ROGER CROWHURST

There is no doubt that this next inductee has made his mark on the NCCUA for many years to come and for many different reasons and as such thoroughly deserves his induction in the inaugural class of 2015.

In a ten year career after a prolonged absence from the game and having been coerced back into umpiring by former coach Grant Godfrey, this inductee umpired 227 matches, a staggering 220 of those were in the Premier Division.

His 8 Premier Division Grand Finals as a field umpire, all consecutive, from 2006 -2013, will definitely be a record which will stand for an extremely long amount of time. He also umpired, on each side of those grand finals, 1 Reserve Grade and 1 First Division Grand Final.

In addition to those fantastic statistics, this inductee umpired in a BDAFL record 8 representative matches, (2006, 2008 x 2, 2009, 2011 x 2, 2012-2014) and was selected as a field umpire in the Premier Division Umpiring Panel of the Decade.

This inductee made a visible impact within the association, holding the position of former Umpire's Coach in 2007-2009, Committee Member (2007 – 2014), NCCUA Vice President (2012 – 2013) and more recently, stepped into the role of NCCUA President in 2014.

His awards tally was also very impressive; he won the NCCUA Umpire of the Year award in 2006-2007, 2012.

His tireless efforts and generous sponsorship, all behind the scenes, made opportunities for the NCCUA to plan and further its ability to assist and support umpires throughout the region.

This inductee's professionalism, training regime, preparation and studentship of our great game was second to none in the NCCUA and his reputation for being uncompromising both on and off the football field; saw him as one of the most respected and arguably, one of the best field umpires the NCCUA and BDAFL have ever seen.

It is with my great pleasure that I induct into the inaugural class of the 2015 NCCUA Hall of Fame, NCCUA Life Member, Roger Crowhurst.

Inducted by Ashley Borg on Saturday 12th September 2015