

# Sue Davis

Life Member CCWSA 1994



Sue Davis was born in Balmain 1953. She moved to the Central Coast 1957.

She became involved in soccer in 1976 when the Women's Soccer Association was formed and commenced a trial competition. Sue, along with her husband, Ron, joined the Woy Woy Soccer Club for the inaugural season, albeit a trial run, but recognised as official season, for historical records. Sue played in the women's First Grade side whilst Ron and Gary Preece co-coached the side. Both Sue and Ron became heavily involved with the development of women's soccer over the next 26 years.

Both Sue and Ron were also heavily involved in administration of the code for those 26 years.

After three years with the Woy Woy Club and with two Premierships and one Runners Up, Sue and Ron then were

involved with the establishment of the Ocean Beach Women's Soccer Club (1979). The Club operated for 23 years with no more than four teams (seniors to juniors) in any one year. It proved to be a great success for women's soccer and the Ocean Beach results speak for themselves - 28 League Championships, 27 Premierships and 20 Runners Up from all teams.

Sue played all her soccer life in the senior grades, three years with Woy Woy then 23 years with Ocean Beach. She played predominately in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade during her career but was just as content to play in the reserve grade. She played in nine Grand Finals in the top women's competition on the Central Coast and won five of them. She was judged the Central Coast Women's Soccer Association (CCWSA) 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Player of the Year in 1980. She also won several competitions in the lower grades as well as Player of the Year 2nd Division 1984. Sue played Representative soccer for the Central Coast from 1976 to 1979 in the Northern NSW State Titles held on the June Long Weekend each year.

One of her highlights of her playing life was winning a Bronze Medal at the World Masters Games held in Brisbane in 1994 and another was the occasion when she played several seasons with her talented daughter, Brooke (a NNSW State Representative), with husband Ron, the coach.

As well as her playing, she was involved with committee of Ocean Beach for 22 of the 23 years. She held the positions of Publicity Officer, Delegate to the CCWSA committee meeting and Registrar for a majority of the years. Sue made herself available to the CCWSA as well. She was Registrar in 1981, and Delegate to the Gosford Sports Council from 1982-1986 (five years).

She became a Life Member of CCWSA 1994 and also Player's Life Member CCWSA and also a Life Member of Ocean Beach.

Sue would be proud of her achievements. In 2012, Sue returned to playing in the Over 30s for the Woy Woy Club together with two team mates from the 1976 team namely Robyn Quick (Butler) and Kim Lott (Ferguson). She continues to play in 2013 joined by her daughter Brooke.

Sue along with her husband, Ron, has spent a quarter of a century promoting and developing the code of women's soccer on the Central Coast. Although the demise of Ocean Beach Club (2001) was sad for herself and Ron, it would, however, take only another two years (2003) before every club on the Central Coast fielded a team in a women's competition. Mission accomplished.