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#### MORWELL

Founded: 1905 Nickname: Tigers

Premierships: 1950, 1952, 1953 (Central

Gippsland), 1961, 1966, 1983, 1985, 1988, 1993,

1996 (WGLFL)

VFL/AFL players (include): Vin Waite (pictured below -Brett Knowles (St Kilda), Bryan Quirk (Carlton) - Carlton).

# Short history

Morwell switched between the Morwell and Mirboo associations before joining the Central Gippsland league in 1932. By the time the Latrobe Valley league kicked off, the Tigers were riding high after three flags in the final four years of the CGFL

#### **Great eras**

Morwell regained its status as a regional power with flags in 1983, 1985 and 1988. The 1985 win against Traralgon was its most memorable. After being 34 points down six minutes into the final term, the Tigers piled on 10 late goals to snatch the flag. Rod Kerr's Trood Award and Rodda Medal for the league best-andfairest completed a rare hat-trick for the Tigers that year as John Featherston had already taken out league goalkicking honours.

# Fierce rivalries

A ferocious rivalry with neighbour Traralgon was born in the 1960s when the clubs contested five grand finals. The Tigers won two of those flags under Les Sweet (1961) and Graham Donaldson (1966). The rivalry was reborn in 1985 and remains the feature fixture in each club's season.

#### **Defining moments**

The Tigers endured some lean years after the glorious 1980s. Four successive wooden spoons were 'won' from 2000-03, with just one win in three of those four years. But with the emphasis again on homegrown talent, the seniors have played finals in two of the past three years and another strong run looms.

COMMUNITY FOOTBALL WEEKEND May 10: Morwell v Traralgon, *Morwell* 

### TRARALGON

Founded: 1883

Nickname: Maroons (formerly Roosters)

**Premierships:** 1919, 1923, 1925 (Gippsland), 1945, 1946, 1949 (Central Gippsland), 1960, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1968, 1969, 1972, 1978, 1980, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2005.

VFL/AFL players (include): Kelvin Templeton (Footscray) and Bernie Quinlan (Footscray, Fitzroy), Graeme Cordy (Footscray and Sydney), Neil Cordy (Footscray and Sydney) and Brian Cordy (Footscray)

# Short history

Traralgon first kicked a ball in anger in the West Gippsland Football Association in 1906. Since being a foundation member of the Latrobe Valley league in 1954, Traralgon has been the region's power team. The club has played in every finals series bar six and won 18 of the 34 grand finals it has contested in that time.

# **Great eras**

From 1998-2000, Traralgon was beaten just twice. The club won a then league record 35 games in a row, going undefeated from Round 16, 1998 to Round 13, 2000. Traralgon completed a hat-trick of flags under coach Russell Northe (right) in 2000.



## **Defining moments**

Traralgon was premier and champion in 1964, the first senior LVFL/GLFL team to record an undefeated season. But in an even greater reflection of the club's dominance, the reserves also went undefeated. Club great Terry Hunter guided Traralgon to arguably its most remarkable flag in 1972. Trailing by 34 points at halftime, Traralgon stunned Moe to hit the front for the first time 20sec from the final siren to win by a point.

#### Club legends

The club has produced 11 league best-and-fairest winners, three of whom – Peter Hall (1977, '84), Jim Silvestro (1986, '87) and Greg Morley (1992, '98) – won top honours twice. Traralgon has also been blessed with talented goalkickers, with the club having the league's best nine times. Mark Stockdale (1990, '91) and Paul McCulloch (1994, '95) are the only multiple winners.