

# John Van Heck

Life Member CCSA 1983



John Van Heck was born 1944 at a town Noordwykerhout, South West Holland. Came to Australia 1960 and played for Blacktown Spurs 1964-1972. He moved to The Entrance 1974 and started playing and coaching for The Entrance Soccer Club 1975-1977.

In 1977, 1978 he joined the CCSA Senior Competition Committee and became the Junior Vice President 1978. In 1979 he started to coach the junior Representative sides. He first took on the U12 followed by the 1980 U11, 1981 U12, 1982 U13 and 1984 U15. He took on the role of Junior Rep Team Co-ordinator 1979, 1982 and 1983. During the period 1978-1980 he regularly attended

NSW Rep monthly meetings at Revesby Workers Club together with Roger Smith and Bill Northam. One of the events which John put his heart and soul into was the opportunity to revisit his homeland (Holland) as coach of a junior team from the Central Coast. The team accepted an invitation from Bill Pluim to enter a team in Kangaroo Cup an annual Dutch junior tournament. The Central Coast team won the tournament and played exhibition games as a lead up to several of the Dutch 1<sup>st</sup> Division games, which enhanced the success of the tour. The team officials, who accompanied John, were Barry Margin and his wife Judy, John Fairweather (Manager) and Bill Pluim. It was after this tour that the quest for a soccer complex on the Coast was made top priority, after the senior members of the party saw the facilities of Clubs in Holland. John was awarded with CCSA Life Membership in 1983. He, also, coached Killarney 1<sup>st</sup> Grade side 1984 and 1985.

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