

# Bill Neilson 1943-2011

Life Member CCSA 1988



Bill Neilson first became involved with soccer in 1972. His step sons, twins Darren and Scott, and Peter later, all played in CCSA. All three boys played their junior playing life with Wyoming, and subsequently all played Representative soccer during their years. Darren and Peter went on to play 1<sup>st</sup> Grade with Wyoming as goalkeepers.

From 1974 Bill took an interest in the affairs of Wyoming Soccer Club and also the CCSA. His career profession as an accountant made him a welcome member of the Executive Committee of both Wyoming and CCSA.

Bill was born 1943 in Alexandria, Sydney. His first profession was as an Ambulance Officer with the NSW Ambulance service but his natural ability with accountancy soon took over and he commenced work as an accountant in 1970. Bill moved to Wyoming 1971 with his wife Margaret and three step sons. The positions he held with Wyoming were: Treasurer three years 1974-1976, Registrar 1974, Assistant Registrar 1975 and a committeeperson 1984.

His notable years with CCSA were his huge contribution to the establishment of the finances of the CCSA. He also introduced the first computerised accounting system for the CCSA in 1985. He was Company Secretary for three years through the years 1985-1988, Treasurer for two years 1985 and 1986, Director of Finance for two years 1988 and 1989.

In 1987 he was elected as the Manager of the Northern NSW State team to play in the U16 National Titles, in which his step son Peter was a goalkeeper.

He had earlier been on the Trophy Committee 1974 and 1975 and Publicity Officer 1975 with CCSA.

Bill sadly passed away of heart failure in 2011 in Brisbane.

Bill Neilson will be remembered as a gentleman and a pure professional operator with a wealth of experience and sound advice on how to manage the finances of an organisation such as the CCSA. He was honoured for the professionalism he brought to the CCSA with Life Membership in 1988.

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