



Southern Football Netball League

Hall of Fame



DAVID FOLLEY

EASTERN SUBURBS CHURCHES FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

- 377 games for Gardenvale Football Club (St. Andrews)
- Gardenvale Football Club (St. Andrews) x 4 Reserve Best & Fairest 1969, 1973, 1978, 1980
 - Gardenvale Football Club (St. Andrews) Secretary 1965-67
 - Gardenvale Football Club (St. Andrews) Treasurer 1968-92
 - Gardenvale Football Club (St. Andrews) President 1974-75
- Gardenvale Football Club (St. Andrews) Reserves Boundary Umpire 1986-92
 - Caulfield Football Club Treasurer 1997-99
 - Caulfield Football Club Committee Member 1993-96
 - Caulfield Football Club Time Keeper 1993-Present

David Folley is a true clubman. He joined St Andrews-Gardenvale, now the Caulfield Football Club, in 1963. He won Best and Fairests and was President of the club. Folley also served as Treasurer for over 25 years and even ran the boundary when his knee gave out.

Gardenvale FC saw David through 377 games, most while also operating on its board. His four reserves Best and Fairests are a clear sign of consistency. A decade separates Folley's first and last awards.

Folley played slightly over half his games with the reserves team and says he was never concerned with missing senior selection. "I just liked playing footy. So long as I got a game, that's all I wanted," Folley explained.

While celebrating his 1973 B&F, Folley was promoted to club President. He was still club Treasurer at the time. As an accountant by trade, he was the most suitable for the role.

A knee injury in 1982 moved Folley to the boundary. He continued running on game day until the merger. He also acted on Caulfield's general committee before once again volunteering as Treasurer for two more years.

David Folley volunteered on his club's committee for 35 years. He completed whatever role it needed, always wanting to help his mates out.

"If you haven't got ambitions to keep improving you tend to languish," said Folley. "You always want to be bettering yourself."

As for the league's future, Folley believes the league is much more regulated now.

"The structure is certainly good; the difficulty is ensuring teams remain competitive," Folley acknowledged.

He is positive his club and others are headed in the right direction and added that "financial considerations will continue to play a significant part."

David Folley can still be found at Koornang Park on Saturdays serving as the Bears' timekeeper.

"I love it, I want to be involved plus I get to watch the games," Folley said. He's had the best view of the game going on 22 years.

In 50 years of involvement with suburban football, Folley will always have a home at Caulfield. He received his life membership from the Bears in 1999.

"I've enjoyed it all and I don't feel like stopping," said Folley. "My job as timekeeper keeps me involved, I wouldn't change anything."

By James Raknes