

## Billy Brownless

## VFL & AFL

Anthony William "Billy" Brownless (born January 28, 1967 in Jerilderie, New South Wales, Australia) is a former Australian rules footballer with the Geelong Football Club in the Australian Football League.

Brownless made his VFL/AFL debut in 1986 and quickly made a name for himself as a strong full-forward, winning the Cats' Best First Year Player award that year.

One of Brownless' fondest memories was booting a goal after the siren against Footscray in the 1994 Qualifying final. With his team trailing by one point, he marked the ball within scoring range with just seconds left and booted a goal to send Geelong through to the next stage of the finals. While the Cats eventually made it to the Grand Final, they lost that match and it was a sad tale of Brownless' career that he played in 4 losing Grand Final teams with Geelong.

Brownless retired in 1997 at 30 years of age, in the same season as the player he played second banana in the forward line with, Gary Ablett, injuries taking their toll on both their bodies.

He went on to play 198 games and kick 441 goals, putting him 3rd in Geelong's all-time goalkicking list, behind Gary Ablett (1021) and Doug Wade (834).

After his successful football career Brownless became a media favourite. Working on The Footy Show with the likes of Sam Newman and Eddie MacGuire and also on the Sunday Footy Show saw his popularity rise among footy fans across the country. He is a commentator on Melbourne radio and well known to love a beer and a laugh.



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