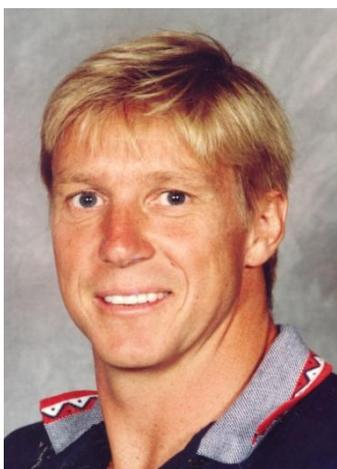


Dale Eggleton

Life Member CCSA 1993, Hall of Fame 2013



Dale Eggleton was born in Long Jetty 1962. He spent his first years of football at the Wyong Soccer Club from U7-U16 after which he was invited to play for the Senior side 1978 and 1979. He also played in the Central Coast Representative teams which played in the Northern NSW State Titles from U10-U16. He was selected in the NNSW State team to play in the National Titles from 1973 U11 to 1978 U16. It was obvious he had an excellent foundation to progress to the next level.

He became interested in the affairs of the game away from the field. He successfully took on the role of Publicity Officer for the CCSA for three years 1979-1981.

His first test at a higher level was a stint at Wallsend 1980, where the team made the Grand Final in the NNSW State League 1st

Grade. He stayed at the Club for another year and won the Player of the Year award.

1982 was an historical occasion for Central Coast football. The CCSA was invited to enter a team in the Northern NSW State League. The project would not be easy as there was already three Clubs, each with a Reserve team, plying their wares in the Newcastle lower competitions. These Clubs were Doyalson RSL (2nd Division), Central Coast United (3rd Division) and Gosford Rangers (4th Division). Ironically, these three Clubs all folded at the end of 1982 leaving only the Central Coast Representative team in Newcastle.

This first year was a year of exploration. Dale was the first player to sign up for the new Club. It would take 15 years to achieve that dream. The Club spent seven years in the NNSW State league after which they were accepted into the NSW Competitions where they would start in 3rd Division 1989 and immediately gain promotion to 2nd Division until 1995 (Note that 2nd Division became 1st Division from 1992 when 1st Division became Super League). After the success of 1995, the best year that the Club had experienced (1st Grade were Premiers (Grand Final Winners), Reserve Grade were League Champions and Runners Up and U18 were Runners Up), the Club was promoted to Super League for 1996. It was to be Dale's last season at the top flight. He retired carrying several niggling injuries 1996. But his mission was completed.

The highlights in those 15 years were many, namely He was Club Captain for 11 years 1986-1996, Club Player of the Year 1982, 1986 and 1994 (the most by any other First Grader), NNSW Player of the Year Runner up 1987, Players Player of the Year 1989 and Life Membership of the CCSA 1993.

It was not the last time that the Club would see him. He was keen to take up the role of coaching. In 1997 he coached the Rep U18 squad then had a break and came back in 2000 to coach the 1st Grade in the Winter Super League followed by the Summer Premier League 2000/2001 and 2001/2002.

He had another layoff and returned to football 2007 to coach the Southern and Ettalong 1st Grade side in the local 1st Division. He currently still holds the position. During his stint at the Club, he has helped, along with others including Bill Vroyks, to set up a Junior Academy 2009, which will assist the Club's youth to be better prepared to play at a higher level.

Dale, over the years, has proved to be a model sportsperson, a dedicated and passionate servant to the game on the Central Coast and a natural and ideal ambassador. He was deservedly inducted into the Hall of Fame 2013.