

## **ROY REICHERT**

Our first inductee in tonight's NCCUA Class of 2019 Hall of Fame, will be remembered as a passionate and long-time servant to the game of Australian Rules Football in the Hunter and Central Coast.

This man began his passion for Football in 1976 when he began to play for the Cardiff Hawks and played through until the conclusion of the 1997 season. He played a total of 292 matches, including the 1985 Newcastle AFL Reserve Grade Premiership.

This individual would begin his administrative history in 1979 when he took up a committee position at the club and would go on to hold several positions including Secretary, Vice President and President, earning his Life Membership of the club along the way.

As if these positions were not challenging enough, in 1990 he took up a position on the Board of the Newcastle AFL and continued to serve that board until the formation of the Black Diamond AFL in 2000. The more testing task came in 1999, with the Newcastle AFL President suffering from illness and serving as Vice President this individual worked with the then President of the Central Coast AFL, Ian Granland, to form the Black Diamond AFL and served as a Board Member until the establishment of the first full BDAFL Board in 2003.

This man joined the then Newcastle AFL Umpires Association in 1998 and would continue to umpire both Junior and Senior Football for 20 seasons. Since 2000 this man has umpired 261 BDAFL Matches and over 400 junior matches. Of the 261 BDAFL Matches, 40 of these matches being in Black Diamond Cup with 20 as a field umpire and 20 as a Goal Umpire. Of the 261 matches, 182 of these were as a Field Umpire, and this individual holds the record for the most number of Under 18s Matches as a Field Umpire with 117.

In 2016, this inductee Goal Umpired the Second Division Grand Final.

In 2006, he won the Prestigious NCCUA Club Person 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 2009.

Adding to his outstanding playing, umpiring and administrative career, this inductee served on the NCCUA Committee in 2006 before being elected NCCUA Vice President in 2007 & 2008. This man then took on the role of Newcastle AFL Juniors Umpire's Coach, promoting Junior umpiring where he could and paving the way for junior umpiring in the region. This man held the role until 2013 when he was appointed as the AFL Hunter Coast Umpires Manager. In these last two roles he was also a member of the NCCUA committee from 2009 until the end of the 2018 season.

This individual has also served on the Board and Regional Committee in the AFL Hunter Coast and still contributes to our League by serving on the board of the AFL Hunter Central Coast.

It gives me great pleasure to induct our first inductee for 2019, and tenth inductee into the NCCUA Hall of Fame, Mr **Roy Reichert**.

Inducted by Jake Lowe on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019