



Southern Football Netball League

Hall of Fame



DARRELL MOLLOY

FEDERAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

- Black Rock Football Club Under 18's Premiership Coach 1956
 - Black Rock Football Club Life Member
- Federal Football League Tribunal Secretary 1960-79
 - Federal Football League Secretary 1960-79
 - Federal Football League President 1980
 - Federal Football League Life Member
- Federal Football League Trustee 1981-2008
 - Highett Football Club President 1981

Dedicated, committed, demanding, genuine. These are the characteristics of Darrell Molloy, a man that gave 49 years of service to the Federal Football League, the Black Rock and Highett Football Clubs and Superules leagues.

Football meant more to Darrell than a game; it was a massive part of his life. Nothing was ever too much trouble when it came to helping the team. Molloy considered his time with the various clubs and leagues as a privilege over everything else.

Darrell shifted into coaching straight after finishing his playing career. He never wanted to miss a beat. He led his Black Rock FC Under 18s to the premiership in 1956 despite being down by seven goals heading into the final term. Mentone had begun baking the cake to celebrate, too soon as it would be, as Molloy's kids overcame the deficit to snatch an unlikely victory and the cup.

Molloy is a life member at Black Rock although he is most known for his dedication and development of the Federal League. He was secretary from 1960-79 then president in 1980. Darrell was honoured that he was able to help develop the league. He loved to be in charge and always strived for things to be done the right way.

Molloy was demanding, devoted and fearless. In the committee meetings he would carry a thick briefcase filled with a dozen pieces of paper. He laid them on the desk as the commander at the head of the table. The catch? He never actually had anything written down and the briefcase was empty. But that didn't matter; Darrell Molloy was a leader.

A few leadership tricks aside, Molloy was incredibly genuine and sympathetic. His youngest brother, Ivan went blind at age 15. Darrell would often take Ivan behind the goals at local Federal League games and commentate the play by play. Not for the praise or admiration, but because he loved his family and always wanted the best for them.

Molloy devoted time to supporting the Superules leagues as he loved to promote the competition for the older players. He was compassionate for their cause just as he was tough in everything else he supported.

Molloy's decades of effort in the administration of the Federal League are now being acknowledged. His induction into the Hall of Fame is a tribute to a lifetime of relentless service.

By James Raknes