



ALAN TANNER LIFE MEMBER 1984

Alan Tanner played from 1960 though to 1986 predominately in the Firsts as a strong right arm starting pitcher with a good fast ball and a nasty curve. He was also a consistent high average left handed hitter with power who played the infield corners when he wasn't on the mound.



For Victoria, Alan played in four Claxton Shield series primarily as a pitcher but also at first base. His highlights included pitching the deciding game against NSW in 1962 where Victoria won 4-2 for the Australian Championship. Alan also so collected 2 hits in the game. He also played for Victoria in the 1966 Chrysler Cup series against South Australia.





Alan was the mainstay of the Club's pitching staff for over a decade. Along the way other highlights included:

- Losing a no hitter in 10th inns 0-1 to Fitzroy in 1967
- Going 16 innings and out pitching 2 state pitchers to win the 1969 Summer Premiership 2-1 against Alphington.
- In 1968 he pitched 104 inns, 53 Strike outs with ERA 2.50 and backed up with 102.2 inns in 1969 , 62 Strikeouts and a ERA 3.42
- Club's first Designated hitter and the first player to hit a home run at Straw Field.
- Hit safely in 11 consecutive games in 1973
- Left handed hitter who hit for high average and power., leading the batting on several occasions. In 1968 he batted BA.383 with 20 RBI's and BA.338 in 1969. Batted over .300 for 6 consecutive seasons.



Home run to right field 1973





Following the Amalgamation 1972, Alan was appointed the Club Coach and Manager of the First Nine playing in VBA's Division 1 Competition taking his team into the finals in his first year at the helm.

Alan was Club Coach for 7 seasons (1973 to 1976/77 and 1979/80) and his teams made Division 1 final. He coached of the Reserves in the early 1980s winning 2 flags.

At the end of his playing career Alan continued to be heavily involved in the game as the Pitching Coach for Waverly Reds in the Australian Baseball League as well as for State and National teams. Working with the most of the talented young pitchers in the state and touring Australian teams. Alan quickly gained a reputation as a top pitching coach helping players achieve the best from their potential, Numerous players went on to sign professional contracts including some who became Major Leaguers. Others he helped win College scholarships in the USA.

Alan has been the Club's Junior pitching coach since 2000 and has consistently produced quality pitchers.

Alan has always been actively involved in all our social activities and is highly respected baseball person who will always be associated with the Club.

Alan Tanner was Awarded the Australian Sports Medal in 2000 for his services to baseball.

