



J. (John) Springett - 2007/2008



John was a Foundation Member of the Eastfield Cricket Club when it was formed in 1973 by a group of local residents. He coached juniors at the club and served as President in 1977/78.

After some of John's friends moved to other clubs, John joined Ainslie Park C.C. and managed that club's Premiership Team in the first Chandler 5 competition as well as being involved in other successes at the club. John then moved to Mooroolbark C.C. to play with friends and won the Best Clubman award before a move to Ferntree Gully C.C. where he played with work mates. In his first 2 years at Ferntree Gully John won the Best Clubman award meaning three such awards in consecutive years.

Over the years John provided considerable voluntary service to a number of clubs and, importantly, to the RDCA. He was Ainslie Park's representative in the establishment of the Veterans Competition and organised some of that competition's early breakup functions. John umpired in the Association and in Junior Carnivals and was an active and important Executive member of the RDCA Umpires Association being Secretary for 6 years.

John had a particular interest in junior cricket and served on the Junior Executive for many years, including 12 years as Secretary, the longest serving Secretary so far in the Junior Competition history.

In appreciation of his service to the Association John was recognised with Life Membership in 2007/08. He has also been honoured with the Under 16 Division 2 Premiership Trophy being named after him. For some seasons after the 2010/11 season, a senior grade competition competed for the "John Springett Shield" whereas now the Under 16 (2) competition has John's name as further recognition of his contribution to the Association.

John sadly passed away in July 2016.

The following tribute to John was included in the 2015/2016 Association Annual Report:

"Vale John Springett

Just prior to this report going to print, the RDCA fraternity also mourned the sudden passing of the association's longest serving Junior Secretary. Similar to Lindsay, John had a long connection with the RDCA community that spanned more than 40 years. John's first involvement was as a foundation member of Eastfield in 1973, where he also coached juniors and filled positions of President, Secretary and general committee member at various times. Over the ensuing years, John was involved at a number of clubs, Ainslie Park, Mooroolbark and Ferntree Gully among them. John was Ainslie Park's representative in the early years of the Veterans competition. John was a member of the umpire's panel for quite a number of years and served on the Executive of that group. With a

great interest in junior cricket John became a member of Junior Executive and eventually took on the role of Secretary, a position he occupied for 12 years up to the end of the 2013/14 season. In appreciation of his service to the Association over many years, John was recognised with Life Membership in 2007/08. He also had the honour of the Under 16 Division 2 Premiership Trophy being named after him. When, in 2010/11, the Board decided to have the various senior grades carry the names of then living life members, it was determined that at the time the Senior "F" Grade competition should compete for the "John Springett Shield".

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