

# Ken Harrison

Life Member CCSA 1985



Ken Harrison was born in Camperdown Sydney 1943. He, with his wife Jean, moved to Umina 1970. He was involved with Umina Soccer Club as a player from 1972. He played and did some coaching in the lower grades and was Treasurer of the Club 1975. He played until 1977. His son Mark started playing for Umina at the same time and in 1981 was successful to gain selection in the U11 Central Coast Representative team. Ken took over the coaching of the side. Mark continued Rep soccer in the U12 the next year.

At this time Ken started to get interested into the affairs of the CCSA. He was Senior Vice President from 1980-1982 and took over the Presidency in 1983 for the next three years to 1985.

During his stint in the senior positions at the top of CCSA (1980-1985), Ken saw the introduction of computerised fixtures and points tables instigated by

Dave Mead (a computer analyst as well as being a competent referee) (1980), the establishment of a Coaches Federation (1981) (not the first of its kind over the years but an essential and welcoming re-introduction), the purchase of a long awaited block of land \$50,000 (1982) which became Plum Park in 1987, the introduction of Senior sides representing the CCSA in the Northern NSW State League 1982 and the First Grade early success (League Champions and Runners Up) in 1983, the introduction of a Central Coast Regional Coach, Angus Payne (1984) and the endorsement of a new Constitution by registering the CCSA as a Limited Company (1985) in order to limit the liability of Board Members to any action against the Company. Part of his duties as President required him to attend meeting in Newcastle with the Northern NSW Amateur Federation. After stepping down from the Presidency, Ken continued his association with CCSA by being on the Sub Committee which overviewed the development of Plum Park (1986-1996) as well as assisting in the fixtures and match committees (1986). He was not lost to soccer however, he took the role of President of the Umina United Club (1986-1991). During these years he guided the Club to greater heights with sound administrative leadership which was a hallmark of his whole tenure involved in soccer. The Club maintained great senior team success through that period 1986-1991) under the shrewd control of Dave Storey and was slowly developing their junior strength.

Ken was honoured with Life Membership of the CCSA in 1985 and Umina in 1990. He is to be remembered as a pro-active servant to the game and has assisted its development with sound and positive decision making.

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