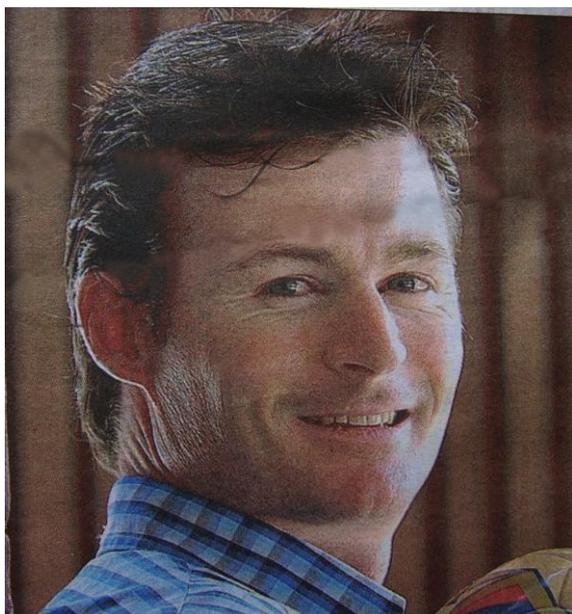


Damien Brown

Hall of Fame 2013



Damien Brown was the very first player signed by the Australian A-League club, the Central Coast Mariners FC, in November, 2004. Lawrie McKinna signed Damien and had the most positive influence on his senior football career. Born in Gosford Hospital in January, 1975, Damien began playing for The Entrance Soccer Club in the U6 team just before he turned 5 years old.

Damien was selected for the Central Coast Representative U11 team (the Coasties) in 1986. His junior career continued with the Coasties until the age of 16. At the age of 17, he chose to return to The Entrance Football Club to play 1st grade for one season whilst concentrating on his studies.

In 1993, aged 18, Damien played under 20's with the Coasties under Vic Bozanic as coach, then progressed to first grade the following season, with Bozanic the coach. Damien says the highlight of his senior career with the Coasties was in 1995 when the team gained promotion to the Super League competition.

In 1995/96 Damien became a professional footballer when he joined Newcastle Breakers under coach John Kosmina. He returned to the Coasties for the 1996/97 season under coach Alan Bourke.

In 1997, Damien moved to Canberra where he joined Canberra Cosmos under Branco Cullina and Rale Rasic.

Damien returned to Sydney for seasons 1998, 1999 & 2000 to play for Blacktown City and to further his studies. Over the next five years, Damien played with Parramatta Power and Newcastle United.

In March, 2005, Damien commenced training with the Central Coast Mariners under coach Lawrie McKinna and was in the starting lineup for the team's first game against Perth Glory in the inaugural A-League competition. Damien played 58 games with the Mariners from July, 2005 to June, 2008, when he retired from the A-League.

Following his retirement, Damien, who has an A.F.C. Class "C" licence, was appointed as the youth development co-ordinator for the Mariners which included visiting up to 10,000 kids each year from C C Primary Schools.

In 2011-2013, Damien accepted an offer to play for Lake Macquarie in the Northern N.S.W. State League which he was able to accept as it fitted in with his work with the Mariners.

In his own professional career Damien believes that he has taken something from all of his coaches and then mixed it with his own personality to develop his own understanding of how the game should be taught and played. With that kind of philosophy it's not surprising that Damien Brown has been, and continues to be, a wonderful ambassador for the game both on and off the field. He was deservedly inducted into the Hall of Fame 2013.