

FINAL FAREWELL TO SOME GREATS

SINCE our last issue, eight Hall of Fame inductees have passed away — Lou Ricci, Alex Senjuschenko, Frank Reid, Ted Gray, Ziggy Kramer, Bob Cherry, Ron Tindall and Tom D'Orsogna.

Lou Ricci died on June 21, 2012, two days short of his 77th birthday.

He had been a familiar — and influential — figure around WA football grounds for nearly 50 years in his capacity as president of East Fremantle Tricolore and as an administrator. Lou was instrumental in persuading many top players to sign for Tricolore in a spell when Wauhop Park was filled to capacity for stirring battles, mainly against old adversary Perth Azzurri. Lou helped form Tricolore in 1953 when still a teenager and was president of the club for 16 years. He was also instrumental in the formation of the Soccer Federation of WA in 1960, being the new body's Registrar. He became president of the Soccer Administration of WA in 1995 and was involved in Perth Glory gaining the licence to play in the NSL. Lou also sanctioned the establishment of the Football Hall of Fame WA in 1996 and he was inducted in the Hall of Recognition in 2002.

Alex Senjuschenko died on April 18, aged 63. He was born in Munich, Germany, in 1948 and his Russian-born father and Ukrainian-born mother were among the thousands of displaced persons after the Second World War. The family arrived in WA in the early 1950s and Alex went on to play at centre half with Inglewood Kiev and was one of the State's youngest captains in the 2-2 draw with Hertha Berlin in 1970. He moved to Queensland for a while and returned to WA to coach the State amateur team and the State women's team. He was inducted into the Hall of Recognition in 2008.

Frank Reid died on July 8, 2012, aged 89. He was born in Saltcoats in Scotland in 1923 and joined the navy aged 18, training as a radar operator and seeing plenty of action when his ship was engaged in Japanese combat in South-East Asia. He moved to Australia in 1948, married a local lass Marie, and worked as a wharfie as well as playing with Fremantle City, Caledonians and then Perth City, winning many trophies along the way. He played until well into his 40s and turned out five times for the State team. He was inducted in the Hall of Merit for Players in 2008.

Ron Tindall, who was two weeks short of his 77th birthday, died on September 9, 2012. Ron had an illustrious playing career in England, turning out 160 times for Chelsea, and was WA Director of Coaching from 1977 to 1987. He was inducted into the Hall of Recognition in 2002.

Bob Cherry died on January 21, 2013. He was just short of his 91st birthday. Bob was a member of the WA team that won the 1948 Southern States tournament. He was inducted into the Hall of Champions in 1995 and was also one of the Century of Champions.

Tom D'Orsogna was 95 when he passed away on January 8, 2014. Tom, who was born in Lanciano in Italy, established the D'Orsogna Cup in 1960 and was one of WA football's greatest supporters and a generous sponsor. He was inducted into the Hall of Recognition in 1996.

Ted Gray, who was chief executive of the old Soccer Federation of WA for over two decades, died on June 10, 2014 at the age of 90. Ted, who was born in England, moved to WA in the late 1960s. He helped form the Gosnell City club and was later secretary of the Amateur Soccer Association. When Ted retired, he moved to live in NSW with his wife Iris. He returned briefly to the West when he was inducted into the Hall of Recognition in 2002.

Ziggy Kramer, who was inducted into the Hall of Recognition in 2002, passed away on July 7, 2014, at the age of 76. Ziggy was associated with the Inglewood club for over 60 years as a player, coach, secretary and president, a role he filled for 20 years.

Others closely associated with the game in WA who have died in recent years have included Tony Rapanaro, Frank Longstaff, Eduardo Morgan and Duncan McNab.

Tony Rapanaro died on June 26, 2012, aged 67. He had been involved for 40 years with many clubs around the Perth area, including Bayswater. A builder by trade, his company Auswest Homes sponsored the Hall of Fame induction nights on many occasions.

Frank Longstaff, who died aged 62 on February 26, 2013, was a popular coach on many WA State League clubs, including Kelmscott, Gosnells and Canning City.

Duncan McNab, who died in August 2013, made a big contribution to the local game in his role as editor of The West Australian's supplement Super Soccer.

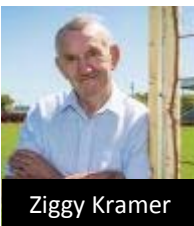
Eduardo Morgan was a popular photographer who graced many State League pitches and did some fine work for Football West. He died in January, 2014.



Ron Tindall



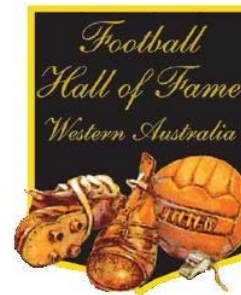
Ted Gray



Ziggy Kramer

NOW FOR THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

THE 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Football Hall of Fame WA will take place in 2016...and the Committee are working towards making it a celebration to remember. The 10th anniversary was a memorable affair when three of WA's greatest footballers - Stan Lazaridis, Tony Franken and Alistair Edwards - were recognised for their achievements on the international front in a special event held at Dorrien Gardens on November 17, 2006. The Football Federation Australia used the occasion to present long-overdue caps to several WA-based stars, including Ron Adair, Con Purser, Gary Marocchi, David Jones, Ray Ilott, Scot Miller, Bobby Despotovski, Shaun Murphy, Jimmy Pearson and Edwards. The Hall of Fame Committee also made presentations to the members of the WA State team that won the Marah Halim Cup in 1975 and 1976. It is planned to honour many more to mark the 20th anniversary of Australia's first Football Hall of Fame. Details will be posted on the Football Hall of Fame WA website as soon as they become available.



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NOW WE ARE WEAVING A WEB

IN ANOTHER first for the Football Hall of Fame WA, a dedicated website has been established to honour the greats of the game in Western Australia. The website has the domain name of footballhalloffamewa.com.au. It is the first football website in Australia - and possibly the world - to be devoted solely to the Hall of Fame. WA has been the pacesetter in Hall of Fame matters in the nation since the Football Hall of Fame WA was established in 1996 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the game in the West. The Australian national ruling body didn't set up its own Hall of Fame until two years later - and WA was also ahead of the founders of the modern game, England and Scotland, in offering an outlet to pay tribute to football's greats. WA also scooped the nation - and the world - by inducting Sandra Brentnall into the Hall of Legends in 2012. She is the first woman in football, and possibly any sport, to be included in a Hall of Legends. She was one of the first females to be inducted into the WA Hall of Fame's Hall of Champions in 1996. The new website covers all aspect of the Football Hall of Fame WA. - and also has a News page for up-to-date happenings, including tribute nights, news of inductees and obituaries etc. The four Halls - the Hall of Legends, Hall of Champions, Hall of Merit for Players and Hall of Recognition - are covered in great detail, with pen pics of all the inductees over the five Induction ceremonies in 1996, 2002, 2005, 2008 and 2012. There is also a special section on the Century of Champions, which was held in 2004 to honour the 100 best players in the State between 1902 and 2002. There is a section detailing how the Hall of Fame was established - and who was behind the concept - another listing Fame Game publications and one on How to Nominate a potential inductee with nomination forms. A further section looks at the video highlights of the 2012 Induction ceremony. The Committee of the Football Hall of Fame WA is indebted to Football West - and particularly Chris Correia - for setting up the website and our Patron Julian Burt for his financial support.



2014 Hall of Fame Committee

Back row: John O'Connell, Richard Kreider, Chairman Louis Prospero JP, Patron Julian Burt JP, Roger Males, Edward Lennie (Football West Representative)
Front Row: Peter Hugg (Football West Representative), Barbara Gibson, Peter Dimopoulos, Bob Brown, Mel Moffat.

Message from the Chairman Louis Prospero JP

There are exciting times for our Committee ahead in 2016. We are arranging another induction night and it will be our 20th Anniversary. Bob Brown and John O'Connell are the two inaugural members of Committee that have shown a lot of dedication and commitment over the years and should be congratulated. In conjunction with Football West, we intend to go around to the Clubs, and present what our Committee does and show how important it is to nominate their members for the Hall of Fame to recognise worthy recipients. We now have a website that will give you access to historical information of your Code with accurate information. Our dedicated Committee continue to lead the way in the Nation of recognising our colleagues in the State. On your behalf, I thank them for a great job that they are achieving.

Message from the Patron Julian Burt JP

Despite our early exit from the World Cup, I'm sure you will agree the results achieved by Australia were admirable. To mention that the group Australia drew and the quality of the nations within that group in their ability to play football was challenging, is not the right word. Despite the abilities of our opponents we ourselves were admirable and not at all intimidated. Our current ranking of 76th in the world does not reflect our talent. The Socceroos played so very well and we should be justly proud. So where do we go from here? How do we give Football the recognition and publicity it needs? Momentum and focus on the goal to compete in the next World Cup finals should start right now. For us to truly partake in a game that is played by the world and be a top ten team is, or should be, the objective. A big 'ask' but one that could be achievable if the message and strategy are coherent and consistent and there is energy and leadership to see it happen. We do it in other sports, it is not beyond us but to achieve this, it must start now. The participation of the young in football within Australia is numerically superior. Overwhelming numbers playing the sport can't be ignored forever so I only hope that it translates in to our ability to be competitive over time. The Hall of Fame will be 20 years old. The objective was to recognize past players and servants to the game, their abilities and contributions. The pioneering efforts by those individuals back in 1996 in creating it not only created a newly distinguished entity but the first of its type in Western Australia. Today the Hall of Fame is in extremely good hands by the current Chairman and committee. Upholding the dignity and integrity of the Hall of Fame is of primary focus. It acts as a beacon for Football here in WA, a sort of intangible glue for the whole code. May it stay strong and committed in upholding the chalice of pride we have in our sport.



Five of the Legends
(from left) Brentnall, Marocchi, Adair, McInroy, Zabica

Dunn

Sandra is a World FIRST

A TEARFUL Sandra Brentnall made history at the Football Hall of Fame WA Fifth Induction Ceremony on May 19, 2012, when she became the first female in the world to be included in a football Hall of Legends. And, it's believed, that 49-year-old Sandra is the first woman to be included in the Hall of Legends of ANY sport in the world. "I'm in shock," said a very emotional Sandra, who was inducted into the Hall of Champions in 1996 and then took the history-making step when she was elevated to the Hall of Legends at the gala celebration in the Novotel Langley Hotel in Perth. Former Australian goalkeeper Robbie Zabica, who became a member of the Hall of Champions in 2008, was also welcomed into the exclusive Hall of Legends club. The duo joined the first players to be inducted into the Hall of Legends in 2005 — former Australian captains Gary Marocchi and Ron Adair, multi-capped Soccerroos defender Robbie Dunn and WA record goal-scorer John McInroy. Three of the inaugural legends — Marocchi, Adair and McInroy — were there on the night to applaud the two newcomers. Dunn couldn't make it because of a family commitment, but later added his congratulations. "I'm very proud, honoured and thrilled," added Sandra. "There have been a lot of highlights in my career — scoring a hat-trick for Australia against New Zealand is a particular one — and now becoming a Legend is very special." She scored Australia's first goal in women's official international competition in 1979, and followed with the country's first hat-trick against the Kiwis in 1980. Zabica made a total of 42 appearances for Australia and won two NSL titles with Adelaide City. "I can't believe it — I'm still pinching myself," said the Spearwood-born stopper of his entry into the Hall of Legends. Apart from the Legends, a total of 32 newcomers were inducted into the Hall of Fame — nine into the Hall of Champions, 14 into the Hall of Merit for Players and nine into the Hall of Recognition — and were cheered on by a gathering of nearly 300. John Castrilli, the Heritage and Local Government Minister, represented the State Government, while Mick Murray, the Shadow Minister for Sport, represented the Opposition. Other VIPs included then Football West chairman Bob Kucera, then City of Vincent mayor Alannah McTiernan, City of Stirling councillor Elizabeth Re, Hall of Fame Patron Julian Burt and Football West chief executive Peter Hugg.

Better Late than never for Theo



THEO Paap has received a Fairest and Best gold medal — 47 years after taking the field. In 1965, North Perth player John Browning won the Soccer Federation of WA best player honour (then called the Carbonell Cup), on a countback from Paap. Referees did the voting back then on a 2-1 basis. The countback verdict was determined on the number of first votes (2) received. "Losing a prestigious award in such a way does not seem fair — it is like picking the winner of a dead heat in a horse race," said Paap to Football Hall of Fame committee member Richard Kreider, who took up his cause and lobbied Football West. Paap brought up a similar scenario in Australian Rules. "In 1997, Bill Walker was awarded his 4th Sandover Medal after the WAFL decided to present him with a joint-medal with Pat Dalton from the 1970 season. It too was previously determined on a countback." Paap went one better than Walker when Football West agreed to award him a joint-winner medal. That gave the brilliant defender an unprecedented FIVE best player awards, to go with the ones he won in 1964, 1967 (jointly with Mike Ireson, which added substance to the appeal), 1968 and 1970. A Dutchman born in Amsterdam in 1943, Theo came to Perth in 1956. He was, naturally, attracted to local Dutch club Windmills and captained them for 10 years from 1964 and won their 'Fairest and Best' award on eight occasions. He played once for Australia, a 'B'

International against Russian giants Torpedo Moscow in February 1965. He was inducted into the Hall of Champions in 1996. Football West chairman Bob Kucera presented Theo with the retrospective gold medal at the 2012 Hall of Fame induction night.

A NEW BATCH OF CHAMPIONS

STAN Lazaridis, WA's most capped player with 60 official international appearances for Australia, was one of nine newcomers inducted into the Hall of Champions at the 2012 ceremony. The affable wing-back said it was one of the greatest honours in a career that had seen him play 69 times for West Ham and make 191 appearances for Birmingham in England. Stan began his career as a leggy teenager with Kingsway Olympic and returned to WA to bring down the curtain in 2008 after making 13 appearances for Perth Glory. Lazaridis was also inducted into the Football Federation Australia Hall of Fame in 2010. Other players to be inducted into the Hall of Champions included three other former Perth Glory and Australian internationals - Bobby Despotovski, Scott Miller and Tony Franken, whose award was accepted by his daughter Isobel and father Frank. Thanks, also, to Tony for donating a Soccerroos shirt which attracted some spirited bids when it was auctioned. Two greats of the women's game - Judy Pettitt and Julie Gorton (nee Clayton) - were also welcomed into the Hall of Champions, as were State team greats Willie McNally and Allan Pottier and Wally Gardner, one of the pioneers of the game who starred in the early part of the 20th Century.



Stan Lazaridis is congratulated by Hall of Fame Patron Julian Burt

Paying Tribute to TROY

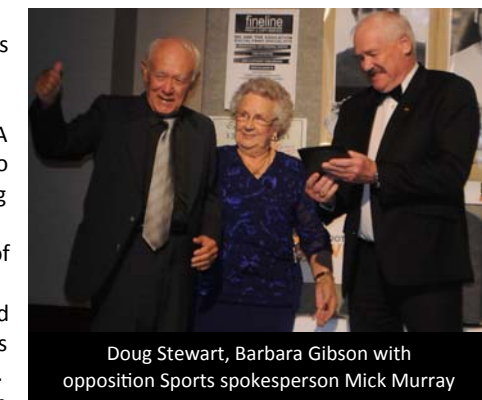


Louise Warland collects Troy's trophy from John Castrilli

FAMILY, friends and team-mates of the late **Troy Bernard** turned out in force to salute his outstanding achievements as he was posthumously inducted into the Hall of Merit for Players on May 19, 2012. Troy tragically died at the age of 25 as a result of an accident in his work as a Western Power linesman in 2004. Perth Glory tried to sign him in 1996, but he opted to stay with Floreat Athena and played a key role in the club's triple-winning 1997 season. In 2002, aged 22, he became one of the youngest players to captain the State team. "It's a wonderful tribute to Troy," said his sister Louise Warland, who collected the award on behalf of the family. His mother Val was among the gathering of over 30 — including officials from Athena — who attended the ceremony to specifically honour a great player. In all 14, were inducted into the Hall of Merit for Players, including brothers **Steve** and **Paul Tombides** and former Coventry City and Morley Windmills winger **Ernie Hannigan**, who received a congratulatory letter from his great friend, Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson. Others to be inducted in this category were **Peter Atkinson, Alf Debono, Frank Faraone, Glenn Giudici, Steve Martin, Peter Murphy, Mike Smith, Brian Newell, Steve Stacey** and the late **Edmundo Faletti**, whose award was accepted by his son Bruno.

Octogenarian Doug Stewart Can't Stop Coaching

DOUG Stewart made the trip from his home in Queensland to be inducted into the Hall of Recognition on May 19, 2012 — and stayed on in Perth for a week to coach several kids teams. The 81-year-old, who was player-coach of East Fremantle Tricolore and Perth Azzurri and also State team coach in the 1960s, was thrilled and emotional over his induction. "It's a wonderful honour," said Doug who was born in Burma and arrived in WA in 1954. He still coaches childrens' teams in Queensland, and was delighted to be asked to take a few sessions with the juniors of Hamersley Rovers and also schoolgirls teams. Doug was one of nine to be inducted into the Hall of Recognition. The others included **Dr Ken Fitch** and **Dr Ken Maguire**, the first medical men to be honoured by the Football Hall of Fame. Two of Bunbury's most respected football identities — **Giuliano Cantoni** and **Jimmy Mayers** — were also inducted, as were two former referees, **Frank Moretti** and **Andy Gorton**. **John Birighitti** was saluted for his coaching achievements with the likes of Bayswater and Azzurri, while **Peter Faulks** completed the Hall of Recognition line-up. He served with distinction for many years as a referee and a coach and administrator with amateur body WAASSA.



Doug Stewart, Barbara Gibson with opposition Sports spokesperson Mick Murray