

Vale Don Pollock



14 March 1942 – 19 January 2010

On the 19th January 2010, Basketball NSW and Shoalhaven Basketball Association Life Member Don Pollock sadly passed away after a long battle with cancer.

A school teacher and Managing Director of a Car Sales Company, Don's passion for basketball saw him commit many years to the different aspects of the game.

An Australian Badge Referee, Don refereed the 1968 and 1969 Australian Championships for Women.

He was the Coach of the Under 18 Men, and was considered part of the "Coaching Tapestry" of the first 50 years of basketball in NSW.

Don was heavily involved in Basketball throughout NSW, assisting in the formation and development of several Associations including Shoalhaven, Cooma, Manly Warringah and Coonabarabran. He was also involved in State Teams, Refereeing, Country, and was the NSW Registrar from 1969 until 1971.

As a consequence of his tireless contribution to basketball, the years 1998 through until 2005 saw Don become one of Basketball NSW's most long-standing Presidents. He was also President of the Coonabarabran and Shoalhaven Basketball Associations, the Country Basketball Committee Chairman for many years, as well as a Director on the Basketball Australia Board from 2002 until 2006.

Despite his illness, Don was the sitting President of the Shoalhaven Basketball Association up until the time of his death.

Don was a well-known and admired man within the Basketball community, and he will be sadly missed by all his basketball family, in particular his long time friend John Martin.

His efforts towards the development of basketball are genuinely appreciated and to Don's family, in particular his children Bronwyn and Ben, we extend our sincere condolences.