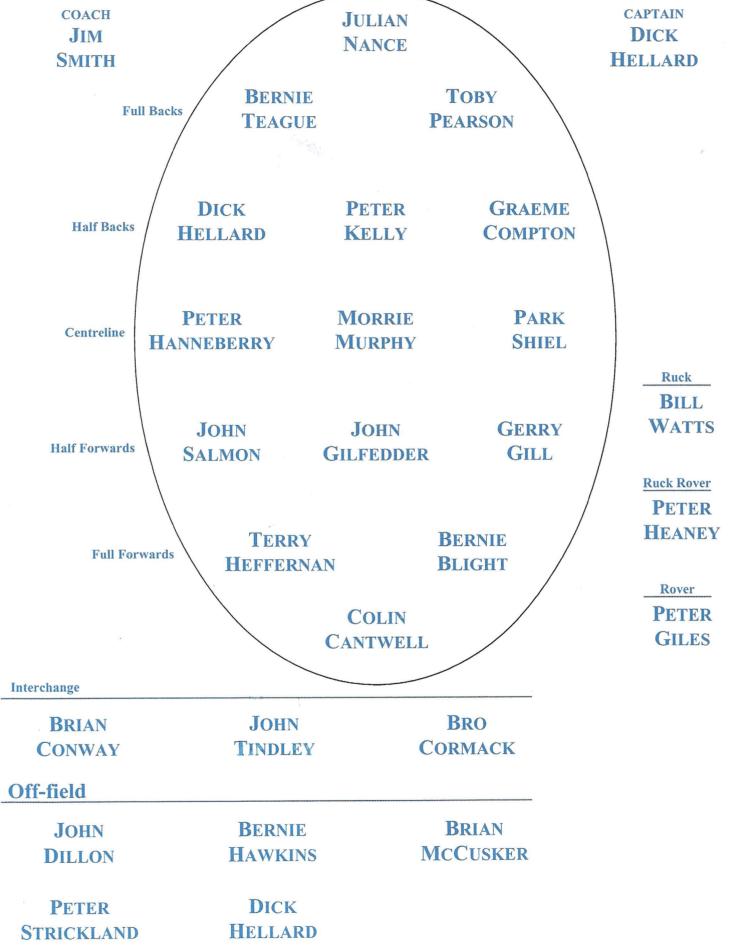


## De La Salle OCAFC Team of the Decade 1955 - 1964





## HOW WE PERFORMED

1955	"E" Section	PREMIERS	1960	"B" Section	RUNNERS UP
1956	"D" Section	THIRD	1961	"A" Section	SEVENTH
1957	"D" Section	RUNNERS UP	1962	"A" Section	TENTH
1958	"C" Section	PREMIERS	1963	"B" Section	FOURTH
1959	"B" Section	FOURTH	1964	"B" Section	FIFTH

## On-field

Jim Smith Jim Smith coached the Club for the first five seasons, reaching the finals every year. A gentle man with a great capacity for hard work.

Bernie Teague Hard working and determined player who made his opponent earn his kicks. State rep.

Julian Nance Reliable straight ahead player, renowned for his excellent kicking. State and All Australian Rep.

**Toby Pearson** Strong, tough utility player, good overhead mark and booming kick.

**Dick Hellard**Tremendous determination, seldom beaten, capable of reading the play very well. State rep.

Peter Kelly

Rugged defender with a good pair of hands. Many times would send the side into attack with his creative dashes.

Very reliable, unruffled defender who seldom failed to get in the best players. A beautiful kick of the torpedo punt.

**Graeme Compton**Very reliable, unruffled defender who seldom failed to get in the best players. A beautiful kick of the tor **Peter Hanneberry**Fast clever wingman who could run all day. His disposal to the forwards was always first class.

Morrie Murphy He was a strong mark, a good kick and his running and tackling were an inspiration to his team mates.

Park Shiel Speedy, free running winger whose drop kicks went a country mile.

John Salmon Good overhead mark for his size, with great disposal. Was a consistently good performer.

John Gilfedder Six foot three, centre half forward with a good pair of hands and excellent disposal. Teamed well with Murphy and Cantwell.

Gerry Gill A member of the team that played in the exhibition games at 1956 Olympics. Clever fast thinking and was dangerous around the goals.

Terry Heffernan Beat many a taller ruckman with clever use of his body and developed a great understanding with his rovers.

Colin Cantwell Possessed a breathtaking spring and his kicking for goal was a delight to watch. He did his best training at Markillies Hotel.

Bernie Blight Barrel chested rover who played with great determination and bore into the packs. Dangerous around goal.

Bill Watts Strong tough ruckman who was seldom beaten. Took some good grabs around the ground and was very protective of his rovers.

Peter Heaney Tall skilful ruckman who marked well around the round. Palmed the ball beautifully to the rovers.

Peter Giles B Grade B&F winner and State Rep. Would duck and weave his way through the opposition and finish with a prodigious drop kick.

Brian Conway Another rover who could duck and weave his way out of danger. A very vocal player and an inspiration to his team mates.

John Tindley Long striding utility player who could play in a variety of positions. Also played with Collingwood reserves.

Bro Cormac Great high mark and beautiful kick. Had the ability to be in the right position at the right time and was seldom beaten.

## Off-field

John Dillon First of a number of outstanding off field leaders who contributed significantly at the VAFA Executive level.

Bernie Hawkins First Secretary to hold the position for consecutive years. Set the tradition for high quality service in the role.

Brian McCusker First ever Secretary whose attention to detail, thoroughness and hard work is legendary.

Peter Strickland Club stalwart who is still available for canteen duties for Under 19 games! One of the reasons that De La is a strong club today – a great link to De La history and people.

Dick Hellard Early captain, who upon stepping down from this role became President. Set the tradition for key on-field people contributing at committee level.