



D.J. (Don) Strachan 1964



Don Strachan was a member of the Wandin Cricket Club for over 70 years and enjoyed a formidable cricket career both on and off the playing field.

A Life Member of the Wandin Cricket Club and the Yarra Valley Cricket Association and an Australian Sports Medal recipient are testament to Don's involvement in cricket in the Yarra Valley for such a long period of time that culminated in the Association's most senior grade bearing Don's name from the 1992/93 season onwards.

Don also had a strong involvement with the Wandin Football Club where he was a Life Member and member of the club's team of the century.

Don's cricket career as a player resulted in many personal, team and club successes and his involvement as a successful and dedicated administrator ensured the success of his club and the Association over a lengthy period.

Following the merger of the Yarra Valley Cricket Association (YVCA) and the Ringwood and District Cricket Association (RDCA), and the establishment of the RDCA Hall of Fame, Don had the honour of being the first former YVCA person to be inducted into the Hall of Fame and he was immediately elevated to Legend status as a further reflection of his outstanding dedication to, and personal success, within the local cricket community.

At the RDCA Hall of Fame and Senior Presentation Night held on 29th April 2022 Don was inducted into the RDCA Hall of Fame and was then immediately elevated to Legend status. The following words about Don were included in the program for the night:

"Don is our first inductee from the Yarra Valley Cricket Association where he was a member of the Wandin Cricket Club for over 70 years. He served as the club President for 7 years, as Secretary for 8 years, was awarded club Life membership in 1978 and was awarded the Australian Sports Medal. His playing career saw 12 premierships, the club batting average 20 times, the bowling award on 3 occasions and he was club champion 8 times. He won the competition batting award 9 times. Don also found time to be involved at YVCA level where he served as Secretary/Treasurer for 14 years, Senior Vice President for 7 years and Junior Vice President for 4 years. He was also the Association Delegate to the Victorian Country Cricket league for 12 years, was on the Permit Committee for 23 years, auditor for 12 years and a Tribunal member for many years. Don was awarded Life Membership of the Yarra Valley Cricket Association in 1964. The most senior competition in the Yarra Valley Cricket Association was named the D.J. Strachan Shield in 1992."



Field of View Photography

Don's sons, Ian and John, proudly hold the Hall of Fame Inductee and Legend Certificates presented at the dinner on 29th April 2022.