

Hi Peter & Steve,

Thanks for getting back to me.

Before I go on, can you please send me the contact details for John "Charlie" Griffith, we know each other very well but I have not spoken to him for about 40 years!.

There were a few years when I lived and breathed Norths Cricket Club as there are no doubt people who now do the same. This is what keeps sporting clubs going.

I still have family who live in Townsville although I have lived in Melbourne since I left Townsville for Melbourne in 1988 for work reasons.

I have visited Townsville over many years, mainly in winter, and have driven past your club house at Endeavour Park and felt proud that the club has come a long way since I was involved when we practiced at a single net at Queens Park in North Ward. I used to carry a roll of artificial grass and a bag of practice gear around in the boot of my car during the season for practice.

What I have are photographs of premiership teams and some players plus for a couple of seasons I kept a scrap book of scores and write ups from the Bully. Glen "Squeaker" Stephenson used to do the write ups then. Everyone had a nickname and his father who was a RL referee had the nick name "Minor Bird".

Townsville was a lot smaller when I first went to live there in 1961 with about 52,000 people. If you played a lot of sport like I did all year round, it seemed like you knew everyone in town.

What I thought I would do over the coming weeks is to scan and send through to you both by email as much as I can put my hands on.

What you decide to do with it is up to you.

In addition, I will contact a few of the old timers I know and give a bit of history as to who played in my era and a few stories. My era would cover roughly 1960 to 1979.

My work and National Service took me away from Townsville a lot and I played with Valleys in Brisbane for 5 seasons. I was also the first captain/coach of Brothers in Mackay when they went into A grade in 1978/79. I finished my first career then when I was transferred back to Townsville in December 1979 at age 32 and retired. I came out of retirement in Melbourne at the age of 47 and played 10 years of over 40's Vets cricket for Mountain Gate in the Ferntree Gully Association.

Let me know what you think.

Regards,

Ray Kohn