

DEDICATION

If this foray into Colts history ever turns into a book, it will be dedicated to Douglas Lieversz, Trevor Jansz, Trute Vanderwert and Trevor Rajaratnam. The unswerving loyalty to the club of the first three mentioned turned the chronicler into a Colts convert.

Douglas Lieversz gifted the chronicler with his copy of Foenander's history of the club. From then onwards the latter regularly inhaled the incomparable history of the club.

But over 41 years the chronicler's excitement over the club had become subdued. It was only the realisation that Trevor Rajaratnam, a contemporary, was still with the club that had improved leaps and bounds, that reignited the chronicler's Colts fervour. Rajaratnam embodied the dedication to the club that made the chronicler feel that he could have done more for the club, even from a distance. And so was born the idea of saluting the club in the form of an updated Colts history.

The Colts reawakening that occurred in 2014 demonstrates that physical distance need not be a barrier to club loyalty. If anything, it has been strengthened by the realisation that the club will always be the chronicler's second home, if only in spirit.

The narrative continuously acknowledges those who followed in the footsteps of the above, and stirred by the club's longevity, have successfully endeavoured to sustain, and enhance, the club's legacy. The Colts is a club of heroes – some a memory, others carrying the club on their shoulders and leading it into a promised land.