

DARREL LUCK

If you came to the NCCUA Presentation Night tonight and were asked, "If you had to pick two people to be nominated for the Hall of Fame", this umpire would have to be either one or two on your list.

A current NCCUA Life member, this umpire today has officially been the first umpire in the NCCUA to umpire 350 matches as a Field Umpire. His 260 Premier Division matches as a field umpire is destined to remain the benchmark for field umpires to aspire to for a very long time. He is also officially the first player or umpire to have participated in 250 Premier Division matches since the BDAFL's inception in 2000.

To date, he has umpired 7 Premier Division Grand Finals, second on the all-time list for Field Umpires (2000-2001, 2004-2007, 2015), 2 First Division Grand Finals (2012-2013), a Second Division Grand Final (2014), 2 Reserve Grade Grand Finals (2010-2011), 2 Under 18 Grand Finals (2008-2009) and 1 Representative Fixture (2008).

He was selected as a member of the NCCUA Premier Division Panel of the Decade.

This inductee's list of service to the association is arguably the most decorated in the NCCUA's history. He was NCCUA President (2006-2013), NCCUA Vice President (2005), NCCUA Committee Member (2000, 2014-2015) and yes, even at one time was the Umpire's Coach, in the inaugural season of the BDAFL (2000).

This umpire's list of awards is equally as impressive. He was selected by his peers as NCCUA Umpire of the Year (2000, 2007, 2013), his tireless and unwavering service to the association was recognised by being selected as the NCCUA Club Person of The Year (2005, 2012-2013) and his prowess on the football field was also acknowledged by being the NCCUA Field Umpire of the Year (2007, 2013).

He is a name synonymous with umpiring in the Black Diamond AFL and his many achievements, ideas and his love of the association currently make the association what it is today.

This former president was so concerned at one point with the NCCUA that he was heard to state, "I want this association to thrive, long after I give it away. I don't want to be the last President of this group because that means I've failed."

Well tonight proves that this inductee has definitely not done that. Tonight proves that as a result of his hard work, sacrifice and toil, that the NCCUA is alive, well and thriving. Anyone who umpires in this region should well and truly thank this individual for the conditions, pay and opportunity to continue to umpire in and with a body separate to the BDAFL.

Tonight, I have the absolute honour and pleasure to induct current running member, Life Member, former President and now, NCCUA Hall of Fame recipient, the man affectionately known as "Plucka", Mr. Darrel Luck.

Inducted by Ashley Borg on Saturday 12th September 2015