



AFL VICTORIA COUNTRY HISTORY

- 1927:** Victorian Country Football League founded. Eight Districts named: Ballarat, Bendigo, Gippsland, Gippsland South, Goulburn Valley, Ovens & Murray, Western and Wimmera.
- 1928:** VCFL Constitution and Rules issued in print form.
- 1930:** Mornington District named.
- 1931:** Corangamite District named.
- 1933:** Murray Border and Riverina Districts formed.
- 1934:** South Gippsland District renamed Central Gippsland.
- 1935:** Sub-Committee's re-draft of Rules approved.
- 1936:** A.T. Wasley elected first Life Member. Corangamite District renamed Hampden.
- 1937:** Six Match Rule adopted.
- 1939:** Agreement made with VFU re transfer of players. Independent Executive Committee appointed.
- 1941-1945:** VCFL in recess due to World War II.
- 1948:** Six Match Rule amended to Two Matches.
- 1949:** Revision of Districts by Independent Executive approved. Death of President S.P. Freeland announced.
- 1950:** J.L. Murphy elected President.
- 1951:** Two Match Rule extended to VFA clubs. Acceptance of Appointment as Coach form introduced.
- 1953:** Sub-Committee redraft of Rules adopted.
- 1954:** Two Match Rule amended to Six Matches. First VCFL Championship held at Ballarat and won by Murray Border District.
- 1955:** Second VCFL Championship at Albury and Wangaratta. Sunraysia and Northern Districts created. Bendigo and North Central Districts revised. Conference of District Councillors and Major League Representatives in November re Country Championships.
- 1956:** VCFL Championship extended to three Sections played at Bendigo, Shepparton and Wangaratta. Retirement of L.H. McBrien and appointment of E.O. McCutcham as Secretary.

- 1957:** Fourth VCFL Championship at Albury, won by Ovens & Murray FL. VCFL/VFU Agreement re transfer of players terminated 10th July.
- 1958:** Centenary of Australian Game of Football celebrated. Sectional Championship matches played.
- 1959:** Recognition of Service Medallion instituted. J.L. Murphy completed 10th year as President.
- 1960:** Amended Constitution adopted. Senior and Junior Vice Presidents appointed. Mr W.L. Henderson elected as President. New VCFL/VFU Agreement negotiated.
- 1961:** VCFL/VFU Agreement operative.
- 1961/62:** Championship matches commenced. 14 Districts participating. Commissioner appointed for report on Gippsland District.
- 1962:** M.J.A. Gloury elected as President. Independent Executive appointed to relocate Gippsland and Gippsland Central Districts. 1961/62 Championship won by Bendigo.
- 1963:** New South Gippsland District created, with South Gippsland FL as Major League. Gippsland District renamed East Gippsland District. Alberton FL named as the Major League of Gippsland District for 1964.
- 1963/64:** Championship series commenced with all sixteen Districts participating, and won by South Western DFL (Riverina District).
- 1964:** A.H. Hill elected President.
- 1965:** New VCFL/VFU Agreement approved at February meeting.
- 1965/66:** VCFL Championship Series won by Hampden FL. E.O. McCutchan resigned as Secretary. J.C. Hamilton appointed.
- 1966:** C.E. Chessells elected President.
- 1967:** VFL introduce Club Country District Scheme. Latrobe Valley, Ovens & Murray, Sunraysia and Wimmera zone final winners. VCFL 1967/68 Championship held.
- 1968:** Ovens & Murray FL defeated Wimmera FL for 1967/68 Country Championships. VFL Clubs pay \$500 for VCFL players transferred under provision of Country District Scheme. G.R. Barker elected President.
- 1969:** New District created – East Riverina District. Hampden, North Central, Bendigo, Ovens & Murray zone final winners.
- 1970:** Hampden FL defeated Ovens & Murray FL for 1969/70 VCFL Championship. Creation of Investigation Committee. A.E. Neil elected President.
- 1971:** Murray and Mid Murray FLs created Major Leagues in Goulburn Valley and Northern Districts respectively. Ovens & Murray, Western, Murray and Bendigo FLs zone final winners. VCFL 1970/71 Country Championships held. VCFL/VFA Agreement approved February meeting. Tyrell FL transferred from Bendigo District to Northern District. formation of Bellarine & District FL.
- 1972:** Bendigo FL defeated Murray FL for the 1971/72 VCFL Championships. J.S. Lark elected President.
- 1973:** Latrobe Valley, North Central, Ovens & Murray, Hampden FLs were zone final winners in VCFL 1973/74 Country Championships. VFL Club Country District Scheme renewed

for a further period of five years. Transfer Fees increased to \$500 on the granting of a clearance and a further \$500 after four matches in the next season.

- 1974:** North Central FL defeated Hampden FL for 1973/74 Country Championship. Mininera FL transferred from Ballarat District to Western District. Ovens & Murray FL disaffiliated from VCFL. VCFL/VAFA Agreement approved at June meeting. F.S. Wren elected President.
- 1975:** VCFL Championships discontinued. Caltex sponsorship of premiership clubs in Major Leagues. Philip Morris Award introduced to champion club in ten selected leagues.
- 1976:** VCFL Under 17 team successful in match against metropolitan area. Ovens & Murray FL reaffiliate with VCFL. J. Lauritz elected President. Transfer fee agreement reached with VFL.
- 1977:** Caltex sponsorship for Victorian Under 17 Championships. VCFL Under 17 team defeated metropolitan area. VFL Club Country District Scheme extended for an additional twelve months.
- 1978:** Winfield Country Championship established – Goulburn Valley FL winners. Golden Anniversary of VCFL celebrated. Constitution amended to allow J. Lauritz to continue as President. J.C. Hamilton resigned as Secretary; A.S. Schwab appointed.
- 1979:** J. Lauritz resigned as President; Cr. A.A. Dunstan appointed as successor. Latrobe Valley FL wins Winfield Country Championship. Transfer fees increased to VFL clubs from a maximum \$3,250 to \$7,500. VFL Country District Scheme reviewed – for next three seasons. Corio District created from revised Ballarat District.
- 1980:** G. Arthur appointed as first full time Country Field Officer. VCFL plays its first interstate match against the ACTAFL in Canberra. Latrobe Valley FL wins Winfield Country Football Championship for second successive year. First VCFL Seminar held.
- 1981:** J.R. Templeton elected President. VFL Country District Championship introduced for all District Leagues with elimination matches played. New sponsorship deal arranged for the continuance of the Winfield Country Football Championships for three years – Championship won by Ballarat FL. VFL Country District Scheme reviewed for next two seasons. VCFL win first ever interstate match against the ACT by one point. Bendigo and Golden City FLs amalgamate by decision of VCFL Investigation Committee which also undertook investigation into a major restructure of football in the Riverina Districts.
- 1982:** J.R. Templeton re-elected President. A.S. Schwab appointed VFL Assistant General Manager; resigned as VCFL Secretary. G. Arthur appointed. First time in the history of the VCFL Club Affiliation Fees paid to central body. Major League Club \$60, District League Club \$35, Junior Club \$5. Grand Final \$30,000 VFL District League played at VFL Park, Bass Valley Wonthaggi FL premiers. Ballarat FL win successive Winfield Championship. VCFL Representative team defeated by ACT in Canberra. VFL appoint Country Development Managers in their Club's Country Zones.
- 1983:** R. Wagstaff elected President. Ballarat FL win third successive Championships. VCFL Representative team defeated Australian Amateurs at Bendigo. First round of 1983/84 \$24,000 VFL District Leagues Championship. First Junior Administrators Seminar held. Review Country District Scheme – December.
- 1984:** VCFL introduced Player Accident Insurance Scheme for all clubs. First steps were taken to incorporate the VCFL. Goulburn Valley won their second Winfield Championship. Bass Valley Wonthaggi won their second successive VFL District

League Championship. VCFL Honour Board introduced at VFL House. VCFL Representative Team played the VAFA at Bendigo. First VCFL weekend conference held at Ballarat.

1985: B. Molony elected President. G. Arthur resigned as Secretary/Field Officer and M. Patterson appointed. First corporate sponsorship of VCFL announced by Tooheys for \$300,000 over three years. VCFL incorporates and marketing of shorts and guernseys implemented through two manufacturers. Reed Stenhouse appointed Insurance Brokers for official policy and awards presented to all Leagues by VCFL. Ovens & Murray win first VCFL Championship since 1967 and Western Border win Second Division. VCFL representative team defeated VAFA in Mildura by ten goals. South Gippsland district abolished.

1986: B. Molony continues as President. VCFL Administration Seminars held in all Districts. The Full Leagues' Seminar held at VFL Park was the most successful in recent years. Representative team defeated the VMFL team in Bendigo. Ballarat FL won the First Division of the VCFL Winfield Championships. The Sunraysia FL was victorious in the Second Division. Alexander Stenhouse reappointed insurance administrators. \$50,000 commission received. Tooheys provided \$137,000 through its corporate sponsorship. VCFL appointed Glenn James as Umpiring Careers Officer. Weekend VCFL Directors' Conference held at Paynesville. VCFL Marketing program for shorts and guernseys continued successfully after initial hesitations the previous year.

1987: D.A. Cole elected President. Inaugural live in Administration Course conducted for league and club delegates. Ten Country Development Managers appointed by the VCFL to co-ordinate and administer development of country football. Lengthy negotiation held with the VFL to ensure that VFL football was not televised direct into country areas on Saturday afternoons. The VCFL representative team travelled to Perth for the first time and defeated a representative West Australian country team. The VCFL team also defeated the VAFA. The Ovens & Murray FL won the Winfield Division I Championship and the Western Border was victorious in Division II. The marketing arm of the VCFL continue to raise funds for the development of country football – major sponsors Bond Brewing (Tooheys), Alexander Stenhouse, Professional Uniforms and Winfield. The VFL again provided substantial financial and administrative support to the VCFL.

1988: D.A. Cole re-elected President. Tooheys continued as the corporate sponsor of the VCFL for \$150,000. VCFL representative team defeat the West Australian Country Football League in Shepparton. The first VCFL Under 19 team was selected and became the inaugural Bicentennial Under 19 Champions when it defeated all other major football bodies in the State at the MCG. The Geelong FL won the 'Winfield' Division I Championship and the Wimmera FL was victorious in Division II. The marketing arm of the VCFL continued to raise funds for the development of country football. The VFL again provided substantial financial and administrative support to the operations of the VCFL. The VCFL accepted an offer of sponsorship for \$150,000 from the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation which replaces the long-standing sponsorship by 'Winfield'. I. Hill appointed VCFL Assistance Secretary.

1989: J. Monahan elected President. In its first year of participation, Victorian Country won the Australian Under 17 Championships at the Teal Cup and the VCFL's Under 19 and Senior teams were victors in their respective games, the Senior side against Queensland. The Bendigo FL defeated the Geelong FL in the inaugural Vic Health Country Football Championships in Division I with the Hampden FL being victorious

in Division II. Automation of the VCFL continued with the purchase of a microcomputer, continued development of administration courses. Investigations were undertaken in the East Gippsland, Northern, Goulburn Murray and Ballarat districts. The VCFL's income generating ability continued to provide funds for the development of country football state-wide. Decision taken to combine affiliation and insurance payments for 1990. Detailed submission made to the first National Football League Forum. Observer status requested on NFL.

1990: J. Monahan re-elected President. The inaugural Australian Country Football Championships was conducted in Shepparton between Victorian, South Australian, West Australian and Queensland country teams and was a great success, with the VCFL team victorious. The Latrobe Valley FL defeated the Bendigo FL who were competing in their third successive Grand Final in the Division I Grand Final of the VicHealth Country Football Championships. In Division II the Riverina FL were premiers, thus gaining entry to Division I in 1991 by defeating the North Central FL. The VCFL Under 19 team was again successful in winning the VicHealth Under 19 Championship. After successful trials in the North East and Sunraysia regions, it was decided to implement a Central Ordering System state-wide for VCFL apparel. Income generated is to be used in the development of country football in programs such as the 1990 initiative of the appointment of four regional umpiring development officers. M. Patterson appointed inaugural VCFL General Manager and D. Code appointed Field Officer. VCFL received observer status on NAFC.

1991: J. Huxtable elected President. QBE Insurance Limited became the major sponsor of the VCFL. The VCFL representative team victorious over South Australian Country FL in a curtain raiser match to the Victoria vs South Australia Senior State of Origin match at Football Park, Adelaide. The Hampden FL and Ballarat FL were winners of the Division I and Division II Grand Finals respectively in the Vic Health Championships. The Victorian Health Promotion Foundation announced a further three-year sponsorship arrangement of the VCFL Championships. The first full year of operation of the Central Ordering System very successful. AFL restructure sees the ending of the Under 19 competition to be replaced by a metropolitan based Under 18 competition with regional country teams playing periodically in the competition. The AFL continue to provide significant administrative support to the VCFL and VCFL marketing activities again generate substantial funds to assist VCFL development and education programs.

1992: J. Huxtable re-elected President. The Riverina Region disbanded following affiliation of NSW based leagues with the NSW AFL. The Murray Border and North East Regions amalgamate to form a new combined Region – North East Border. The Order-Off Rule is introduced in all leagues following a decision by the NAFC to include the rule in the Laws of the Game. The second Australian Country Football Championship was conducted in Port Lincoln in South Australia between Victoria, South Australia, West Australia and Queensland with the VCFL retaining the title won in 1990. The VCFL defeated by the VFA in a representative match. The Geelong FL and Mid Murray FL were winners of the Division I and Division II Grand Finals respectively in the Vic Health Country Championships. The VCFL was undefeated in winning the Division II title of the Teal Cup. The VCFL approved the expansion of the VSFL Under 18 Competition to include teams from country Victoria in 1994. M. Patterson appointed AFL Membership Manager; D. Code appointed VCFL General Manager and B. Senior appointed VCFL Field Officer.

1993: N. Hurley elected President. The Lamerloo DFL transferred from the VCFL to the SANFL. The VSFL Under 18 competition expanded to include teams from Country

Victoria. The Geelong FL wins its second successive Division I Vic Health Country Football Championship and the Hampden FL win Division II. The VCFL Senior team were narrowly defeated by the VAFA and the VCFL Under 17 Commonwealth Bank Cup (formerly Teal Cup) team were relegated from Division I to Division II. The VCFL enter into an Affiliation Agreement with the VSFL. The Affiliation Program amended to provide greater choice of insurance cover for clubs and the Central Ordering System turnover continues to grow. The VCFL Annual Leagues Seminar for the first time held over two days in Geelong.

1994: N. Hurley re-elected President. VCFL successful at third successive Australian Country Football Championships held in Geraldton, WA. Salary caps to be introduced in all leagues in 1995. The Victorian Health Promotion Foundation announces continued sponsorship of the Country Championship for 1995. Football structure reviews conducted in a number of Regions with significant change resolved for Central Murray and Goulburn Murray regions. Goulburn Valley, Ovens and Murray, and Bellarine FLs win Division I, II and III respectively of the VicHealth Country Championships. Leagues' Seminar and Administration Courses continue to be well attended. Annual team's census indicates encouraging growth at the junior level but a concerning decline in senior numbers. Affiliation and Insurance program and Central Ordering System continue to provide important service to affiliates and revenue for VCFL. The VCFL under 17 Commonwealth Bank Cup team champions of Division II and earn right to challenge for Division I in 1995.

1995: A. Clarke elected President. Gippsland Latrobe, Ballarat and Riddell FLs win Division I, II and III respectively of VicHealth Country Championships. Riddell DFL cleared to VMFL. Goulburn Valley and Tungamah FLs amalgamate, and Bass Valley Wonthaggi DFL dissolved. Team numbers overall increase by thirty-six. Regional Development Plans prepared by each Region. VCFL defeated by VAFA by 8 points at Morwell. The VCFL Under 17 Commonwealth Bank Cup team finishes third in Division I of the Championships. VCFL supports applications of Traralgon and North Ballarat FCs to join State League competition in 1996.

1996: A. Clarke re-elected President. Review of VCFL Organisational Structure conducted but not adopted. Ovens & Murray and Murray FLs win Division I & II respectively of 'Booze Less' Championships. VCFL wins fourth Australian Country Football Championships at Cairns, Queensland. VCFL wins Division II Under 16 National Championships, Northern and Southern Mallee FLs amalgamate, Northern & Echuca FL dissolved. Traralgon and North Ballarat FCs join VFL. Four part-time regional umpire development officers appointed.

1997: J. McCarty elected President, new VCFL Board structure adopted. Ovens & Murray FL win Division I and Mornington Peninsula Nepean FL win Division II of "Booze Less" Championships, VCFL defeat VAFA by 97 points. Bendigo team admitted to VFL for 1998. D. Code appointed VFL Operations Manager, B. Senior appointed VCFL General Manager and D. Matthews appointed Field Officer.

1998: J. McCarty elected President of new independent VCFL Board of 9 Directors, Ovens & Murray FL win third consecutive Division I Booze-Less Championship title and Western Border win Division II, VCFL win fifth consecutive Australian Championship at Bendigo, Victorian Country team win Division I of National Under 16 Championships.

1999: Arnold Clarke re-elected President for a third term. Ovens & Murray win fourth consecutive Division I "Booze Less" Championships. West Gippsland Division II. The Weekly Times representative team defeated the VAFA. Gippsland Power Under 18

are runners up in the TAC Cup. Rick Irwin appointed Operations Manager. Ararat & District FL disbanded.

2000: Arnold Clarke retained as President. Joe Hutchinson elected to board. Neil Hurley resigned as Director during the year and was replaced by John McCarty. VicHealth continue sponsorship but change branding from “Booze Less” to “SmokeFree”. Geelong wins Division I and Bendigo Division II of the SmokeFree Championships. VCFL Senior Representative Team again win National Country title. Vic Country wins the U/16 & U/18 National Championship. Geelong Falcons win U/18 TAC Cup. VCFL continue restructure of Gippsland Region, Strategic Plan launched. Glenn Scott appointed to new position of Marketing Manager.

2001: Arnold Clarke retained as President. Greg Pullen resigned as Director during the year and wasn't replaced. Ron Montgomery commenced as Senior Field Officer and Stuart Boyd progressed to a new role as Field Officer. VicHealth continue sponsorship through the branding of “SmokeFree”. Ovens & Murray FL defeat Goulburn Valley FL in the Division I SmokeFree Championships, Ballarat defeat Central Murray in the Division II SmokeFree Championships. VCFL Senior Representative Team were runners up to the VAFA in the Brian Molony Cup. Vic Country were runners up in the final of the Under 18 National Championships, Vic Country won the Division I U/16 National Championships. Bendigo Pioneers were runners up to Calder Cannons in the TAC Cup. VCFL continue restructure of Gippsland Region. Administration Course and the Leagues Seminar were held at Shell Stadium, Geelong. The first ever Premiers Dinner was held.

2002: Arnold Clarke retained as President. Three new Directors elected: Nicholas Rolfe, Lance Standfield and Liam Poynton. Greg Trappett resigned during the year. Glenn Scott appointed new General Manager. Rod Threlfall appointed Umpire Development Manager. Shaun Connell appointed Field Officer. Pierre Demajo appointed Marketing Assistant. Caroline Morgan appointed Administration Officer/Personal Assistant. WorkSafe Victoria commence three-year Naming Rights Sponsorship. VicHealth continue Sponsorship through the “SmokeFree” message. Interfuse appointed Information Technology marketing partner and Major Sponsor. Mornington Peninsula Nepean defeat Hampden in the Division I SmokeFree Championships. Bendigo defeat Central Murray in the Division II SmokeFree Championships. Netball joins the Championships as WorkSafe Netball Cup. Interfuse East vs West Under 18 Challenge held in Pakenham. WorkSafe VCFL Under 18 representative team defeated by VAFA Under 19 team. Vic Country were runners up in the final of the Under 18 National Championships. Vic Country were runners up in the final of the Under 16 National Championships. Administration course and League Seminars held at Optus Oval, Carlton. The second ever WorkSafe VCFL Premiers Dinner was held.

2003: Graeme Allen, Ron Montgomery and Rod Ward commence in November 2002 as the WorkSafe VCFL's first Area Managers. Nicholas Rolfe elected as President. Graeme Bulgin elected as Vice President. Alistair Dobson appointed Marketing Manager in March. Kristine Harrower appointed Administration Officer in March. Western Area Manager Rod Ward resigns in September to become CEO of Ballarat FL. Alan Davies appointed Area Manager for the North-West in October. WorkSafe Victoria continued three-year Naming Rights Sponsorship. VicHealth continued as a Major Sponsor. Interfuse continued as Information Technology marketing partner and Major Sponsor. MBF commence as a Major Sponsor. WorkSafe VCFL State Team reclaims the Brian Molony Cup with a 26-point victory over the VAFA in Barooga. WorkSafe VCFL District State Team lost to the West Australian Country Football

League in Maryborough. West defeat East in the annual East vs West Under 18 Challenge. Geelong defeat Goulburn Valley in Division One of the WorkSafe Country Championships. Ballarat defeat Central Murray in Division Two of the WorkSafe Country Championships. Mornington Peninsula Nepean defeat Geelong in Division One of the WorkSafe Under 18 Series. Western Border defeat Sunraysia in Division Two of the WorkSafe Under 18 Series. Hampden defeat Goulburn Valley in Division One of the WorkSafe Netball Cup. Western Border defeat Sunraysia in Division Two of the WorkSafe Netball Cup. Vic Country were Champions in the National Under 18 Championships. League Seminars held in Ballarat in December for the first time. 18 Club Seminars conducted around the State in late January and early February. The third consecutive WorkSafe VCFL Premiers Dinner was held in October. Player Registration Program introduced for the first time. Regional Restructure announced on 1st September 2003 to reduce Regions from fourteen to ten.

2004: Brett Anderson, Alan Davies and John O'Donohue commence in late 2003 as the WorkSafe VCFL's new Area Managers, bringing the number to four. Nicholas Rolfe retained as President. Joe Hutchison elected as Vice President. Arnold Clarke resigned as a WorkSafe VCFL Director in June. Steven Reaper appointed Commercial/Business Manager in October. Lauren Keenan appointed Administration Officer in October. WorkSafe Victoria continued three-year Naming Rights Sponsorship. VicHealth continued as a Major Sponsor. Interfuse continued as Information Technology marketing partner and Major Sponsor. MBF, GrainCorp and V/Line continued as Major Sponsors. WorkSafe VCFL Senior State Team lost in the Division One Grand Final of the ACFC to the ACT in Bunbury, WA. WorkSafe VCFL District State Team won the Division Two Grand Final of the ACFC by beating Queensland. West defeat East in the annual East vs West Under 18 Challenge. Geelong won Pool A (Seniors) of the WorkSafe Country Championships. Ballarat won Pool B (Seniors) of the WorkSafe Country Championships. Wimmera won Pool C (Seniors) of the WorkSafe Country Championships. Bellarine won Pool D (Seniors) of the WorkSafe Country Championships. Geelong won Pool A (Under 18s) of the WorkSafe Country Championships. Ballarat won Pool B (Under 18s) of the WorkSafe Country Championships. Wimmera won Pool C (Under 18s) of the WorkSafe Country Championships. Bellarine won Pool D (Under 18s) of the WorkSafe Country Championships. Goulburn Valley defeated Ovens & Murray in Pool A of the WorkSafe Netball Cup. Bendigo won Pool B of the WorkSafe Netball Cup. Western Border won Pool C of the WorkSafe Netball Cup. League Seminars again held in Ballarat in December. Club Seminars conducted around the State in late January and early February. The fourth consecutive WorkSafe VCFL Premiers Dinner was held in October. Salary Cap abolished effective 31st October 2004.

2005: Nicholas Rolfe retained as President. Joe Hutchison retained as Vice President. League Seminars held at Telstra Dome in November. Club Seminars conducted around the State in late January and early February. Graeme Allen took over from Alistair Dobson as General Manager of Marketing and Affiliate Development in March. Phil Partington joined the VCFL, replacing Graeme Allen as Eastern Area Manager. After four months Phil moved to Football Victoria in their Development Department at North Ballarat. Shaun Connell replaced Phil Partington as Eastern Area Manager in September. Gerard Ryan appointed Junior Football Manager in July. Brett Connell appointed Operations Manager in October. Rose Glover joins the WorkSafe VCFL as an AFL SportsReady Trainee in February. WorkSafe announced new three-year Naming Rights Sponsorship in November. VicHealth continued as a Major Sponsor. Interfuse continued as Information Technology marketing partner and Major Sponsor. MBF, GrainCorp and V/Line also continued as Major Sponsors. WorkSafe

VCFL Senior State Team defeated VAFA by 29 points at Elsternwick to retain the Brian Molony Cup. West defeated East by 36 points at Punt Road Oval in the annual East vs West Under 18 Challenge. Goulburn Valley won Pool A (Seniors) of the WorkSafe Country Championships. West Gippsland Latrobe won Pool B (Seniors) of the WorkSafe Country Championships. Bellarine won Pool C (Seniors) of the WorkSafe Country Championships. Murray won Pool D (Seniors) of the WorkSafe Country Championships. Goulburn Valley won Pool A (Under 18s) of the WorkSafe Country Championships. Mornington Peninsula Nepean won Pool B (Under 18s) of the WorkSafe Country Championships. Western Border won Pool C (Under 18s) of the WorkSafe Country Championships. Sunraysia won Pool D (Under 18s) of the WorkSafe Country Championships. Geelong won Pool A of the WorkSafe Netball Cup. Hampden won Pool B of the WorkSafe Netball Cup. Western Border (blue) won Pool C of the WorkSafe Netball Cup. Sunraysia won Pool D of the WorkSafe Netball Cup. The fifth consecutive WorkSafe VCFL Premiers Dinner was held in October.

2006: Nicholas Rolfe retained as President. Joe Hutchison retained as Vice President. Brant Dunshea appointed General Manager – Umpiring in May. Russell O’Toole appointed Umpire Development Manager in May. Rose Glover appointed Events & Promotions Officer in February. WorkSafe continued fifth year as Naming Rights Sponsor. Interfuse continued as Information Technology marketing partner and Major Sponsor. E Banc Trade, GrainCorp, MBF, Telstra Country Wide, VicHealth, Victor Sports and V/Line also continued as Major Sponsors. WorkSafe VCFL Senior State Team defeated ACT to win Division One of the ACFC Championships on the Gold Coast. WorkSafe VCFL GrainCorp District State Team defeated the Aboriginal All-Stars to win Division Two of the ACFC Championships. West defeated East by 48 points at Punt Road Oval in the annual East vs West Under 18 Challenge. Ovens & Murray won Pool A, Hampden won Pool B, Bendigo won Pool C and Sunraysia won Pool D of the WorkSafe Country Championships (Seniors). Ballarat won Pool A, Mornington Peninsula Nepean won Pool B, Bendigo won Pool C and Yarra Valley Mountain District won Pool D of the WorkSafe Country Championships (Under 18s). Ovens & Murray won Pool A and Hampden won Pool B of the WorkSafe Netball Cup. League Seminars held at Telstra Dome in November. Club Seminars conducted around the State in late January and early February. The sixth WorkSafe VCFL Premiers Dinner was held in October at Moonee Valley.

2007: In the 80th year of the VCFL Nicholas Rolfe was retained as President. Tim Bunning elected Vice President. Dean Rice appointed Training Manager in November 2006. Beck Ricardo and Rhilee Telford joined the WorkSafe VCFL as AFL SportsReady Trainees in February. The 2007 season was severely threatened by drought however all Leagues conducted strong seasons. WorkSafe continued sixth year as Naming Rights Sponsor. Interfuse continued as Information Technology marketing partner and Major Sponsor. GrainCorp, Telstra Country Wide, VicHealth, Victor Sports and V/Line also continued as Major Sponsors. WorkSafe VCFL Senior State Team defeated VAFA by 1 point at Eastern Oval, Ballarat to retain the Brian Molony Cup. WorkSafe VCFL District State Team lost to South Australia Country by 46 points at Stawell. West defeated East by 23 points at Geelong West in the annual East vs West Under 18 Challenge. WorkSafe Country Championship Local Derbies held around the State. League Seminar held at the MCG in November 2006. The seventh WorkSafe VCFL Premiers Dinner was held in October at CQ, Melbourne.

2008: Nicholas Rolfe was retained as President. Tim Bunning retained as Vice President. Ben O'Brien appointed East Area Manager in December 2007. Scott Carey joined the WorkSafe VCFL as an AFL SportsReady Trainee in February. Gerard Ryan appointed Umpiring General Manager in March. Bruce Petering appointed North West Area Manager in March. Jock Allan appointed Events & Promotions Manager in April. Andrew Kellaway appointed Junior Football Manager in April. Lance Standfield resigned from the Board to take up CEO role at North Central FL in October. WorkSafe continued seventh year as Naming Rights Sponsor. Interfuse continued as Information Technology marketing partner and Major Sponsor. GrainCorp, Telstra Country Wide, VicHealth, Victor Sports and V/Line also continued as Major Sponsors. Hosted the Landmark Australian Country Football Carnival in Shepparton in July. Hosted rounds of the AFL International Cup in Warrnambool in September. East defeated West by 26 points at Pakenham in the annual East vs West Under 18 Challenge. The eighth WorkSafe VCFL Premiers Dinner was held in October at Hilton on the Park, Melbourne.

2009: Nicholas Rolfe was retained as President. Gerard Lucas elected as Vice President. Brant Dunshea filled the casual vacancy on the Board in October 2008. Ryan Webb appointed Marketing Manager in November 2008. Shayne Ward appointed Planning, Facilities and Junior Football Manager in November 2008. Brooke Chiller joined the VCFL as Administration Assistant in February. Tim Bunning retired from the Board after a three-year term and new Director Tony Mitchell joined the Board. Paul Shelley resigned from the Board in May. WorkSafe continued eighth year as Naming Rights Sponsor. Victor Sports and V/Line continued as Premier Sponsors. Landmark, Telstra Country Wide, and VicHealth continued as Major Sponsors. First annual Pink Footy Day held on Mother's Day Weekend. Bushfire Appeal Round held on May 30/31. The WorkSafe VCFL changed IT provides from Fuse Sport (Interfuse) to FootyWeb (Sporting Pulse). WorkSafe VCFL Umpiring Academy provided appointments to TAC and VFL Reserve Grade matches for the first time. WorkSafe Championships 'Local Derbies' held across the state. WorkSafe VCFL District State Team defeated VAFA (C-D4) by 68 points at Barooga Sports Ground to retain the Cystic Fibrosis Cup in June. WorkSafe VCFL State team defeated VAFA (A&B) BY 4 points at Junction oval to retain the Brian Maloney Cup, with the WorkSafe VCFL Under 19 team defeating the VAFA Under 19 team by 46 points in the curtain raiser. The ninth WorkSafe VCFL Premiers Dinner held in October at the Hilton on the Park.

2010: Nicholas Rolfe was re-elected as President. Gerard Lucas was re-elected as Vice-President. Lloyd Sims joined the board at the 2009 AGM through a casual vacancy due to Director Paul Shelley's resignation in May 2009. WorkSafe completes 9th year as naming rights sponsor. WorkSafe Country Championships held in May under the new ranking format and for the first time included 4 District Leagues. On Queen's Birthday Weekend, the WorkSafe U/19 team were defeated by the VAFA U/19 team at Elsternwick Park. A successful V/Line Cup Carnival was conducted in late June. In July, the WorkSafe VCFL Major League State Team defeated South Australia by 85 points to win the Landmark Cup at the Landmark Australian Country Football Carnival at Manuka Oval in Canberra. The WorkSafe VCFL Barooga Sports Club District League State Team also competed at the 2010 ACFC Carnival. The 5-year Country Football Netball Grant Program was concluded in July and a new CFNGP was announced in August. Will McGregor joined the VCFL staff in September in a new FootyMart role. The 10th annual Premiers Dinner was held in October in Melbourne.

2011: Nicholas Rolfe was retained as VCFL President, with Gerard Lucas continuing as Vice President.

Glenn Scott resigned from the WorkSafe VCFL in May. Steven Reaper is appointed CEO of the WorkSafe VCFL. Stephen Smith joins the VCFL as Finance and Admin Department Manager. Amy Dwyer appointed in an Administration role between February and September.

WorkSafe celebrates 10 years as naming rights partner of the VCFL.

VCFL hosts AFL Community Camps in February in five locations in the regions, NAB Regional Challenge matches played in Yea, Ballarat and Mt Gambier.

Severe flooding decimates areas of the state and has wide ranging impacts on football clubs. VCFL establishes the AFL Flood Fund to support affected clubs.

A successful V/Line Cup held in April school holidays under a new pool format, with two regional venues hosting matches prior to the Melbourne leg of the Carnival.

Goulburn Valley retained its number 1 ranking in the WorkSafe Country Championship in the second year of the rankings system. 20 leagues participated in the WorkSafe Country Championships.

The VCFL state teams played the VAFA at Deakin Reserve in Shepparton in July with the Under 19 and VCFL Vic 2 teams posting strong wins, and the VCFL Vic 1 team having a narrow defeat in a terrific exhibition of representative football.

Review into Country Football in Victoria is conducted by AFL Victoria Chairman Peter Jackson with 25 recommendations regarding the governance of the game delivered.

Project Implementation Team and Steering Committee is appointed to prepare detailed analysis of the recommendations.

The 11th Annual Premiers Dinner was celebrated at the Hilton on the Park in October. The annual VCFL Media Awards conducted at VISY Park in November.