

Leonie Best (Van Dorp)

Life Member CCSA 1992



Leonie Best formerly Leonie Van Dorp was one of the hardest working and most effective administrators in the Central Coast Football. She first started being involved in the game when she registered her son Stephen in Wyoming Club's U6A in 1972. She became manager of the team and joined the Club's Ladies Auxiliary the next year before being elected to the important committee position of Registrar in 1974. Apart from a 2 year break when she was the Club's publicity officer, Leonie continued as Registrar until 1985 ... a total of 10 years in the one position and at time when club registrations increased from 160 to 600. She was honoured with a Life Membership of the Club in 1980.

Leonie graduated to CCSA where she became a long serving member of the Association Management team. Between 1986 and 1988 she served on both the Judiciary and Publicity committees before taking over the Administration Officer and Company Secretary from 1989 to 1997. In 1992 she received an Australia Day Award for contributions to soccer. She became a Life Member of CCSA in 1992.

During her term on the Board, Leonie provided loyal professional support to the Chairman, John Fairweather and together with the other long serving Board members at that time, namely Col Seggie, Margaret Moore (Ford), Kevin Gibbs, Colleen Butler, Marlene Bailey and Leonie's husband, Kevin, who formed a working unit which resulted in being one of the most productive periods in the CCSA history.

Leonie spent a total of 14 years on the CCSA Management Committee. As well as her own duties she would regularly be a supportive role to all her other Board members. She monthly travelled to Sydney for meetings of NSW Amateur Soccer Association of which she was a Board member representing the Central Coast.

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