



Southern Football Netball League

Hall of Fame



DAVID LUTTRELL

SOUTHERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE

- Umpired 625 Games in the South East Suburban Football League & Southern Football League 1981-2010
 - Field Umpire in four Southern Football League Division 1 Senior Grand Finals 2007-10
- Boundary Umpire in five South East Suburban Football League Division 1 Senior Grand Finals 1987, 1989-92
- South East Suburban Football League Umpires Association / Southern Football League Umpires Association Treasurer 1989-95, 2001
 - Southern Football League Umpires Association President 1998-2001
- South East Suburban Football League Umpires Association / Southern Football League Umpires Association Life Member 1990
- Southern Football League Umpires Association Graeme Bertram Award x 2 2002, 2008 (Only member to have won this award on two occasions)

Highly decorated whistle blower David Luttrell will this year become just the second umpire to be inducted into the SFNL Hall of Fame.

Luttrell commenced his lengthy career with the whistle on the boundary began back in 1981, and retired in 2010 as one of the most respected field officiators in the business with a total of 625 games to his credit.

Four of those matches were Division 1 Senior Grand Finals as a field umpire, and he participated in a further five on the boundary.

In addition to his sterling on-field resume, Luttrell has also made an incredible contribution to the South East Suburban Football League and Southern Football League Umpires Associations off the field.

He served as Treasurer of the SESFLUA/SFLUA from 1989 until 1995, and later became President of the SFLUA in 1998, a role he held for four seasons.

Luttrell started his career as a boundary umpire, but after 12 or 13 years he ventured onto the field, which he believed was the natural progression.

He rates his nine Division 1 Senior Grand Final appearances as his best memories, but although he looks back fondly at these on field achievements, his recollections of the matches themselves are a bit of a blur.

Over the journey Luttrell has been the recipient of several awards and accolades, including the prestigious Graeme Bertram Award.

The Graeme Bertram award is a combined Umpiring Department/Umpires Association Award for ongoing excellence on the field and for making a major contribution to the SFLUA off the field. Luttrell claimed this unique award twice (in 2002 and 2008) and is very aware of the significance of it.

“It meant a hell of a lot because it’s obviously recognition of your efforts and it recognises the fact that, not only are you a reasonably good umpire on the field... but you are also making a contribution to umpiring in general off the field,” Luttrell said.

In addition, Luttrell has been bestowed Life Membership of both the SESFLUA and the SFLUA, which recognises 10 years of service given to each of those organisations.

He was also made a Life Member of the SFNL in 2004.

But induction into the SFNL Hall of Fame is the ultimate reward for one of the umpiring fraternity’s all-time greats.

By Will Hunter