



LIFE MEMBERS

NO 1: CLIVE WENNERBOM

Clive Wennerbom was one of the “founding fathers” of the Wyoming Soccer Club. From the first informal meeting of interested parties at Alan Davidson Park, through the official formation process (where he was elected as the club’s first president) and for the next seven years, Clive gave his all for the new club.

With fellow inaugural Life Members, Kevin Watson and Jorg Breitkopf, he formed the nucleus of the club during its formative years both on and off the field. In 1972 he coached the club’s first Under 6 team, taking them to two premierships in three years, before stepping down after their win in the 1974 U8 Association Cup.

After travelling to Germany to watch the Australian team play in the 1974 World Cup Clive returned to coach son Anthony’s U12A and U13A teams in 1975 and 1976 respectively.

The first in a long line of WSC/WFC people to become actively involved with the administration of the CCSA/CCF, Clive held the positions of Senior Vice-President and Chairman of Judiciary in the early 1970s, at the same time staying on for a total of six years as WSC president. In 1975 he became one of club’s three inaugural Life Members.

A fitness fanatic, Clive was a member of the Central Coast Hash House Harriers, but tragically died in 1995 at the age of 59, after contracting a virus whilst on an overseas holiday.



NO 2: JORG BREITKOPF

One of the Wyoming Soccer Club’s great characters, Jorg Breitkopf was heavily involved both as a coach and an administrator throughout the first decade of the club’s life.

Born in Germany, he came to Australia while in his late teens, eventually settling on the Central Coast in 1971. That year, with his oldest son, Michael, showing an interest in playing soccer, he came to Alan Davidson Park and left shortly afterwards as the coach that that year’s Under 7B team. The majority of the team were young enough to remain in the same age group the following year and, with a blend of old and new players, Jorg was able to mould together a team which was to remain together for the next ten years and become one of Wyoming’s most outstanding junior teams. In 1972 they had the honour of winning the club’s first premiership.

With experienced coaches at a premium in those early days, Jorg, with his background and knowledge of the game gleaned in Europe, was also an invaluable asset to the club in being able to assist many of the other, less experienced coaches.

In 1979, Jorg, with six players from his club team, backed up for the Under 13 Central Coast representative team. The following year the players were faced with the choice of either playing club or rep. soccer. All six decided to stay with Jorg and play for Wyoming.

The self-confessed ‘stirrer’ of the club committee, Jorg filled a number of positions during his years with the club including those of president (1975 and 1977) and vice president (1973, 1977 and 1979). In 1975 he was elected as a Life Member.





- No 3: KEVIN WATSON



Kevin Watson made a valuable contribution during the formative years of the Wyoming Soccer Club, both as a coach and as an administrator.

As a coach Kevin started from scratch. Indeed when he first took over as coach of the 1970 Under 8 team he hadn't even seen a game of soccer, let alone coached a team. Despite this he took that team to the 1971 finals (as Under 9Bs) and then to the Under 10B premiership in 1972. Promoted to A grade the following season they narrowly missed the semi-finals, before being beaten finalists in the U12A competition of 1974 - Kevin's last season as a coach.

Off the field Kevin was vice president in 1971, secretary from 1973 to 1975 and was an integral part of the management team that guided the club through the difficult early years of its life.

A fine all-round sportsman in his own right Kevin was for many years a successful lower grade captain with the Narara-Wyoming Cricket Club and the Lions Baseball Club.

- No 4: KEVIN BEST



No single person has made a greater contribution to the Wyoming Soccer/Football Club - indeed to the game of football on the Central Coast - than Kevin Best. For the past 35 years he has worked tirelessly in numerous capacities, including as a player, coach, reporter and administrator.

Kevin began playing soccer at the age of eight with the Bankstown RSL club before joining Hurlstone Park Soccer Club the following season (1958). He remained with that club for the next 17 years as a player, coach and administrator.

He moved to Central Coast in 1975 where he joined an ex-Hurlstone Park teammate Dan Wilkinson who had come to Wyoming the previous season. The following year Kevin became involved with the club's administration, initially as the senior club delegate to the CCSA, later (1977) as social secretary and eventually as president, a position he was to occupy for nine years from 1978 to 1986.

In 1982 when the opportunity to further develop soccer on the Central Coast through the formation of a local State League team Kevin and the Wyoming Soccer Club gave their full support to the project even though the club's First Grade team was weakened significantly through the departure of many of its best players to the new State League team. Kevin himself became the first chairman of the State League club, then was secretary the following year, before becoming minutes secretary of CCSA in 1984. From 1985 to 1997 he was the CCSA's Marketing, Promotions and Publicity Officer providing, among other things, news on the sport to the local media.

Kevin's commitment to coaching ranges from Under 5s to First Grade, as well as at representative level. He has been the club's First Grade coach on four occasions (1983 and 1987-89). In 2008 he introduced the ABC Coaching Junior Football Program to the club to try and improve the quality of players at the grassroots level. By 2010 five players from the Program had won places in the Central Coast Mariners Junior Academy.

Kevin has received numerous awards for his contribution to football including a 1984 Australia Day Medal and the 1986 Central Coast Soccer Person of the Year. He has twice been the club's Senior Player of the Year and twice the Clubperson of the Year, as well as the rare achievement of being a Life Member of three football bodies: the Hurlstone Park and Wyoming Soccer clubs and the Central Coast Soccer Association

In 2010 he played an integral part in the formation of the WFC Life Member's Board, having received that honour in 1979, and became the Board's inaugural chairman.



No 5: JOYCE BULLEY

Joyce Bulley is one of those dedicated women who, over the years, worked tirelessly behind the scenes to raise funds for the club as a member of the WSC Ladies Auxiliary. She was there in 1971 when the canteen was nothing more than a table under the trees at the southern end of Alan Davidson Park from which drinks, hot dogs and sweets were sold. Twelve years later she was still with the club as Catering Officer in the present building having seen the 'old shed' which had served as the canteen from 1972 to 1980 come and go.

Joyce held a number of other official positions within the Ladies Auxiliary including president (1980-81), vice president (1973-74 and 1982). She also served on the main Club Committee as assistant secretary (1974-76), Catering Officer (1983) and Ladies Auxiliary Delegate, often attending three or more club meetings each month.

One of the many parents to emerge from the outstanding junior team coached by Jorg Breitkopf, Joyce was the manager of the team in 1976 and later of the U7 and U8 teams coached jointly by her son, Bryan, and Phillip Robson.

In 1980 Joyce and Leonie Best became the first women to be awarded Life Membership..



No 6: LEONIE BEST

Leonie Best, formerly Leonie Van Dorp, was one of the hardest-working and most effective administrators in Central Coast football

Beginning as manager of the Wyoming U6A team of 1972, she joined the Ladies Auxiliary the following year before being elected to the important Committee position of registrar in 1974. Apart from a two-year break (1977-1978) when she was the club's Publicity Officer, Leonie continued as registrar until 1985 - a total of 10 years in the one position, and at a time when player registrations grew from about 150 to almost 600.

Leonie also gained the distinction of being Wyoming's first female premiers-ship-winning coach when, after managing her son's team again in 1973 and 1974, she then coached them to the 1975 U9A title. That same season she was also manager of the Central Coast U9 representative team.

Leonie's two children had outstanding football careers. Her son, Stephen Van Dorp, played a total of 14 seasons with the club, both in junior and senior teams, while her daughter, Lisa Van Dorp, is the club's highest achiever having represented the Central Coast, Northern NSW and Australia.

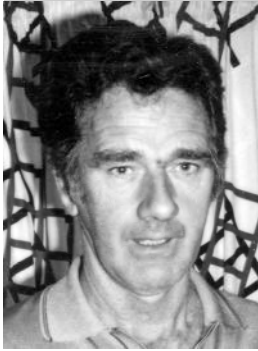
Like a number of other Wyoming officials Leonie graduated to CCSA where she became a long-serving member of the Association's management team. Between 1986 and 1988 she served on both the Judiciary and Publicity Committees before taking over as CCSA Administration Officer and company secretary from 1989 to 1997. In 1992 she received an Australia Day Award for contributions to soccer.

In 1980 she became a Life Member of the Club, joined husband Kevin as the first of four husband and wife Life Members and is also a Life Member of the CCSA.





— No 7: GRAHAM SMITH —



Between 1976 and 1985 Graham Smith established himself as Wyoming's most successful coach, taking one team from U6s to U16s, and winning five out of seven possible premierships. Prior to this he had coached senior teams to a further eight titles with the Concord and Manly clubs in Sydney.

In his youth Graham had played football in the Sydney Churches competition as well as for the Auburn and Manly clubs.

Off the field Graham was an integral part of the outstanding administration team which led the club throughout the late 1970s and early 1980s, holding the position of vice president from 1978 to 1984.

Following his retirement from coaching after the U16A grand final in 1985 Graham turned to refereeing as well as taking up a role in administration as the secretary of the Central Coast Referees Association, a position he was to hold for more than two decades.

— No 8: BEDE HICKEY —

Local solicitor Bede Hickey was given an honorary Life Membership of the Wyoming Soccer Club in 1982 in recognition of him providing free legal advice and services to the club for a number of years.

— No 9: PAULA ROBSON —



A leading candidate for the title of Wyoming's Number One supporter, Paula Robson first paced the sidelines back in 1971 when the older two of her three sons began playing for the club. From then until the time of her untimely death in July 2004, at the age of 68, she rarely missed the opportunity to cheer her boys on as they graduated from junior to senior football. Between them Jamie (playing his 35th year with the club in 2010), Phillip (25 years) and Matthew (21 years) have played at total of 81 years for Wyoming.

But Paula was always much more than just a spectator. Like so many other parents who were associated with the outstanding Jorg Breitkopf team of the 1970s she became totally involved with the running of both the team in particular (she was manager from 1971 to 1975) and the club in general for many years.

In the latter area she was a hard-working and dedicated member of both the Ladies Auxiliary and the general Committee from 1973 to 1983, serving as Ladies Auxiliary vice president (1973), president (1973-1974) and treasurer in 1975.

Paula was elevated to Life Membership in 1982 and was later followed by both Phillip (in 1991) and Jamie (in 2004). They are the club's only mother and son Life Members.



— No 10: JILL SMITH —

Jill Smith remains the longest-serving secretary in Wyoming's history having occupied that position for nine years between 1978 and 1986. She took over the job at a difficult time with the club going through a transition period following the retirement of most of the 'old guard' from the Executive and a period when, for the first time, there was a decline in the number of player registrations.

Together with the new president, Kevin Best, Jill provided the stability, drive and sheer hard work required to check this decline and to attract new players to the club. The extent of their success was such that team numbers grew from 17 in 1977 to 41 in 1983 with a then record number of 585 registered players in the latter year.

Apart from the 'normal' work of a club secretary, Jill became the publisher, editor, typesetter, printer and distributor of the club's new monthly news bulletin 'Tiger Tales' which first appeared in 1978. The increase in the size of the club meant that there was a similar increase in both the size and circulation of the bulletin. Despite this Jill was able to produce it month after month for the next nine years.

Jill Smith's services to the Wyoming Soccer Club were recognised with the awarding to her of the Clubperson of the Year award on three occasions (1979, 1983 and 1984) and in 1982 she joined husband Graham as a Life Member.

When son Stephen left Wyoming to further his football career at representative level Jill, joined the CCSA Committee and again rolled up her sleeves and got to work. In 1989 she was voted the CCSA Soccer Person of the Year and was later elected as a CCSA Life Member, one of five people to win dual Life Membership of both club and Association.



— No 11: STEVE FIELD —

In his 15-year association with the Wyoming Soccer Club Steve Field made a significant contribution to the ongoing success of the growing club. A Life Member and the only four-time winner of the prestigious Clubperson of the Year award, Steve served on the Club Committee for a total of 13 years including five years as Club president.

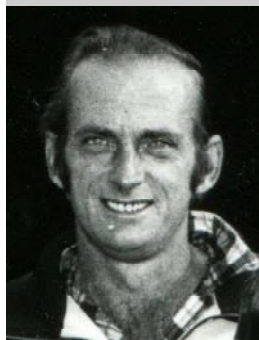
As outstanding as Steve's administrative contributions were, it was coaching which was his first priority. Between 1980 and 1988 he coached 14 teams in a total of 254 competition matches. Despite having no soccer background - he was a sufficiently good rugby league player to represent Canterbury-Bankstown in the Jersey Flegg competition. Steve adapted quickly enough to soccer to guide the 1980 U9A team to a premiership in his first season as coach.

Between 1983 and 1987 he coached two teams per season with eight out of nine teams making the semi-finals. More importantly he was able to develop the skills of a large number of young players, including many that began in Steve's Saturday afternoon 'kindergartens' in the early 1980s and went on to play representative football.





— No 12: PETER FROST —



One of the Wyoming Football Club's great personalities, Peter Frost served the club, and the game of football, in every possible capacity – as a player, coach, administrator and referee

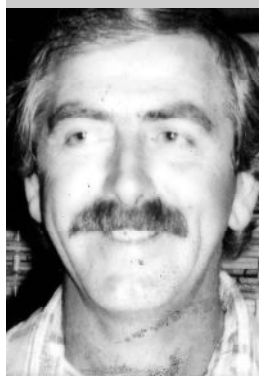
Unlike the majority of the club's early senior players, most of whom came from Sydney, Peter played all his football on the Central Coast, beginning as an 8-year-old in the early 1950s with The Entrance club. He retired from the game with the same club in 1967 before making a comeback with Wyoming in 1978.

The highlight of his playing career with Wyoming came at Gavenlock Oval in 1983, where he was a member of the club's 'Thirsty Thirds' team which took out the Third Grade 'B' premiership.

Between 1980 and 1983 Peter coached Wyoming's leading 'B' grade team to a succession of near misses, being runners-up in the U9 competition, finalists in U10s and runners-up again as U11s.

Off the field, Peter was a prodigious worker, both for Wyoming and for the CCSA. One of five people to be awarded Life Membership for both bodies he was the CCSA Junior vice president (1983-1985), Judiciary Committee chairman (1985-1987) and a member of the Qualifications Committee (1988-1989). At Wyoming he was senior delegate (1980) and assistant registrar (1981-1984). Peter was awarded Life Membership in 1984.

— No 13: NORM WOODS —



Like most people Norm Woods' first contact with the sport of football came when his son began playing the game. Norm was heavily involved with the Wyoming club during the first half of the 1980s as a coach, Committee member and player.

Starting as coach of son Brett's U6A team in 1980, Norm joined the Club Committee in the same year as the senior delegate. In addition to coaching that junior team through until 1983 Norm assisted the club by also coaching the U16B girls team (in 1981) and the U7B2 team in 1985.

Becoming ever more involved Norm began playing himself in 1982 as player/coach of the Wyoming Third Grade team, reaching the competition final that year, before going on to take out the 1983 premiership and 1984

league championship.

Norm's contribution to the club was recognised at the 1985 Annual General Meeting when he was awarded Life Membership.

— No 14: MARK PORTER —



The first Wyoming Soccer Club player to be awarded Life Membership, Mark Porter made his debut shortly before his sixth birthday, with the U7A team of 1970.

Apart from the 1977 season, when Wyoming was unable to field a team in the U13 age group, and 1991 when he had a season's break Mark played a total of 21 years including a number of seasons in First Grade. In addition, between 1973 and 1976 played junior representative football for the Central Coast

Mark played for three seasons (1981 to 1983) in the club's U19 team where he was an integral part of the 1982 premiership-winning team.



No 15: STEVE FRAME

Steve Frame first played for Wyoming as a member of the 1973 U10A team. The following season he played for East Gosford but rejoined Wyoming in 1975, remaining with the club for 20 of the next 22 seasons.

A genuine striker (he always wore the No 10 shirt) in the classic mould, Steve shares the club's goal-scoring record - 12 goals in the U15As 19-0 victory over Ettalong in 1978. In the early 1980s he emerged as one of a handful of young players considered talented enough to replace the ageing 'Pensioners'. The highlight of Steve's playing career came in 1982 when he was a member of that season's premierships-winning U19 team.

Steve began coaching while still in his teens and during the following years established himself as one of the best young coaches on the Central Coast. Between 1980 and 1995 he coached a total of 15 teams in a variety of age groups, showing his versatility by coaching both high and lower grade junior teams, womens teams and lower grade senior teams. Ten of his teams reached the semi-finals with two (the 1991 U14As and 1992 U13As) winning premierships.

Another personal highlight came in 1992 when Steve coached the Kanwal First Grade team to victory in the Premier League Two grand final at Bluetongue Stadium. It was a bittersweet moment for Steve - the team that they defeated 4-1 was Wyoming. Steve continued to coach Kanwal in the Premier League competition until 2008 when he stepped down to follow his son, Ryan, as he took his first steps into representative football.



No 16: MARIE FROST

With husband, Peter, sons Garry and Glen, and daughter Paula all playing for the club at various times it was inevitable that Marie Frost would become involved with the Wyoming Soccer Club.

The epitome of the quiet achiever Marie served on both the club and CCSA Committees for most of the 1980s. Known affectionately as 'The General' she was the WSC Catering Officer and canteen manager for five years (1984 to 1987 and 1990) and was Registrar in 1989.

At Association level Marie was chairman of the Match Committee between 1988 and 1990 where she was unfortunate enough to encounter two of the wettest seasons on record, and consequently had the difficult task of rescheduling a countless number of matches as round after round was washed out. As with most tasks that she took on Marie handled the crises with a minimum of fuss and every match was eventually played, some after having been rescheduled up to three or four times.

Marie was awarded Life Membership in 1988, joining the Bests and Smiths as the third husband/wife Life Members.

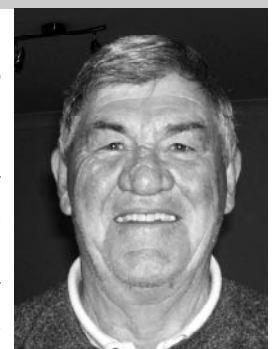


No 17: PAT RYAN

One of Wyoming's most popular coaches, Pat Ryan, first coached back in 1975 when he took that season's U6A1 team to the competition final. Always willing to help out a team in trouble, over the next 18 years he would coach a total of 19 mostly lower grade, teams taking a club record 14 into semi-finals.

After taking over the Wyoming U19 team in 1984 Pat moved to the senior ranks as Reserve Grade coach between 1985 and 1987, before going back to the juniors with the 1988 U12B1 team.

1989 was Pat's best season. He coached one junior (U13B2) and one senior (Third Grade) team taking both minor semi-finals through to their respective grand finals, both surviving penalty shootouts on the way. Unfortunately the fairytale ended there with both teams being beaten in the deciders.





A Committee member in the mid-1970s Pat was a regular attendee at meetings throughout his years with the club, and was always willing to assist wherever and whenever required. His many contributions were recognised in 1989 when he became the club's 18th Life Member.

In 2010 Pat remains a regular visitor to Alan Davidson Park to follow his grandsons, while he closely follows the career of another, Reece Cairn, a Wyoming junior player and now one of Australia's most promising young footballers, as he pursues his career with English Premier League club, Aston Villa.

— No 18: DAVE GOY —



Dave Goy was a long-term senior player for Wyoming from the time that he joined the club in 1977 through until his eventual retirement, at the age of 41, in 1988. Like many quality players who were with the club in the 1970s he could have played First Grade with most other clubs on the Coast, but chose instead to play Reserve Grade at Wyoming.

A tough but fair central defender Dave made an immediate impact winning the Reserve Grade Player of the Year award in his first season. Twelve years later he ended his final season in the same way, this time winning the Third Grade Player of the Year award. During his career he captained a number of his teams.

While he was perhaps best known as a senior player Dave Goy was also active off the field both as a junior coach and also as a regular member of the Club Committee. In only his second season as a coach he took an unfancied 'B' grade team from the bottom of the table as the 1988 U13Bs to the final of the 1989 U14B competition.

Dave was awarded Life Membership in 1989.

— No 19: BOB O'TOOLE —



A member of one of the Wyoming Football Club's most respected families, Bob O'Toole has been actively involved with the club for almost 35 years, firstly as a player, later as a coach and currently as a member of the new WFC Life Members Board.

Bob played his junior football in the Sydney Protestant Churches competition and later with the famous Apia-Leichhardt club before playing seniors with Pymont-Balmain and Broughton United in the Sydney Amateur League. In 1975 he and his family moved to the Central Coast where Bob resumed his career the following year with the Wyoming Reserve Grade team.

As with most members of the Wyoming lower grade team of that era Bob would undoubtedly have made First Grade with just about any other club but he opted instead to play with the new club.

Bob first coached in the 1981 season and had immediate success, his U9C team losing only one match on their way to the premiership. Over the next six years that same team, which included future First Graders Jarrod Mobberley, Luke O'Toole and Greg Preston, remained largely intact through to 1988, winning a further two premierships including the 1986 U14A competition.

From 1989 to 1996 Bob coached one of the many exciting young teams that the club was starting to produce. In three seasons the team were runners-up as 1989 U10As, joint Premiers as 1990 U11As before securing the league championship/premiership double as the 1991 U12As. This team would also supply a number of future Premier League players including Adam Deane, Damon Ainsley, Stephen Bech, Scott Snodgrass and Greg Herzog.

Bob's final years of coaching came in 1998, when with the Premier League teams struggling to avoid relegation he coached both First and Reserve Grades.



— No 20: MARLENE BAILEY —

Marlene Bailey is the second longest-serving secretary of the Wyoming Football Club, her term of eight years, being just one short of that of Jill Smith. She first became involved with the club in 1977 when older son John became a member of Warren Anderson's all-conquering junior team.

Between 1979 and 1982 Marlene was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary before taking on the role of secretary in 1987, a position she held through until 1993 and then again in 1995. Between 1989 and 1992 she was also manager of several of the Club's Premier League teams and was a major factor in improving the relationship between the various elements of the club.

In addition to her work with the club Marlene also served as the CCSA Director of Protests and Disputes for many years during the 1980s and 1990s and was also the CCSA company secretary in 1998 and 1999. She was awarded Life Membership of the Club in 1990 and is another of the five Wyoming dual club and CCSA Life Members.



— No 21: NEVILLE KIRK —

Another who made contributions in all areas of the club over a 10-year period between 1983 and 1992. At different times he was the manager of one or other, or both, of the teams in which his two sons, Bradley and Matthew, played. He was also a senior lower grade player between 1984 and 1986 including one season when he was player, manager and coach of the Division 2 team.

From 1987 to 1989 he coached his sons' teams. He joined the Club Committee in 1985 and served as Publicity Officer (1985-1988), assistant registrar (1988-1989) and finally as registrar (1990-1992). Neville was made a Life Member in 1991.



— No 22: ALISTAIR KENNEDY —

One of the WFC's most versatile members, Alistair Kennedy, has been involved with the club since his two sons began playing in 1983. During the next 28 years he has been team manager on 13 occasions and has held 27 positions during a period of 14 years on the Club Committee. These include six years as Club treasurer (1988-1992), four years as secretary (2007-2010), Magazine Editor, Webpage Administrator and since 1989 he has been the Club Historian.

As the Historian Alistair researched and published a 100-page book on the club's history to commemorate its 20th anniversary in 1990. In 2010, in partnership with Kevin Best, he has updated and expanded the book for the 40th anniversary in 2010.

From 2005 onwards he has been the Premier League squad manager, looking after all MPL administrative matters and since 2008 has been acting as a liaison between CCF and the media, supplying weekly match reports on all MPL matches that are being used in the *Central Coast Express Advocate*, radio stations and published on the Central Coast Mariners website. In 2010 he stepped down as secretary to concentrate on completing the update of the club history and took a position on the new WFC Board.

Alistair was awarded Life Membership in 1991.





— **No 23: PHIL ROBSON** —



The second of three sons of Eris and Paula Robson, Phillip has been involved with the Wyoming Football Club for all but one of the 40 years of the club's existence. He first played as a five-year-old in the 1971 season and was a member of the outstanding junior team coached by Jorg Breitkopf in the 1970s and early 1980s. He later graduated to the club's Premier League teams where he played on and off until 2000.

Phil also coached both junior and senior teams and served on the Club Committee between 1992 and 1995, including one year as vice president. Although no longer actively involved with the Club he has remained a loyal supporter and has never lost contact. He was awarded Life Membership in 1991.

— **No 24: GARRY SMITH** —



Garry Smith was involved with the Wyoming Soccer Club between 1983 and 1992. He was a junior coach for seven years, winning premierships in each of his last two seasons, with the 1991 U13As and the 1992 U11Ds, the latter team also winning the league championships.

Off the field Garry was a Committee member for six years between 1987 and 1992 including terms as the Club's treasurer (in 1987), vice president (1988-1989), Publicity Officer (1991) and assistant registrar (1992).

Garry was the 1988 Clubperson of the Year and he was awarded Life Membership in 1992.

— **No 25: PETER MORRISON** —



The Wyoming Football Club's longest-serving Committee member, Peter Morrison, served for a total of 23 years between 1985 and 2007, only stepping down when he left the area, and even since the move he has stepped in to help whenever asked. Peter also holds the record for the longest period in one Committee position having been Club registrar from 1986 to 1997 and then again from 2003 to 2007. At the same time he was the womens representative on the Football Committee from 1995 to 2005. To cap it off he was Club president in 1990 and 1991.

Peter was also the manager of son Daniel's junior team from 1984 to 1990 where he gained a reputation as the author of the club's most entertaining 'Tiger Tales' match reports. He then managed daughter Katrina's Under 16 Girls teams in 1994 and 1995 as well as senior Womens teams right through until the time he left the club in 2007.

With his calmness and commonsense approach to everything he was a stabilising influence when the inevitable Committee conflicts occurred and he was universally popular throughout the club. An indication of Peter's commitment can be seen by the fact that he continued to serve for a further 15 years after being awarded Life Membership in 1992.



No 26: DON SIME

More commonly known as 'Flash' (no-one knows, or wants to know, why), Don Sime was a tireless worker for the Club in the 15-year period between 1985 and 2000. During this time he coached a total of 20 teams, more, by a large margin, than any other person in the club's history. Most of the teams played in lower grades where they struggled to find coaches and Don was always willing to help out. Two of his teams, the 1994 U10Cs and 1997 Girls U13s, went on to win premierships. Don also played for 13 seasons, often as captain/coach, in lower grade senior teams for 13 seasons.

Behind the scenes he served on the Club Committee for seven years between 1993 and 2000, including one year each as President and vice president. Don was awarded Life Membership in 1997.



No 27: BRIAN MOTTRAM

Another who combined playing, coaching and administration, Brian Mottram was a member of the extended Corless/Bray/Kayes family that has been heavily involved in the Wyoming Soccer Club for more than 25 years and which has added a true passion for the game often missing from Australians. Brian played for more 20 years, starting in the Reserve Grade team of 1983 and going through until the 2005 Over 35s. He was an excellent coach of young players making the transition from junior to senior football, mentoring a number of such players as coach of the 1995 U18As the All-Age 1 team from 1996 to 1998.

From 1994 to 2000 Brian served on the club Committee, as secretary in his first year and for the majority of the remaining period in the challenging position of chairman of the Football Committee. During this period he played a major role in attracting new sponsors to the club at a time when funds were desperately needed.

Brian's services to the club were recognised when he received Life Membership in 1998.



No 28: PETER BECH

Peter Bech played a major role in re-establishing stability to the Club's administration following five years of unrest and changes in personnel during the early 1990s. The father of two sons who began playing with the club in 1983 Peter's first involvement was helping with the 'Kindergarten' coaching program aimed at helping pre-school aged children prepare for football the following season.

In 1993 Peter first joined the Club Committee and immediately took on the onerous job of canteen manager, and did it so well that he was awarded that year's Clubperson of the Year award. After serving one more year as canteen manager he became secretary in 1996 a position he held through until 1999 when he became Club president, where he remained for a further six years. In addition for all but two years between 1996 and 2009 he doubled up as the Club's Marketing and Promotions Officer where he was instrumental in attracting some major sponsors to the club. At various other times he has been registrar, Groundsman, Football Committee Chairperson and CCSA Delegate.

Like a number of Wyoming club members Peter's commitment extended to Association level and after a number of years as the club's delegate he was elected as the CCSA Director of Properties from 1999 through to 2004.

In 2010 he remains actively involved with the club as an assistant Coach with Kevin Best's ABC Coaching program and a member of the WFC Board. He has also stepped in to assist in coaching a number of non-comp and junior teams. Peter and his wife, Rhonda, were both elected as Life Members in 1998.





— **No 29: RHONDA BECH** —



One half of the Club's fourth husband-and-wife partnership to be awarded Life Membership, Rhonda was a cornerstone of the vital canteen operations for more than a decade. Indeed she would remain a regular assistant there right up to the present time whenever help was required and was frequently there to help train incoming canteen managers and workers at the start of each year.

Equally importantly Rhonda was the only person in the club capable of silencing her frequently over-enthusiastic husband when everyone else had failed. Her sharp cry of 'Peter!' would invariably bring instant silence.

The mother of two long-serving players for the club she was also manager of several teams during the 1980s.

Rhonda and Peter each received their Life Membership in 1998.

— **No 30: DAVE BOWCOTT** —



One of only two people to win the prestigious Clubperson of the Year award in consecutive years, Dave Bowcott joined the Wyoming Soccer Club in 1989 when his younger son, Greg, first played. An excellent coach of non-competition players, Dave coached five Under 6 and Under 7 teams between 1993 and 1999 and assisted in many of the club's Summer Coaching clinics.

In 1994 he joined the Club Committee, and although not holding any formal position such was the quantity and quality of the work that he performed he was awarded with the first of his two Clubperson of the Year awards. In each of the two following years he took on the demanding position of Fixtures Officer, then between 1996 and 1998 he was vice president, before taking over as President in 1999.

After a one-year break Dave returned to the Committee in 2001 as senior representative on the Football Committee and was again vice president in 2003 and 2004. After stepping down from the Committee he was manager of the Premier League Reserve Grade team in 2005 and 2006. He received his Life Membership in 1999.

— **No 31: IAN SHUTE** —



Another of the Club's great characters, Ian Shute has had more players to follow than just about anyone else during the 20-year period that he has been involved with the club. Between them his four sons (Yeoni, Trevor, Aaron and Derek) and daughter Saryna have played for Wyoming for a total of 54 years. Only the Robson family can claim more. However, such was Ian's commitment to the Club that he missed the opportunity to watch many of his childrens' matches because of various obligations that required him to attend matches at Alan Davidson Park.

For many years Ian had the thankless job as groundsman with the early starts and late finishes that the job entailed as well as being Football Committee chairman on five occasions.

Later he took on the responsibility of being the Licencee and operating the bar for all home Premier League matches, often combining this by acting as ground announcer where his natural sense of humour came to the fore. Universally popular, Ian was a dual winner of the Clubperson of the Year award and was awarded Life Membership in 2000.



— No 32: BRUCE BARRETT —

Bruce Barrett was a member of the club between 1995 and 2003 as a coach, manager and a versatile Committeeman, whose contributions included terms as vice president (2001), registrar (2001-2002), secretary (2002-2003) and senior representative (2003).

He coached a number of different junior teams between 1996 and 2002 ranging in ages from the 1996 U11Es to U18 teams in 2000 and 2001. He was also a team manager on three occasions

Bruce became the club's 32nd Life Member in 2002.



— No 33: MARK LE CORNU —

Mark Le Cornu was involved with the club for a nine-year period between 1993 and 2002. For the first two years of this time he coached two non-competition and junior teams in each of 1993 and 1994. In 1995 and 1996 he was a team manager before returning to coach the Under 13D team in 1997

He joined the Club Committee in 1997 and was fixtures officer in that and the following year. In 1999 he switched positions to become social secretary before taking on both the roles of secretary and registrar in 2000. He stayed on as secretary in 2001.

Mark received his Life Membership in 2002.



— No 34: DAVE SULLIVAN —

One of eight multiple winners of the Club's most important administrative award, the Clubperson of the Year, Dave Sullivan was coach and manager of a number of non-comp and junior teams from the 1993 U6Ds through to the 2000 U12Cs.

He joined the Club Committee in 1996 as the non-comp representative on the Football Committee and remained on the Committee as junior representative in 1997 and 1998. He was vice president in both 1999 and 2000 and also acted as gear steward in the latter year. He again served on the Committee in 2002 and 2004.

As well as attracting a number of new sponsors to the club, Dave put his money where his mouth was and was one of the club's longest and most consistent sponsors through his business, Baker Street Automotive. He also donated a number of pieces of equipment to the Club.

Dave was awarded Life Membership in 2003.





— No 35: JOHN McLAFFERTY —



A leading contender for the accolade of Wyoming's best-ever coach, John McLafferty emigrated from Scotland to Australia in the mid-1980s. He lived and played football on the Northern Beaches before moving to Narara in 1991. The following year he joined Wyoming as a player and in 1993 he took over as coach of the Reserve Grade team and quickly established a reputation as a high quality coach when his team took out the 1994 Reserve Grade premiership. For the next two years he coached Wyoming's First Grade team where, despite the team finishing in fifth place, he was awarded the CCSA Coach of the Year award in 1996. John graduated to representative coaching, initially with older junior teams, then working his way up until he became the Central Coast First Grade coach from 2001 to 2003.

John returned to club coaching in 2004 taking over the First Grade team to the club's first top grade title in nearly 25 years. More importantly he established a culture of professionalism, removing potentially divisive players from the squad and so bonding together a group of players that would go on to dominate the local competition for the next six years. Commitments to both Central Coast Lightning and the Mariners has severely limited the amount of time available to club football in the recent years but nevertheless he has made himself available whenever possible and has been the club's Senior Coaching Director since 2007. John was awarded Life Membership in 2004.

— No 36: DAVE BOYD —



Dave Boyd has been closely involved with the Wyoming Premier League squad throughout the period that it has dominated the local competition, beginning as coach of the 2002 Reserve Grade team that won the Premier League Two league championship. Previously he had been manager of the 1998 All-Age 2 team and he returned to that role with both Premier League teams between 2003, when the Club returned to PL1, and 2008. Even though he stepped down from that position he was always on hand whenever anything needed to be done.

Dave also provided an important link between the club and its major sponsor, The Grange Hotel, where he organised the fortnightly fund-raising raffles. He became the Club's 36th Life Member in 2007.

— No 37: JAMIE ROBSON —



The oldest of three sons of Eris and Paula Robson, Jamie is the club's longest-serving player and is currently playing in his 35th season with Wyoming, seven seasons more than his nearest rivals. He first played in the Club's second season, 1971, and continued through until the U16As of 1979. After missing the next three seasons to play Australian Rules he returned to the club in 1983 in the Third Grade team. He missed just two of the next 28 seasons and in 2010 is still playing in the Club's Over 35 team.

Jamie was also a junior coach (1999 U14Cs) and served on the Club Committee in 1993.

In 2004 Jamie became the third member of his family to become a Wyoming FC Life Member joining his mother Paula (1982) and younger brother Phillip (1991).



No 38: KEN BUTT

One of the finest players to ever represent Wyoming, Ken Butt played for the Sydney Prague club in the NSW State League, before moving to the Central Coast in 1976. He immediately joined Wyoming and was a member of the First Grade team that dominated local football for the following five years. Following his retirement as a player in 1984 he returned as a junior coach of son Shane's U7 and U8 team between 1987 and 1988, then again as the Under 18s coach in 1999

Arguably, Ken's greatest contribution came following the Premier League team's relegation to the PL2 competition in 2000. After failing to win promotion in 2001 Ken took over as First Grade coach leading the team to the league championship, and a return to the top grade in 2002. After a moderately successful 2003 season Ken was able to convince John McLafferty to return to club football in 2004 and ensured such a smooth transition that, in just their second season back, the First Grade team was able to win its first premiership since 1981. Ken continued as Reserve Grade coach in 2004 and 2005.

Apart from his work on the field Ken and John were able to establish a new professional attitude to the Premier League squad that was a major factor in the squad collecting a total of six premierships in the six years between 2004 and 2010 - three in each grade.

Ken received Life Membership in 2004 and became a member of the WFC Board in 2010.



No 39: ERIC MARSHALL

The Marshalls are another of the Wyoming Football Club's leading families with Eric being a successful senior coach in three different decades, wife Val serving as secretary and winning the 1977 Clubperson of the Year, and three sons who played a combined total of 33 seasons with the club. The younger of the three sons, Ryan, has been one of the dominant players in the Club's recent Premier League successes.

After a number of seasons away from the Club, including one as Ourimbah's First Grade coach, Eric returned in 2004 as a member of John McLafferty's coaching team that helped the First Grade team take out that year's premiership. He remained involved as an assistant MPL coach through until 2006.

Since 2008 he has worked with Kevin Best in the ABC Coaching Program aimed at improving the skills of U5-U9 players. Elected as a Life Member in 2007 he became one of the five foundation members of the WFC Board when it was formed in 2010.



No 40: GREG PRESTON

A leading player with a total playing career of 25 years, Greg Preston played from Under 8s through to First Grade, before his career was cut short midway through the 2004 season due to a knee injury.

Greg has also been a successful coach at non-competition, junior and senior level and was the First Grade coach in 2007 when the team took out an unprecedented treble of league champions, Premiers and FNSW Champion of Champions winners, going through the entire season undefeated. In the previous season, his first as a senior coach, he had also led the Club's Reserve Grade team to the premiership.

Greg was elected as a Life Member in 2007.





— No 41: MURRAY PECK —

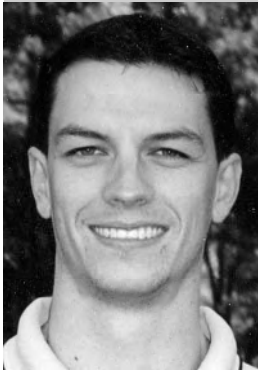


Murray Peck has made a significant contribution to the Club during the 15 years between 1996 and 2010, both on the field as one of the Club's longest-serving coaches and off the field as the Club president between 2006 and 2009.

With 13 teams in 12 years he has coached the third highest number of junior teams, winning the league championship/premierships double on two occasions, with the 2003 U13Bs and the 2008 U15Bs. He has coached in every season between 2000 and 2010, twice having two teams in the same season, and including the 2009 and 2010 Reserve Grade team. In total eight of his 13 teams have qualified for the finals series play-offs.

Murray joined the Club Committee in 2006, and when Steve Grahame resigned as president late in the season he took over that position and would remain there for the following three seasons. He became the Club's 41st Life Member in 2008.

— No 42: MICHAEL KENNEDY —



At 32, Michael Kennedy is one of the youngest recipients of WFC Life Membership having played with the club continuously from 1983 to 2010 making him the joint second longest-serving player behind Jamie Robson. He has been a member of the Wyoming Premier League squad for 15 years, all but the first year in First Grade and including the hard times between 1997 and 2002 when the team struggled and was eventually relegated.

He has played more First Grade matches than anyone else in the club's history and with Ryan Marshall, he played in all three of the First Grade grand final wins (2004, 2007 and 2009) as well as in the Champion of Champions Final in 2007. A dual winner of the Senior Player of the Year and twice Club Captain he has also emerged as an outstanding junior coach over the past five years taking the 2006 U10B side to a grand final before returning to non-comp teams from 2007 on. In 2010 four members of his U8 team won selection in the Mariners Junior Academy. He has also served on the Club Committee for the past two years. In 2009 he was awarded Life Membership, joining with Alistair Kennedy as the club's first father and son Life Members.

— No 43: RICK PARKER —



Rick Parker is one of Wyoming FC's most versatile members and has worked tirelessly for the club over a 15-year period from 1997 to 2009 in a variety of roles. From 1997 through to 2003 he coached son Luke's team from Under 8s through to Under 14s with the highlight being the league championship/premiership double as the U13Bs in 2002.

Rick joined the Club Committee in 2003 and served as gear steward for the next two years. In 2005 he switched to become the chairman of the Football Committee, followed by two seasons as Groundsman (2007-2008) and then three as vice president (2007-2009).

He returned to coaching in 2006 with the U16Cs and has been a team manager on three occasions: 2005 U16As and with both Premier League teams in 2008 and 2009. Rick was awarded Life membership in 2009.