

Jill Smith

Life Member CCSA 1989



Jill Smith earned her achievements by her sheer determination and drive. Her ever present effervescent personality added to her overall zest which resulted in a trail of accomplishments.

She started on the Coast at the Wyoming Club when she took on the Secretary's position in 1978 and remains the longest-serving Secretary in Wyoming's history having occupied that position for nine years until 1986. She took over the job at a difficult time with the club going through a transition period following the retirement of most of the "old guard" from the Executive and a period when, for the first time, there was a decline in the number of player registrations. Together with her husband Graham (a competent referee) who took over the Vice President's position for a similar period and a new President, Kevin Best, Jill provided the stability, drive and sheer hard work required to check this decline and to attract new players

to the club.

Jill Smith's services to the Wyoming Soccer Club were recognised with the awarding to her of the Clubperson of the Year award on three occasions (1979, 1983 and 1984) and in 1982 was honoured with Life Membership.

In 1980 she was judged the Soccer Queen by the CCWSA and was instrumental in the Wyoming Club catering for Womens teams when she managed an U16 team with good friend Leonie Best (Van Dorp) as the coach. Wyoming has entered women's teams in the competition every year since then.

In 1981, CCSA elected to enter Senior Representative team to play in the Northern NSW State League for the 1982 season. At this time, there was already three other Clubs from the Central Coast district playing in the Newcastle competitions namely Central Coast United (CCU), Doyalson RSL and Gosford Rangers. Kevin Best was given the job to launch the Club and along with Bill Northam, the then President of the CCSA, Jill was asked to assist and jumped at the offer with all her zeal. Apart from herself and Kevin, the whole Wyoming Club was caught up in the enterprise. As well as her other duties associated with the Wyoming Club she undertook a more taxing job with the Rep team. Both Jill and Kevin were not able to duplicate the workload the next year and Jill took a step backwards while Kevin stepped into the Secretary position and Bill Northam took over the Presidency. Jill did not stop there though, she was involved with the fixtures 1984, Publicity 1985, and in 1987 after departing from Wyoming she took on the Treasurer's position for the Representative Club. She held the position for the next 4 years. During that time, she was proud to be involved on the working committee which set up the first Margin's Cup and which developed to be a very popular end of season competition over the October Long weekend at Plum Park together with Alan Davidson Oval and Ourimbah University Fields. She not only did her own job but readily helped out on other functions of the Rep Club such as catering, publicity.

In 1989 Jill was awarded Life membership to the CCSA and also was voted the CCSA Soccer Person of the Year

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