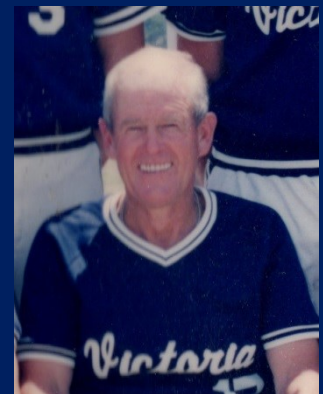


MERLE SHORT SERVICE AWARD

NOMINEE: *KEVIN JENKINS*
ASSOCIATION: *SUNSHINE*
YEAR AWARDED: 2009



STATEMENT OF ACHIEVEMENTS:



ROLE	CLUB - Braybrook	ASSOCIATION – Sunshine & Keilor Park	OTHER
<u>PLAYER:</u>	Comets A Grade Men		
<u>UMPIRE:</u>	Club games where needed		
<u>COACH:</u>	U12 U14 U16/U17 Boys & Girls A Grade men and Ladies	U16/U17 Girls U16 Boys U19 Girls Open Women Open Men	2 years Assistant Coach Victorian Open Men North West Region
<u>ADMINISTRATION:</u>	Barybrook and Hiway Committee Comets President Committee	Sunshine Groundsman, 1974-86 Committee, 1974-77 - selection, 1976 - social, 1977 Vice President, 1978-81 Keilor Park Committee	

STATEMENT OF ACHIEVEMENTS:

Kevin's achievements include:

- Working tirelessly for many years as a member of the Sunshine Committee, taking on roles of Vice President, Committee and social and selection committee member
- Ensuring that there were safe playing conditions for the players as part of his role as groundsman, a role he did for close to a decade
- Working tirelessly to recruit junior players and promote junior competitions within the Western suburbs
- Coaching many Sunshine Representative teams throughout the years (too many to list here), highlights include winning the U17 and Open Women's State Championships
- Instilling passion and enjoyment of the game in the numerous people that he coached
- Providing all new participants with the basic skills to enable them to progress and develop as softballers
- Having a number of players that he coached (both junior and senior) go on to represent Victoria at the National Championships including two children
- Running selection trials or being on selection committees for representative teams
- Successfully coaching at club level, both girls and boys, men and women's teams (again too many to list)
- Being actively involved in committees at club level
- Umpiring club games
- Promoting the game everywhere he went

SUPPORTING STATEMENT:

Sunshine has the pleasure in submitting Kevin as a nominee for a Merle Short Service Award. He has long been a passionate advocate of the game of softball and has been involved since 1969 with his involvement spanning four decades with three clubs and two Associations. He has only recently stepped away from the game he loved due to ill health.

Kevin's passion and dedication to the game left little doubt that softball would become a family affair for the Jenkins household. Son Darryn and daughter Sandra both went on to represent Victoria at National Championships, while daughter Tracey (deceased) took after her father and dedicated much of her life to the game. She instilled others with the same passion and enjoyment for the game that had been passed on to her by her father.

As softball was lived and breathed in the house, Jean graciously accepted that she may as well be involved. She was often by Kevin's side acting as scorer or any other role he needed. It wasn't unusual to find Jean helping out in the canteen waiting patiently for Kevin to finish for the day or mending representative team uniforms. Championships were also another time when the Jenkins duo would put up their hands to assist.

While Kevin's playing career was quite limited, he got enormous satisfaction out of coaching and watching players grow in confidence and skill. Although he was a tough "take no prisoners" competitor on the diamond, Kevin was liked and loved by many. His passion for the game was endearing and contagious with many players sticking around just to be coached by him.

Tis passion and enthusiasm enabled him to make lifelong friends with people from all corners of the state and country. He was, and will always be highly respected and revered by the players he coached throughout the years as well as his friends and peers throughout Victoria.

