

Allan Bourke



Allan Bourke was one of the truly sincere and respected coaches, who provided Central Coast players with quality technical coaching and enhanced the ability of numerous players, whilst at the same time, guiding youngsters and their parents through the rigors, which could enable them to reach the next level either at Regional, State, National or International status.

His credentials are impeccable - playing 17 years (320 games) in the NSW State League and a short stint in the National League. He spent time at St George, Sutherland, West Adelaide, Canberra City, Inter Monaro, Canterbury, Bankstown and Kuringai.

He started with coaching in 1980 whilst still playing at Inter Monaro (Assistant) in the State League then as player/coach with Bankstown, followed by Kuringah, Gladesville Hornsby, Parramatta Eagles, NSW State Youth Country team, NSW Women's Academy and NSW Sapphires. His Central Coast

coaching included reserve grade, U19, first grade, Lakers and Branch U15 squad.

It however was his developmental coaching, where he would excel, and which enhanced the playing standard of many junior players on the Central Coast. From 1993 to 1997 he controlled the Central Coast Elite Academy funded by the Central Coast Soccer Association, NSW Federation and Central Coast Leagues Club. He held the Head Coach badge for the years 1997-1999 when he controlled the Central Coast State League side. In the period 2002-2005 he returned as Central Coast NSW Regional Director of Coaching.

Outside Central Coast he was NSW Federation Staff Development Coach, TAP Coach at Narrabeen, NSW Institute of Sport coach, FFA Instructor of junior, youth and senior coaching licences.

His services to Central Coast were invaluable. His dedication to the improvement of players cannot be overstated enough. He was an integral part in the pathway to the top for the Central Coast elite players and a valuable member of the success in the period he was involved and the heights which various players reached in the later years.

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