

# 60 years on, Lions still roaring

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Season remains one of the years in the history of the Lions Football Club. The club ended its 31-year drought, the year it moved to its present home ground, Clarke Oval. The club's 60th anniversary of the premiership side was celebrated at Clarke Oval to mark the 60th anniversary of the club's first premiership win. Former player John Hammer, who played at the reunion, said 11 players from the 1953 side were in attendance. A reunion party of 52 former players, including one from Western Districts, also celebrated the feat of the grand final sides of the club. 60 years since Sunbury [Lions] moved to the old Railway reserve, the area is full of shops in Evans

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Street," said Mr Hammer. "Some of us recalled planting the pine trees behind the Sunbury Social Club in 1952.

"A commemorative plaque was presented by the returnees to the club to mark the occasion.

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Among the former players at the reunion were former VFL stalwarts John Hoiles and Noel Long, and former coach Barry Palmer, who won the 1955 Bowen Medal and AC Gardiner medals in the Riddell District Football League.

## Mosaic magic marks the dreamtime



**Colour and unity:** Aunty Gloria Norrey, Karen Jones, Gail Radford, Troy Blow and Aunty Diane Kerr at the mosaic unveiling.

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TO the sounds of a didgeridoo, Hume Indigenous Planned Activity Group members celebrated the unveiling of an Aboriginal-themed mosaic at the front of Sunbury Community Health Centre.

The mosaic, created by the group, is of serpents and representative of the Dreamtime.

The centre's Aboriginal engagement officer, Gail Radford, said the mosaic was a big thing for the indigenous community.

Ms Radford said her role at the health centre was about building relationships between the Sunbury and indigenous community.

"I have formed a Sunbury Aboriginal community reference group, which is for anyone interested in being involved and working together," she said.

"We're looking at holding events like a Koorie night market and organising a group for older women and, hopefully in the long term, a community hub."

- Tara Murray