**ASHLEY BORG**

Today we honour another NCCUA Life Member with induction into the NCCUA Hall of Fame.

The man we are honouring today has been a member of the NCCUA for 11 seasons over 16 years or so, along the way making enormous contributions both on and off the field.

In terms of on-field achievements this individual has umpired 168 matches, 143 of these in Black Diamond Cup as a Field Umpire, and even 2 Reserve Grade matches as a Goal Umpire. In 11 seasons this man has appeared in 8 Grand Finals, 7 Black Diamond Cup Grand Finals as a Field Umpire (2005, 2008, 2009, 2013, 2016, 2018, 2020), and 1 First Division Grand Final in 2015.

This umpire was lucky enough to be recognised as the NCCUA Field Umpire of the Year on three occasions (2005, 2008, 2009). In addition to this he has the NCCUA Umpire of the Year twice (2008 & 2009).

This individual has, over the years, acted as an observer when not umpiring and even if umpiring has acted as an on field mentor to younger, or not so younger, umpires taking the step into senior football. When observing he does run sheets and takes notes in order to provide written feedback. His advice is often well accepted and appreciated, and on top of this he inspires the next generation of umpires. I know that this is conducted irrespective of whether or not he is at the same ground as the coach, and this has been well received and appreciated by the coaches that he has assisted over the years.

While this individual has achieved a lot as an umpire, his contribution to the NCCUA is perhaps more notable off field, as he has served the association in many roles over eight seasons.

This person was a co-recipient of the prestigious NCCUA Club Person of the Year award in 2015, as voted by the members, rewarding a members significant contribution to the association, as well as receiving the NCCUA President’s Award in 2016. As well as being voted as a Life Member in November 2016.

In 2005 this individual served as the NCCUAs Secretary, then as Assistant Secretary in 2009. After a brief break away from the association and committee he returned to serve as a committee member in 2015 & 2016 before being elected as Treasurer in November 2016. He will be the first to admit that it was difficult for anyone to take Nev’s place as our treasurer but he has done it justice.

Since 2015 this individual has served as our Statistician, Historian and Website editor. As our Statistician and Historian it should be no surprise that this individual has also served as the Chairman of the NCCUA Hall of Fame Sub-Committee. Even though he is the Chairman of the Sub-Committee the remaining two members of the Sub-Committee have unanimously voted that this individual be inducted into the NCCUA Hall of Fame.

Today’s induction will make him a two time hall of famer, having previously been inducted in to the Western Region Football League Umpires Association Hall of Fame in 2016.

Last year I spoke of the impact this man has had on me and the enormous service he has provided to this association and this year it is my honour, with his family present, to induct our final member of the 2020 Class of the NCCUA Hall of Fame, Mr **Ashley Borg**.

Inducted by Jake Lowe on Sunday 8th November 2020