



S.J. (Steve) Pascoe OAM - 1981/1982

Sport has always played a significant part in Steve's life and he had a lengthy and successful relationship with Norwood Football Club where he is a Best and Fairest winner in both the Firsts (1975) and Reserves (1967 and 1968) and is a Life Member of the club. Steve played around 220 games in total for the club.

Steve's cricketing history is impressive to say the least - both on and off the field and at both club and Association level. As a player he commenced at Norwood High School C.C. in the Under 16's during the 1963/64 season and the following year, he was a member of that team when they won the premierships, no doubt assisted by Steve's scores of 102 and 70 in the Grand Final. His First Eleven debut was in B Grade during the 1965/66 season and the following year that team also won a premiership. Steve captained the RDCA Under 21 team that won the VJCU competition in 1969-70. His playing association with Norwood C.C. (previously Norwood High School C.C.) also resulted in premierships in A Grade and the Twilight Competition. Steve was also chosen as a member of the Norwood C.C. "Team of the Half Century" for 1959-2009 and he won 6 Club Champion awards. Steve was awarded Life Membership of the Norwood Cricket Club in 1982 in recognition of his service to the club.

In the 1977/78 season, Steve was appointed Captain Coach of Warrandyte and during his career at Warrandyte, he played in two Chandler 1 premierships, a Chandler 2 premiership, and a Veterans premiership. Steve won 3 Club Champion awards at Warrandyte as well as two First Eleven, five Second Eleven and two Third Eleven batting awards and one First Eleven, two Second Eleven and two Third Eleven bowling awards. At various times he was/is Chairman of Selectors, Veterans Co-ordinator, and Milo Have-A-Go co-ordinator. He was awarded Life Membership of Warrandyte Cricket Club in 1990/91 in recognition of his service to the club.

Put all of these playing statistics together and you see a playing career that to date covers a period of over 58 years encompassing more than 13,500 runs and 1,000 wickets (incl. 7 hat-tricks). In addition, Steve won the Chandler All Rounder award in 1971/72, two Association 'A' Grade and one Chandler 2 batting awards, and a 'B' grade and two Chandler 2 bowling awards.

Off the field, Steve has a similarly impressive record in cricket administration. At Norwood High School C.C./Norwood C.C. he served as Secretary and after moving to Warrandyte, Steve served as Treasurer (6), Secretary (6) and two stints (6) as President of the club.

Not only does Steve have an impressive administration record at the club level, but he also has an extraordinary record of further voluntary service for the Association over a lengthy period of time. He first joined the Executive in 1975/76 as Secretary of the Association and served in that position for 11 years. Eleven years as a Vice President followed and this led to Steve serving as President of the Association and Chairman of the (then) new Board of Management for a further six years.

After stepping down from that position Steve had a short break from official involvement until he became the President of the RDCA Umpires Association in 2008 and served in that role for 12 years. He was made a Life Member of the Umpire's Association in the 2015/16 season.

Steve was awarded Life Membership of the RDCA in 1980/81 in recognition of his significant and dedicated service. As further recognition, in 1997/98 it was decided that the award for the Best and Fairest Player in the second most senior grade of the competition would be known as "The Steve Pascoe Medal" and from the 2010/11 season, a Senior premier grade competition was named in his honour with the Best and Fairest award then applying to that grade.

The following excerpts are taken from a "Farewell to Steve Pascoe" that appeared in the 2004/2005 RDCA Annual Report. The tribute was written by RDCA Life Member Stuart Newey.

"During his time on the Executive, in particular as President, Steve has played a significant part in many reforms aimed at improving cricket playing conditions and the standard of cricket played in the RDCA. Some of these reforms have included:

- establishing the RDCA Veterans competition
- establishing a 4 tier competition - Premier, Senior, Junior, Veterans
- moving the Executive function into a more appropriate structure - A Board of Management with supporting sub-committees spreading the workload over more volunteers."

"Behind every good man is said to be a good woman and in Steve's case there are two ladies involved, namely Ann and Rachelle".

"The position (President) requires a person of strong conviction to take the role and based on the past 6 seasons it is obvious that Steve is such a person."

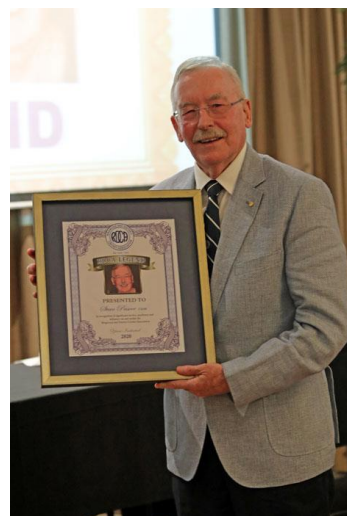
"Steve, on behalf of the clubs, and the players who form the RDCA, thank you for your involvement in running the Association over such a long time."

In further recognition of Steve's dedication and impact on local sport, he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2016.

In March 2021 Steve was inducted into the inaugural RDCA Hall of Fame and was elevated to Legend status.



Hall of Fame Induction



Legend status

The following words about Steve were included in the RDCA Centenary and Hall of Fame program for the dinner held on 26th March 2021.

“A player at Norwood High School / Norwood and Warrandyte cricket clubs since 1963-64 and a Life Member at both Norwood (1982) and Warrandyte (1990), the RDCA and the Umpire’s Association. Steve received the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2016 for services to the Association and the game of cricket and has a Premier Association grade competition and Best and Fairest Player award named after him. Steve has served the Association in numerous positions including President, Secretary and President of the Umpire’s Association. A successful playing career spanning from juniors in the 1960s to the current day in the Veterans, a competition in which he was heavily involved in establishing. Steve also has a continuing successful umpiring career.”



Ann and Steve Pascoe with their RDCA Hall of Fame awards at the dinner held on 26th March 2021