



Southern Football Netball League

Hall of Fame



ASHLEY 'TOM' GOODES

SOUTHERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE

- Cheltenham Football Club Reserve Premiership Player 1958
 - Federal Football League Board Member 1980-81
 - Cheltenham Football Club Treasurer 1981-82
- Cheltenham Football Club Secretary 1984-86 & 1999
- Cheltenham Football Club President 1981-82, 1989-2000 & 2002
 - Cheltenham Football Club Ground Marker for 20years
 - Cheltenham Football Club Life Member
 - Southern Football Netball League Life Member

Ashley Goodes was known as 'Tommy' due to his diminutive stature, which resulted in him being compared to Tom Thumb, but his achievements as a Cheltenham football club player and as an administrator were far from small.

Goodes' playing career for the Rosellas spanned from 1949 to the mid-1960s. He played alongside Jack Barker and Kevin Roberts in Cheltenham's 1958 Reserves premiership side.

A few years after he hung up the boots, Goodes began to take on various administrative roles for the Rosellas, starting in the 1970s. These included being a committeeman, Treasurer, Secretary and President. He was also on the Federal Football League board in the early 1980s and served as Vice Chairman of the SFNL board.

Goodes' involvement in administration at Cheltenham continued until 2002 – 53 years after he started playing for the club.

Current Cheltenham President, Colin Anderson, speaks of how involved Goodes was at the club. "He was a Cheltenham person through and through and every Friday afternoon he could be found pushing the line marker around the ground and then inside the change rooms ensuring that they were in pristine condition for the teams on Saturday."

Such was his modesty, Goodes repeatedly refused to accept nominations to become a life member of the club. He finally gave in to continued pressure and was made a life member.

He was also awarded life membership of the SFNL in 2002.

The AFL awarded a certificate to Goodes to honour his 50 years of service to the sport.

Anderson says, "Tommy was loved by all at Cheltenham," and the club played a major part in his life, second only to family.

It is fitting to see such a devoted club man inducted into the SFNL Hall of Fame.

By Andrew Paloczi