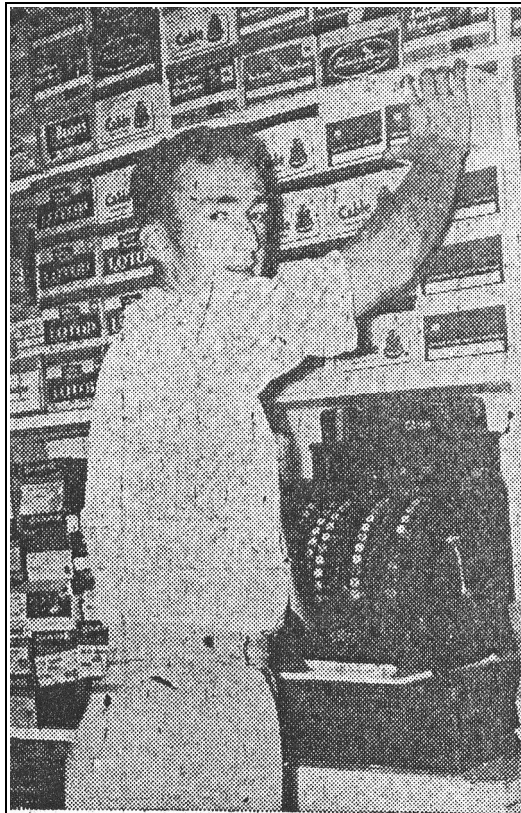


### GRIFFITH COACHES WELCOMED

The Griffith Australian Rules staged the most successful pre-season social in the clubs history when 200 supporters attended a welcome to the two coaches Len Sexton and Jim Eley.

The coaches were officially welcomed by club president Dick Bitcon. He said both came to Griffith with big reputations and he knew they would uphold the prestige they had won on the football field. Sexton's football record speaks for itself. Born in Colac (Vic) 23 years ago, he learnt his football at school, where he showed considerable promise in the sports of football and cricket. Geelong football talent scouts spotted Sexton in the amateur ranks, resulting in an invitation to try out with the Geelong senior club in 1956, Sexton played two senior night games that season, after receiving promotion from the second 18. An attractive offer as a paid player took Sexton to the Canberra club, Acton in 1957.

Murray League club, Berrigan sought his services in 1958 as playing coach where he stayed for three years. He figured prominently in the League's best and fairest awards, being runner up in 1959 and outright winner in 1960.



**Griffith Australian Rules coach Len Sexton has already taken up residence in Griffith. The club tendered him and reserve coach Jim Eley a welcome at Griffith on Friday night. Sexton, who has had considerable experience in the shoe trade, is seen here putting away stock at Kendell's shoe store, Griffith, where he is employed.**



### GRIFFITH - "THE SWANS"

**LEN SEXTON** (forward and centre): 24 years, 5ft. 11ins., 12 stone 7lbs; First year as coach. Brilliant ball handler, and ground player. Long and accurate kick.

**VIC HATHAWAY** (rover): 25, 5ft. 8ins. 11.8; One of the best ball-getters in League. Never turns in a bad game.

**KEVIN ROWSTON** (centre half-forward): 23, 6ft., 11.10. Brilliant high mark and good ground player.

**JIM ELEY** (ruck): 28, 6ft. 1ins. 14.7. Ex Cobram player who came to Griffith from Yarroweyah this year. Strong ruckman.

**LES COLLIS** (utility player): 23, 5ft. 10ins. 11.12. Rover, centre wing or forward. Safe mark, good ball handler.

**BOB CARROLL** (ruck-rover): 23, 5ft. 9ins. 13.5. Solid, vigorous player. Safe mark and good kick.

**BOB TYNDALL** (full back): 24, 6ft., 11.12. Unobtrusive player, but is seldom beaten. Fast, a sure mark.

**BILL TYNDALL** (rover): 23, 5ft. 9ins., 11.12. Fast, lively and vigorous player. Injuries have greatly effected his play this season.

**GORDON BROWNE** (back pocket): 20, 5ft. 10ins., 12.0. Fast mover, with good anticipation. Safe mark and reliable kick.

**MICK NEWMAN** (centre wing): 22, 5ft. 9ins., 11.12. Another who has missed many games through injury. Safe mark and good long kick.

**DON BEST** (half-back): 28, 5ft. 9ins., 12.1. Safe mark and reliable kick.

**BILL BIRON** (ruck): 24, 6ft. 1in., 13.10. Good high mark and safe kick.

**JOHN ANDERSON** (centre half back): 27, 5ft. 9ins., 11.8. Spectacular high mark and very good kick.

**JACK KLOOT** (forward): 33, 6ft., 12.2. Good change ruckman. Safe mark and kick.

**FRANK CONLAN** (back pocket): 25, 5ft. 10ins., 13.4. Brilliant defender, safe mark and reliable kick.

**DOUG KOEHLER** (full forward): 26, 5ft. 10ins., 11.3. Good mark and kick. Opens up attack with fast leads.

**BOB SPEARS** (forward): 25, 5ft. 9ins., 13.10. Good utility player. Fast and vigorous.

**ALBY SUTTON** (forward): 23, 5ft. 7ins., 11.2.

**ALLAN SMITH** (half-back): 19, 5ft. 9ins., 11.3. Very courageous and tenacious young player.

**RAY DAVIES** (half-forward): 21, 5ft. 11ins., 11.7. Another young player who has developed this season.

**JOHN BORTOLAZZO** (centre wing): 23, 5ft. 7ins., 12.8. This year's most improved player. Fast and a tigerish battler.

**DOUG GEDDES** (forward): 24, 5ft. 7ins., 11.4. Good mark and kick - left-footer, with neat turn.

**JIM FIELDER** (utility player): 28, 6ft., 13.5. Change ruck and good utility, who always gives his best.

**LEFT Presentation night at the Police Boys Club** (left to right) **Back Row:** Fred Lodding, Royce White, Odey Biron, Keith Kesby, Len Sexton, Mal Brauman, Jim Eley, Bob Tyndall. **Third Row:** Bill O'Dwyer, Bob Carroll, Bill Biron, Jack Kloot, John Anderson, Jim Fielder, Frank Conlan, John Diggelman, Kevin Rowston, Bob Spears, Terry Myers. **Second Row:** Ken Stevenson, Ron Cross, Doug Koehler, Vic Hathaway, Gordon Browne, Don Pannan. **Front Row:** Reg McCudden, Mick Newman, Bruce Young, Bill Tyndall, John Bortolazzo.