

## **PHILLIP STONE**

Our second inductee in tonight's NCCUA Class of 2016 Hall of Fame, will be remembered by the inaugural umpires of the BDAFL as one of the most technically sound umpires in the group.

Over a 125 game career in the BDAFL, 81 of these matches being run in Premier Division as a field umpire, making him the 8<sup>th</sup> highest games umpired as a Field Umpire in the top grade, he had a reputation as being tough but fair, quiet but in control.

In 2004 and 2007, this inductee umpired the Premier Division Grand Finals, in 2003, 2008 and 2009, he umpired the Reserve Grade Grand Finals, In 2006, umpired the under 18s Grand Final, was selected for 2 Representative Fixtures in 2004 and 2006 and was named in the Reserve Grade Umpiring Panel of the Decade.

In 2004, he won the Prestigious NCCUA Umpire of the Year Award and to top of the list of achievements as an umpire in this region, was bestowed the honour of Life Membership in 2006.

Adding to his outstanding umpiring career within the NCCUA, this inductee served the NCCUA and Junior football within the region with distinction as the Newcastle AFL Juniors Umpire's Coach, promoting Junior umpiring where he could and paving the way for junior umpiring in the region.

This umpire still umpires in the Western Regional Football League in Melbourne, where he still currently umpires matches in the A Grade Panel and was recently described by his coach as "one of the friendliest, most enthusiastic umpires in the group".

Tonight, we honour and it gives the NCCUA Hall of Fame Committee great pleasure to induct our 2<sup>nd</sup> inductee for 2016, Mr **Phillip Stone**.