

## ***Ernie Hutchins (Blackburn & BHRDCA) – 1952 to mid 1970's***

*Sourced from the Blackburn Club History book*

Blackburn's first XI wicket-keeper during the late 1950's, Ernie Hutchins joined the BHRDCA committee as Treasurer in 1961-62 and served in the role for three years. He was then BHRDCA President from 1966-67 to 1970-71 and oversaw the introduction of several clubs into the competition after the Burwood District Cricket Association folded in 1968.

Ernie commenced with Blackburn in 1952-53 and barring a season with the Blackburn Church of Christ in 1955-56, continued with Blackburn through the 1960's.

During the late 1950's, Ernie acted as Blackburn's first XI captain and was the wicket-keeper, affecting 27 dismissals behind the stumps in one season. He also acted as the captain of the BHRDCA representative side.

Dropping down the grades, Ernie made a total of 375 runs for Blackburn's fourth XI in 1961-62 which included 107 not out against St. Lukes and 49 in the winning 'D Grade' grand final over East Burwood.

Off the field, Ernie was Blackburn Secretary from the late 1950's through the early 1960's. After his stint as BHRDCA President, Ernie became Blackburn President from 1971-72 to 1972-73