

MERLE SHORT SERVICE AWARD

NOMINEE: TRACEY REID
ASSOCIATION: DANDENONG
YEAR AWARDED: 2012

STATEMENT OF ACHIEVEMENTS:

Tracey Reid's involvement in softball started in 1992 when she started as a C Grade Women's player for the Pinewood Rebels Softball Club at Dandenong. Up until this Women's team formation the club had only been fielding Men's teams. In 1995 as part of her playing requirements (having graduated to B Grade) every member of her team was expected to base umpire on a weekly roster. So Tracey went and asked Rob Mitchell to come and show her "how to not get in the way", and then she asked if she could buy a rule book..... that was the beginning of the end.

Tracey achieved her Level 1 in 1998, her Level 2 in 2000 and Level 3 in 2009. Way back when she started her team mates would offer her money if she would do their allocations, what they didn't realise is that she would have done it anyway. Tracy has umpired on a weekly basis at Dandenong for the past 17 years. She has umpired at State Championships for the last 12 years.

Tracey joined the Committee of Pinewood in 1993 and has held various positions for the vast majority of the last 19 years. She was awarded Life Membership of her club in 2001. She is currently the Manager of Pinewood.

Her career highlights include umpiring junior girls at Waverley when there were teams visiting from Japan and umpiring a current Australian pitcher at the Narre Warren Shoot Out in September 2011

Tracey was a founding member of the current Dandenong Women's masters team 14 year's ago, and has contributed to this team's successes, most notably a silver medal at the World Masters games in Sydney in 2009

Dandenong Softball Association is honoured to nominate Tracey Lola Reid for the Merle Short Service Award.

