



### **S.N. (Stuart) Newey - 1981/1982**

Stuart married Joan (RDCA Treasurer for 11 years) in 1955 and they have 4 children, all of who played in the RDCA.

Stuart's cricket career commenced at Beaufort where he played in the senior side from ages 14 to 16 while at school locally. Over the years Stuart was involved in many sporting organisations including being a Foundation and Charter member of the Ararat YMCA, a Foundation Member and player for the Ringwood Saints Baseball Club and a Foundation Member, player and Treasurer of the Croydon and District Table Tennis Association.

Examples of Stuart's long history of volunteer involvement can be demonstrated by noting that he was Treasurer of his local church for 50 years and his magnificent contribution to the Monkami Centre for the Intellectually Disabled where he was President for over 25 years. Remarkable achievements.

Stuart has had a long and successful history within the RDCA as a player and an Administrator. He was President and is a Life Member of North Ringwood Cricket Club. He opened the batting in North Ringwood's consecutive Chandler Shield premierships in 1967/68 and 1968/69. Stuart also captained the Chandler Shield and C Grade sides in other years and coached the successful Under 16 team. Stuart was a club delegate to the Association for many years from 1961/62. He was President at North Ringwood from 1969/70 to 1975/76 and Secretary from 1958/59 to 1966/67. He was also an RDCA Umpire and Umpires Advisor for many years and is a proud Life Member of the RDCA Umpires Association.

Volunteer service to the RDCA includes long term service on the Association Executive - Records Secretary for 27 years, and Treasurer for 11 years (Stuart's wife Joan was also RDCA Treasurer for 11 years). Stuart was honoured as a Life Member of the Association in 1981/2 and has a Senior Grade named after him (Newey Plate from 2001/02) as well as the Stuart Newey Medal for the Best and Fairest player in the Newey Plate competition.

In March 2021 Stuart was inducted into the inaugural RDCA Hall of Fame, another acknowledgement of his dedicated and lengthy service in, and to, the Ringwood and District Cricket Association.

Stuart was not able to attend the RDCA Centenary and Hall of Fame Dinner held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Stuart's wife Joan was present to proudly accept Stuart's award.

The following words about Stuart were included in the RDCA Centenary and Hall of Fame program for the dinner held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

"Stuart Newey played in the North Ringwood Chandler Shield premierships in 1967-68 and 1968-69 and served the club as Secretary for 9 years and President for 7 years. He was elected as a Life Member of the club and holds Cap #51 after debuting in the 1958-9 season. After playing at the highest local level, Stuart gave back to the local game by joining the Association Executive where he provided excellent service for some 33 years. A Life Member of the Association (elected in 1981-82), Stuart served as a senior umpire for many years and was a member of the Umpire's Association including 4 years as President and 19 years as the Umpire's Advisor. He was elected as a Life Member of the Umpire's Association in 1984-85. Stuart has a Premier Grade trophy named after him, along with a Best and Fairest Medal."



Stuart was elevated to Legend status within the RDCA Hall of Fame at the Senior Presentation Night in April 2024 – a very well deserved recognition of many years of service to the Association.

The Association was deeply saddened to hear of Stuart's passing in September of 2024.

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