

NEVILLE TURNER

The next gentleman we honour here tonight is another man that had to be included in the Inaugural NCCUA Hall of Fame.

This individual is one that has worked tirelessly for this Association for the last sixteen years.

Let's first take a look at this man's umpiring career. Since the formation of the Black Diamond AFL in 2000, this inductee has umpired a total of 345 matches. This is the breakdown of the 345 matches, 334 matches as a Field Umpire, 111 of these in Premier Division, and 11 matches as a Goal Umpire. This man has umpired several Grand Finals in his lengthy career. There were three Newcastle AFL Grand Finals as a Boundary Umpire (1994, 1995 & 1997). This man then went on to Field Umpire in three Under 18s BDAFL Grand Finals (2002, 2004 & 2005), two Reserve Grade Grand Finals (2000 & 2003) and the first ever BDAFL Women's Grand Final (2015). This man was also named as a Field Umpire on the Under 18s Panel of the Decade.

If the list of achievements is not impressive enough, this man also filled a number of roles for the NCCUA. He was Liaison Officer with the BDAFL in 2002, he was also a co-Umpires Coach in both 2000 and 2002. This man also put his hand up to take on the role of Treasurer in 2000 and has continued in this position for the last sixteen years, which is an extraordinary effort. It should not be surprising to learn that he is a Life Member of both the NCCUA and the Black Diamond AFL.

I am pleased to present to you our next inductee into the NCCUA Hall of Fame, ladies and gentlemen, Neville Turner.

Inducted by Jake Lowe on Saturday 12th September 2015