

NEW LIFE MEMBER

Kevin O'Mara

To award a Life Membership is the highest honour that the club can bestow upon someone and it was with enormous pleasure and pride that this year we awarded Life Membership of the Warrandyte Junior Football Club to Kevin O'Mara. Kevin becomes only the ninth Life Member in the clubs history which is a true reflection of the high esteem that he is held within the club.

Kevin has had two boys play at the club from tackers right through to colts and Kevin was a tireless worker at the club through all those years. He has been a wonderful support to his two boys, Paul and Joe, right through their junior career and spent many of those seasons as the assistant coach/runner. Kevin joined the committee very early on and spent several years looking after property and or grounds. He spent one year as assistant secretary and then became Secretary in 2002, a position he held with distinction for four years until his youngest boy Joe played his last season of juniors. Perhaps his greatest claim to fame though is his unblemished coaching record having never lost a game he coached at the club (it would ruin the story to mention that he only coached two games so we won't do that).

Kevin has always gone above and beyond normal expectations with everything he has done at the club, a fact which saw him rewarded with the 'Club Person of the Year' award in 2000. He is just one of those people that was always around, whether it be doing something that needed to be done, fixing something that needed to be fixed, giving advice or just passing on some of his extensive knowledge to others.

In the last two years since leaving the junior club in an official capacity, Kevin has kept close links with the club and takes a keen interest in both its on field and off field activities and is a regular at Family Hours. He has also taken his love of junior football in a different direction by taking up umpiring in the YJFL. He is also a regular onlooker at junior games when it doesn't interfere with his umpiring. Kevin has also served on a couple of sub-committees at the club in those two years. He is also still a confidant and mentor to many at the club and is always willing to pass on whatever advice or knowledge he can to ensure the club is a better place.

Well done Kevin on many years of outstanding service to the Warrandyte Junior Football Club. There could be no more worthy recipient of Life Membership to our great club.