

# Les Reay

Life Member CCSA 1979



Les Reay was always a keen football supporter. He became involved with football on the Central Coast when he took a position on the Fixtures Committee of the CCSA in 1972. He also was appointed onto the Annual March Past Committee. The march past was conducted down the main street in the Gosford CBD as the beginning of the annual gala day promotion. He was voted on to the Senior Competition Committee the following year (1973). This was the first year that this Senior Committee was set up by the CCSA. It was set up to promote the competition with a committee solely centred on that object, without any hindrance from other non senior areas of the CCSA. This

involvement lead Les to successfully apply for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the CCSA (1974). Over the next 7 years he held the position of Secretary (1975, 1980), Treasurer (1975, 1976, 1979, 1980) and President (1977). During his year as President the CCSA, the Senior committee was very busy in the promotion of the game incorporating 1<sup>st</sup> Division, Norman Ross Cup, NNSW State Amateur Cup and the District Senior Rep team in the NNSW State Titles. Efforts were earnestly made to secure land for the development of a football complex in the Wyong Shire for \$27,000. These efforts were not successful. The Women's Association was established after a trial run in 1976, while arrangements were made to set up meetings rooms at the Central Coast Leagues Club.

Although he was busy on the CCSA committee, he was also actively involved as the Secretary/Treasurer of Southern United (1974), a Club which was founded in 1972 as a senior only Club based at Rogers Park, Woy Woy. The Club was a great success, providing a senior club in the area and with experienced coach, Fred Ross, taking the reins of the teams and developing a very competitive outfit coupled with a sound management committee. Les held the position until 1981. Southern United eventually amalgamated with Ettalong Beach Club to form the strong Southern and Ettalong United Club (1985). Les was honoured with Life Membership of the CCSA in 1979. He was a tireless worker for the code at Association level as well as club level, holding principal positions in both organisations.

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