generation has perhaps been our most consistent with regular finals appearances over the last 10 years with players such as Andy Evans, Josh Jones, Jim Lawrence, Vic Robertson and recently Matt Overall carrying on the long and proud history of the Club. And in 2025-26 we finally achieved an A Grade premiership. We honour all the players and volunteers who have contributed to establishing our Club in this website.