

RICHARD CORNISH

The next inductee to the NCCUA Hall of Fame absolutely deserves without a shadow of a doubt to be inducted in the first class.

In a stellar 12 year career with the NCCUA, this inductee started out as a boundary umpire, switching to goal umpiring. He umpired 267 BDAFL matches, including 144 matches in Premier Division as a goal umpire, which currently stands as the 2nd highest goal umpire tally in history of the NCCUA since 2000.

He umpired 5 Premier Division Grand Finals (2007-2010, 2014), 2 Reserve Division Grand Finals (2003-2004) and 2 Under 18 Grand Finals (2006-2012).

In addition to these sensational efforts, this inductee has umpired in 4 Representative Matches (2004 x 2, 2008, 2009) and was named as one of the Goal Umpires in the Reserve Grade Panel of the Decade.

He has held several positions within the association, being the former Goal Umpire's Coach, NCCUA Statistician (2006-2014) and, in undoubtedly his greatest role, this inductee served magnificently as the NCCUA Secretary from 2006-2014, where his tireless work saw him well-renowned throughout football circles in the Hunter / Central Coast region.

This inductee has won several awards, most notably, Club Person of the Year (2008-2009, 2011, 2014) and the Goal Umpire of the Year (2003, 2008-2010, 2014).

When diagnosed with glaucoma many years ago and with dwindling eye sight, this man would have been excused if he gave it all away and he nearly had to, but with great will, determination and with the assistance of the NCCUA, was able to establish himself as one of the finest goal umpires and NCCUA members of the BDAFL era.

A life member, stalwart of the association and one of the all-round good guys of footy, it is my absolute pleasure to induct into the class of 2015 my treasured friend, the one, the only, Richard "Blind Guy" Cornish.

Inducted by Ashley Borg on Saturday 12th September 2015