



FAR WEST NSW

Sporting Hall of Fame

Inaugural Induction

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The Far West NSW Sporting Hall of Fame (FWSHF) is an initiative of Regional Development Australia Far West and aims to preserve and celebrate the history of sport in the Far West region of NSW, inspiring generations of locals to strive for their best in both sport and in life.

Sport plays a defining role in the Far West region of New South Wales. The FWSHF documents and promotes these extraordinary sporting achievements in a Hall of Fame, hosted on the [Far West Proud website](#). In highlighting these achievements we can inspire and motivate others to strive for their best.

The FWSHF depicts an illustrious group of the region's most respected and celebrated sporting champions that span time. Membership of the FWSHF represents the highest level of peer recognition for an individual's contribution to their sport in Far West NSW. Members of the FWSHF are individuals who have made a positive impact on their community and are role models for today's athletes and generations to come.

In honouring excellence in sport, we establish a level of distinction that will motivate generations of sporting participants and foster the development of the sporting industry, ensuring that sporting heritage in the Far West is maintained and preserved.

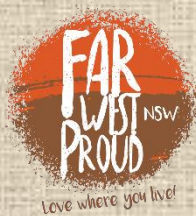
The Far West Sporting Hall of Fame will be established with two sections in the Far West Champions category.

Far West Champions – recognising those from the region who have competed or been involved at an Australian National Level of competition or higher in their chosen sport.

Athlete members – competitors

General members - administrators, coaches, trainers, umpires, referees and judges

The inaugural induction will induct 23 local champions into the Athlete section and 1 local champion into the General section, additionally 3 local champions will be inducted into both categories.



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Troy Andrews

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The eldest of 5 siblings Troy grew up on Glen Idol station in Far West NSW until a serious spinal injury at the age of 11 changed his life forever.

Following his injury Troy began competing in wheelchair sports at the age of 11 and through dedication and a strong desire to reach his goals, has established himself as one of the region's most prolific sporting achievers.

With a keen interest in all things sport, Troy was determined to succeed and represented Australia at 5 Paralympics Games during his sporting career.

Troy attended his first Paralympics in the United Kingdom in 1984 representing Australia in air pistol and achieving 4th place.

Determined to engage in as much sport as possible, Troy was also part of the Australian men's national wheelchair basketball team and represented Australia in 1988 Seoul, 1992 Barcelona, 1996 Atlanta and 2000 Sydney Paralympics games.

Troy won a gold medal as part of the winning 1996 Australian team for which he received a medal of the Order of Australia.

Troy was also the recipient of the Australian Sports medal in 2000.

Troy retired from competitive sport in 2003 having played over 250 games for Australia and 600 games for South Australia.

Today, Troy is an Occupational Therapy Department Equipment Technician servicing South Australia, Northern Territory, Western NSW and North-western Victoria. Troy maintains a strong interest in all things sport, enjoys time with his family and has a keen interest in old and unique cars.

Awards and milestones

- Represented Australia at 5 Paralympic games.
- Achieved 4th in air pistol discipline at the 1984 games.
- Gold medal in wheelchair basketball in the 1996 games.
- Gold medal in the 1998 Himeji Japan 3 on 3 tournament.
- Order of Australia medal.
- Australian Sporting medal.
- Over 250 games representing Australia.
- Over 600 games representing Adelaide Thunder NWBL team and South Australia (5 National Titles).

Troy's sporting history

2000

- Australian men's wheelchair basketball team at the 2000 Sydney Paralympic games

1998

- Gold medal – 1998 Himeji Japan 3 on 3 tournament

1996

- Gold medal - Australian men's wheelchair basketball team at the 1996 Atlanta Paralympic games

1992

- Australian men's wheelchair basketball team at the 1992 Barcelona Paralympic games.

1988

- Australian men's wheelchair basketball team at the 1988 Seoul games.

1984

- 4th place in air pistol at the 1984 Paralympic Games.

Troy will be inducted into the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame by Levi Charnock

Levi has a passion for both basketball and soccer. He started playing soccer for St. Joe's soccer club when he was 5 years old and has been playing basketball for the Rockets in the local Broken Hill comp. Levi loves the thrill of close and competitive games, and when he's not playing, he spends his time watching documentaries about NBA stars and researching player statistics.

Cheryl Barry



Born in Broken Hill, Cheryl is a local who has shown a keen interest in many sports over the years. Despite having played softball, netball and demonstrating an aptitude for equestrian events and show jumping; lawn bowls is the sport in which Cheryl has earned Far West Champion status. Having sustained several injuries during her riding days, limiting her ability to deliver a lawn bowl, Cheryl adopted the bowling arm. This adaptation meant that Cheryl could enjoy the sport and, as her sporting history demonstrates, compete at the highest level of the sport, the National Championships.

Cheryl is a role model within the sport, demonstrating that despite injury or physical impairment, lawn bowls can still be enjoyed and played at the highest of levels. Outside of sport, Cheryl has a green thumb and enjoys spending her days in her garden.

Cheryl's sporting history

2022

- South Australia Region 4 Champion of Champions Fours.

2019

- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Pairs Champion.
- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Singles Champion.
- Selected and competed for the South Australian State Bowling Arm Team for the Australian National Bowling Arm Sides Championships.

2018

- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Pairs Champion.
- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Singles Champion.
- Silver City Bowling Association Singles Champion of Champions.

- South Australia Region 4 Champion of Champions Singles.
- Selected and competed for the South Australian State Bowling Arm Team for the Australian National Bowling Arm Sides Championships.

2017

- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Pairs Champion.
- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Singles Champion.
- Silver City Bowling Association Singles Champion of Champions.
- Selected and competed for the South Australian State Bowling Arm Team for the Australian National Bowling Arm Sides Championships.

2016

- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Pairs Champion.
- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Singles Champion.
- Silver City Bowling Association Singles Champion of Champions.
- Selected and competed for the South Australian State Bowling Arm Team for the Australian National Bowling Arm Sides Championships.

2015

- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Pairs Champion.
- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Singles Champion.
- Silver City Bowling Association Singles Champion of Champions.
- Silver City Bowling Association Pairs Champion of Champions.
- South Australia Region 4 Champion of Champions Pairs.

2014

- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Pairs Champion.
- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Singles Champion.
- Silver City Bowling Association Singles Champion of Champions.

2013

- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Singles Champion.
- Silver City Bowling Association Singles Champion of Champions.
- Silver City Bowling Association Barrier Ranges Pairs Champion.

2010/2011

- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Singles Champion.
- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Pairs Champion.

2009/2010

- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Singles Champion.

2001/2002

- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Pairs Champion.

Cheryl will be inducted into the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame by Imogen Stokes

Imogen enjoys giving all sports a try. Imogen has represented Broken Hill in basketball playing in two carnivals this season for the Broncos U12s as well as playing in local competition. Imogen swims with Alma swimming club, dances with the Joy Baldwin School of Dance and plays football for the Central Magpies. Imogen enjoys participating in all school sporting gala days, swimming carnivals, athletics carnivals and cross country and is looking forward to the Little Athletics season starting up again.

Trevor Barry



Born in Broken Hill, Trevor is recognised for his achievements in lawn bowls. Having tried his hand at a broad range of sports, lawn bowls is the sport in which he has proven to be most successful, having had over 30 years of experience. Whilst notably being a competitive player in the traditional form of the sport, Trevor's participation in bowling arm sides is where he has proven to be most successful, having competed at the highest level that the sport has to offer.

In order to understand why Trevor elects to use the bowling arm, it's worth diving into his former career. In 1969, Trevor started working at the Zinc Mine as an apprentice Fitter and Machinist, later pursuing a dual trade in Electrical Fitting and also Refrigeration and Air Conditioning. In his 33 years of service to the mine, Trevor sustained a back injury that impeded his ability to play lawn bowls and, consequently, he moved away from the sport. Later in life he was introduced to an apparatus called the "bowling arm" which would allow him to deliver a bowl whilst standing upright, reinvigorating his interest in the sport. After a considerable amount of practice and assistance from his coach, Trevor was able to get to his previous level. Trevor's efforts demonstrate to the community that it is possible to play bowls at the highest of levels despite having issues that would otherwise impede your ability to play.

Outside of lawn bowls, Trevor is an esteemed astronomer. He developed a keen interest for astronomy whilst working on the mine, building his own telescope and observatory. Through his observations grew a deeper passion for astronomy and so Trevor went on to study a post graduate degree in which he excelled. The discovery of his first electrical storm on Saturn led to Trevor becoming involved with NASA and the Cassini Mission to Saturn. He now has long term involvements in international research teams and has been published as a co-author in the world's most prestigious peer reviewed science journals.

Awards and milestones

- Top ranked skipper for South Australia in the 2016 Australian Bowling Arm National Side Championships.

- 2021 Bowls South Australia Volunteer of the Year Finalist – in recognition of being the Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Greenkeeper, Tournament Director and Head of Engineering.

Trevor's sporting history

2020/21

- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Singles Champion

2019

- South Australia Open Championship Bowling Arm Singles Runner Up.
- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Pairs Champion.
- Selected and competed for the South Australian State Team for the Australian Bowling Arm National Side Championships.
- South Australia Region 4 Champion of Champions Fours.

2018

- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Pairs Champion.
- Silver City Bowling Association Pairs Champion of Champions.
- South Australia Region 4 Champion of Champions Pairs.
- Selected and competed for the South Australian State Team for the Australian Bowling Arm National Side Championships.

2017

- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Pairs Champion.
- Selected and competed for the South Australian State Team for the Australian Bowling Arm National Side Championships.

2016

- Selected and competed with the South Australian State Team for the Australian Bowling Arm National Side Championships.

2015

- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Pairs Champion.
- Silver City Bowling Association Pairs Champion of Champions.
- Silver City Bowling Association Barrier Rangers Pairs Champions.

2014

- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Club Pairs Champion.

2010/2011

- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Singles Champion.
- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Pairs Champion.

2009/2010

- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Singles Champion.

2001/2002

- Zinc Broken Hill Bowling Pairs Champion.

Trevor will be inducted into the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame by Lily Stokes

Lily enjoys giving all sports a try. Lily has represented Broken Hill in basketball playing in two carnivals this season for the Broncos U12s as well as playing in local competition. Lily swims with Alma swimming club, dances with the Joy Baldwin School of Dance and plays football for the Central Magpies. Lily is a keen participant in all school sporting gala days, swimming carnivals, athletics carnivals and cross country. Lily made it to PSSA Swimming carnival last year for 50m freestyle having only ever swam in 2 other races and was recently the Junior Girls champion in her school swimming carnival.

Kerryn Bessell



Kerryn is a Broken Hill local whose family have a long sporting history in Broken Hill. Kerryn's father and brothers were all very accomplished local footballers and enjoyed great success as players for both the Central Football Club and the North Football Club. With an inherited appetite for competition, Kerryn's sport of choice was gymnastics.

Kerryn worked her way through the South Australian ranks, culminating in the Australian National Open Championships in 1978, where she competed with the South Australian State Open team. From here, Kerryn was chosen as the reserve/alternate for the Australian team competing at the World Gymnastics Championships in Strasburg, France.

In 1979, Kerryn reached the peak of her sporting career, representing Australia in the World Gymnastics Championships in Fort Worth, Texas. Following this, at age 15, Kerryn retired from competitive gymnastics but that would not be the end of her involvement in the sport. Kerryn's experience in competing and training at an international level enabled her to develop a profound knowledge of the sport that she would impact on the Broken Hill Gymnastics Club as coach for several years. Kerryn left a positive impression on the kids, inspiring them to look beyond the geographical barriers that Broken Hill is perceived to impose.

Today, Kerryn is the Practice Manager of Broken Hill's Williams Street Surgery. She is married with two adult children who both live and work in Adelaide and she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, travelling (when permitted), reading and cooking.

Awards & milestones

- Awarded the Athletic Award of Distinction by Gymnastics Australia. This award is given to athletes who attend the Olympic Games, Senior World Championships and/or Commonwealth Games.
- Awarded Life Membership for the Broken Hill Gymnastics Club.

Kerryn's sporting history

1979

- Retired from competitive gymnastics (age 15).
- Competed in the World Gymnastics Championships in Fort Worth, Texas.
- Member of the South Australian State Open team competing at the Australian National Open Championships.

1978

- Member of South Australian State Open team competing at the Australian National Open Championships.
- Travelled to Strasbourg, France as a reserve for the Australian team competing at the World Gymnastics Championships.

1977

- Member of South Australian State Silver Open team competing at the Australian National Open (Silver) Championships.

1976

- Member of South Australian State Under 14s team competing at the Australian National Under 14s Championships.

Kerryn will be inducted into the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame by Zarah Cawley

Zahra started her gymnastics journey when she was 4 years old and competing in her first competition in Adelaide representing Broken Hill when she was just 5.

She has always loved being upside down and flipping and twisting and gymnastics has allowed her to further develop her physical creativity. Zahra is super excited for this year's season as she will be competing in level 5 routines which is a big step up, but she is looking forward to the challenge.

Her greatest gymnastics achievement so far was in 2022 when she became the State Age Champion for under 11, Level 4. In the 2022 end of season presentation Zarah received the Ollie Maywald Award for Outstanding Achievements in Women's Gymnastics.



From a young age, Broken Hill born, Mitchell was a passionate sportsman, trying his hand at a variety of sports. AFL was the sport that Mitchell enjoyed the most and he quickly set his sights on becoming a professional AFL player. In 2008, Mitchell signed with the North Adelaide Football Club where he played in the reserves before making his league debut in 2010. It was not long before Mitchell became a highly respected player, both on and off the field, capturing the attention of the AFL.

Mitchell was drafted to the Melbourne Football Club in 2013's rookie draft at pick 19, where he would stay for two years. Mitchell played eight games in 2013 but unfortunately, due to injury, was unable to play in 2014. He would then move onto the Essendon Football Club as a 'top up' player during their supplement saga as a significant amount of their players were suspended. Following this period, Mitchell returned to Adelaide, re-signing with the North Adelaide Football Club and being appointed captain of the league side. Mitchell captained the side for two years before stepping down from the leadership role to focus on his own footy. In 2018, North Adelaide won the SANFL premiership and Mitchell was awarded third Best and Fairest for the club.

Following 151 senior games for North Adelaide, Mitchell retired at the end of the 2021 season. After spending 12 months away from the club, Mitchell returned as a senior assistant coach and will also coach the North Adelaide reserves team in 2023. Away from football, you will find him in the classroom teaching physical education and mathematics. Outside of football and work, Mitchell enjoys spending time with his young family, and much like his younger days, following multiple sports.

Awards & milestones

- 151 SANFL games including 1 x state game for South Australia.
- North Adelaide Football Club Life Membership.

- Third best and fairest in premiership year 2018.

Mitchell's sporting history

2021

- Played game 150 and retired at seasons end.

2018

- SANFL premiership – North Adelaide vs Norwood.

2017

- North Adelaide Football Club Captain.

2016

- North Adelaide Football Club Captain.
- Selected for the state representative team - South Australia vs Victoria.

2015

- Signed a short-term contract with Essendon Football Club as a 'top up' player due to the supplement saga.
- Re-signed with North Adelaide Football Club.

2013

- Drafted to Melbourne Football Club in the rookie draft at pick 19.
- AFL debut for Melbourne Football Club – round 13, June 22nd, Melbourne vs St Kilda.
- Played 8 games for Melbourne Football Club.

2010

- SANFL debut for North Adelaide Football Club – North Adelaide vs Woodville-West Torrens Eagles.

Mitchell is unable to attend tonight and is represented by his parents Sandra and Gus Clisby.

Brett Cook



Brett is a Broken Hill boy who made the big time in AFL. He started his football journey at the Central Football Club, climbing the ranks before making his league debut. After success in Broken Hill, Brett joined the Norwood Football Club in the South Australian Football League (SANFL) in 1991. Following a very good first season Brett was drafted to the Fitzroy Football Club at pick 20 in 1991 but stayed at Norwood for season 1992 making the move to Fitzroy in 1993 and making his AFL debut in 1994.

Brett concluded his time at Fitzroy in 1996, moving onto the St Kilda Football club in the following year. It was at St Kilda where Brett became known as the replacement ruckman for Peter "Spider" Everitt and Lazar Vidovic in the 1997 AFL Finals Series in which St Kilda qualified in first position.

Brett played in the 1997 preliminary final defeat of North Melbourne and the AFL grand final against Adelaide and was listed amongst the best players for St Kilda.

Brett was delisted by the Saints in 1999 and continued his football career across several different Victorian Leagues before moving into coaching roles. Notably, joining the Coburg Tigers in the VFL as an assistant coach in 2011.

Today, Brett is a Sales Manager and when he's not working you will find him spending time with his wife, Louise, and two boys, Joe and Harry. Brett enjoys photography and is back in the football fold involved with coaching both his sons at Greensborough Junior Football Club in the North-east of Melbourne.

Awards & milestones

- Played in the 1997 AFL Grand Final - St Kilda vs Adelaide Crows.
- Two-time Best and Fairest Winner for the Kyneton Football Netball Club.
- Under 19's Best and Fairest, Norwood Football Club, 1991.
- 43 AFL games.

- 105 AFL Reserve games.
- 1 SANFL Senior game.
- 30 SANFL Reserves games.
- 12 SANFL U19's games, winning the Best and Fairest.
- 15 AFL Broken Hill games for Central Football Club, 3rd Best and Fairest in his first year.

Brett's sporting history

2023

- Coach Greensborough U15's, Football Director and Coach Coordinator Greensborough Junior Football Club.

2022

- Assistant Coach Greensborough U14's.

2013 – 2014

- Specialist Coach for the Northern Night in the TAC Cup.

2011 – 2012

- Assistant Coach for the Coburg Football Club in the VFL.

2009 – 2010

- Playing Coach for Woodend Football Club in the Riddell Football League.

2005 – 2008

- Played for Kyneton Football Netball Club in the Bendigo Football League.
- Playing Coach in 2008.

2004

- Played for Yarrawonga Football Netball Club in the Ovens and Murray Football League.

2003

- Play for Aberfeldie Sports Club in the Essendon District Football League.

2000 – 2002

- Played for Darley Football Club in the Ballarat Football League.

1997 – 1999

- Signed with St Kilda Football Club.
- Played 18 Senior games, 41 Reserve games for St Kilda.

1993 – 1996

- Played for Fitzroy in the AFL – 25 Senior games, 63 Reserve games.

1992

- Played for Norwood in the SANFL – 16 Reserve games, 1 League game.

1991

- Drafted to Fitzroy Football Club at pick 20.
- Played for Norwood in the SANFL.

1986 – 1990

- Played for Central Football Club in Broken Hill Football League – U15's, U17's, Reserves, League.

Brett is unable to attend tonight due to work and coaching commitments.

Isaac Cumming



At the age of 24, Isaac is the youngest athlete to be inducted into the FWSHF as a Far West Champion. Born and raised in Broken Hill, Isaac was no stranger to competition, playing as many sports as Broken Hill had to offer, including cricket, soccer, basketball, golf and AFL.

You could argue that Isaac's competitive nature was inspired by his family. He and his older brothers, Jacob and Harrison, and his younger sister, Eliza, were very close growing up and you could assume there were many backyard "friendlies" between siblings.

Isaac credits his parents, Brett and Melissa, for supporting and encouraging him to pursue his sporting opportunities. As he grew older, he was presented with more opportunities to compete in bigger and better competitions and carnivals around the country and it was at these carnivals that Isaac's hunger to play sport professionally developed, setting his sights on AFL. Throughout his teenage years, Isaac worked tirelessly every day to make his dream a reality. Isaac made his AFL Broken Hill league debut in 2015 at age 16, playing a total of 15 league games.

In 2016, Isaac's hard work was rewarded, he was drafted to the Greater Western Sydney Giants at pick 20. He then made the move to Sydney and worked to develop his craft, making his AFL debut in 2018. Isaac has become a mainstay in the GWS Giants defense and is continuing to prove his worth in the side, making his family and community proud.

Awards and Milestones

- 2017 Kevin Sheedy Medal – NEAFL Player of the Year Award.

Isaac's sporting history

2022

- 21 AFL games.

2021

- 24 AFL games.

2020

- 3 AFL games played, taking total games to 10.
- Re-signed with Greater Western Sydney Football Club for two seasons.

2018

- AFL debut for Greater Western Sydney Football Club – round 8, May 12th, GWS vs West Coast Eagles.

2016

- Drafted to Greater Western Sydney Football Club at, pick 20.

Isaac is unable to join us tonight due to his football commitments.

*Isaac is still playing, and the information is current in March 2023.

Phillip Cairn



Phil has always had a love of engines and motorcycles and began his working career as a motor mechanic, an interest that has continued to thrive throughout his life.

Phil's love of engines and motorcycles led to him building his own bike to compete in land speed motorcycle events.

First competing at the Dry Lake Racers Australia (DLRA) Speedweek at Lake Gairdner in South Australia in 1995 Phil quickly realized his love of speed and the opportunity to go as fast as possible on the Salt Lake in remote Australia.

Phil's passion for speed, motorcycles and ability to get the most from his bike has enabled him to accumulate an impressive number of Australian Land Speed records.

Phil maintains his love of speed and engines and is rebuilding his bike to race again in 2023.

Outside of racing, Phil enjoys flying his own plane, spending time with his family, fishing, camping and travelling.

Awards & milestones

Australian Land Speed Motorcycle Record Holder classes:

- 1995 - Current M-PF 1650
- 1995 - 2021 M-PG 1650
- 2006 - 2021 MPS-PG 1650
- 2004 - Current MPS-PF 1650

Phil is unable to join us tonight.

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Love where you live!

Chris Fraser



Chris was born in Wilcannia and moved to Broken Hill shortly after, where he has lived for most of his life. His passion for motorbikes was sparked at a very young age, inspired by his brother who was a sidecar passenger for Dave Adams, who became Chris's mentor.

Chris's racing career started in 1976, whilst still at school, riding speedway solos. Following school, he worked in a variety of different industries, spending much of his time on the mines and even completing a tenure as the publican at the Silverton and Tydvil Hotels.

Whilst working, Chris worked hard on his craft and together with his passenger, Trevor Woolcock, and mechanic, Jimmy Horgan, he was able to face the legends he had long admired on the track.

Chris raced in speedway sidecars for 20 years claiming State Titles across several states, winning multiple Australian Championships and setting Australian Land Speed Records, the last of which was in 2005 on a 4,400cc motorbike.

Chris humbly credits his family, friends, sponsors and the public that supported and believed in him for his achievements. He is also very grateful for the support of Billy Keenan, Ray Rawlins, Wayne Stephens and Rob Wilson. Chris's national status within the sport is epitomised by the Broken Hill Speedway Club tasking him with putting together a submission to host the 1994 Australian Sidecar Championship in Broken Hill, with the intention of boosting local tourism and putting Broken Hill on the map.

Chris's sporting history

2005

- 4400cc Australian Land Speed Record.

2003

- 650cc Australian Land Speed Record.

1996

- Australian 500cc Sidecar Long Track Champion.

1995

- 125cc Australian Land Speed Record.

1994

- Australian 500cc Sidecar Long Track Champion.
- South Australian 500cc Sidecar Long Track Champion.

1991

- Victoria 500cc Sidecar Short Circuit Champion.

1990

- South Australian 500cc Sidecar Long Track Champion.

1989

- Australian 500cc Sidecar Long Track Champion.

1988

- South Australian 500cc Sidecar Long Track Champion.
- South Australian 1000cc Sidecar Short Track Champion.

1987

- South Australian 500cc Sidecar Long Track Champion.
- South Australian 1000cc Sidecar Long Track Champion.

1986

- South Australian 1000cc Sidecar Long Track Masters Champion.

Chris will be inducted into the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame by Hamish Finch

Hamish started Motocross in 2018 when he was 5 years old, following the footsteps of his older brother, who started a couple of years earlier.

Hamish lives 4 hours from Broken Hill on a sheep station, so being able to get to regular trainings and making it to all games in a sport can be a little tricky. For Hamish's training of motocross, he helps his family mustering on motor bikes chasing sheep and goats.

Hamish loves coming to town for motocross, he has made lots of new friends who he loves riding with, and he appreciates everyone in the club that is involved in making the days at motocross possible. His rounds of Motocross in Broken Hill are his 5 favourite weekends of the year.

Jason Giobbi



Broken Hill born, Jason Giobbi, is recognised in the FWSHF for his involvement in both athletics and bobsleigh.

His passion for sport started at a young age, competing in junior athletics and playing AFL. It didn't take long before Jason's aptitude for athletics was realised and he set himself a goal of being a 100m sprinter. Whilst studying Podiatry at the University Sydney, Jason trained hard, placing at state level and competing in the Australian Championships in the 100m sprint on numerous occasions.

Notably, Jason competed in the 1990 Auckland Commonwealth Games Trials and, in the same year, was recruited for the Australian Bobsleigh Team. This change would mean he would have to give up athletics due to their competing seasons. Jason then went to work, training hard in Europe and North America with the intention of being selected for the 1992 Albertville Winter Olympics, for the Four Man Bobsleigh Team. That year, Australia only sent a two-man team which meant that Jason missed his chance. Soon after, Jason graduated from the back of the sled to the driver's seat and was selected as a second driver for the Two Man Australian Bobsleigh team for the 1994 Lillehammer Winter Olympics, getting his first taste of Olympic competition.

Four years on and 9 days prior to the opening ceremony of the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics, Australia was yet to qualify for the games but had hopes set on the last World Cup in St Moritz.

Needing a top 16 finish, Jason and his team had the run of their lives, placing 15th and qualifying for the Olympics.

Then followed a rush to get the team and their 1000kg's worth of equipment to Japan, where they placed 22nd in the Two Man Competition and 23rd in the 4 Man Competition.

Jason's connection to Broken Hill remains strong. With his family's heritage written in the communities mining history, Jason enjoys visiting the community and has been recognised by the Mayor for his significant sporting achievements.

Jason hopes for his achievement to inspire young people from the community to aim high and not give up on their hopes and dreams.

Awards & milestones

- Placed 22nd in the 2-Man Bobsleigh event at the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympic Games.
- Placed 23rd in the 4-Man Bobsleigh event at the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympic Games.
- Europa Cup best result – 3rd place.
- Highest World Cup place – 15th place.

Jason's sporting history

1998

- Competed in the Bobsleigh World Cup in St Moritz, placing 15th which qualified Australia for the Nagano Winter Olympic Games.
- Competed at the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics in the 2-Man and 4-Man Bobsleigh Teams.

1994

- Selected to represent Australia at the Lillehammer Winter Olympics as the reserve 2-Man Bobsleigh Team Driver.
- Competed at the Lillehammer Winter Olympics as the reserve 2-Man Bobsleigh Team Driver.

1990

- Competed in 100m Sprint at the Commonwealth Games Trials in Auckland.

Jason Giobbi will be inducted into the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame by Thomas King

Thomas loves all sports and plays basketball, soccer and is a keen athletics competitor. Thomas has represented Broken Hill at both regional and state carnivals in athletics and has his sights set on higher achievements as he progresses in the sport.

Kim Harvey



Kim was born in Broken Hill and is recognised in the FWSHF for her achievements in gymnastics. Kim's competitive nature was apparent from a young age and as a junior gymnast made her mark, culminating in the 1974 Australian Junior Squad. The following year, Kim was named in the National Elite Gold Squad, which led to her membership of the Australian Woman's Artistic Gymnastics Team in which she competed all around the world.

In 1978, Kim was selected to represent Australia at the Commonwealth Games in Canada, an accomplishment that put the talent of Broken Hill's gymnasts on the map.

Not only was Kim a gymnast, but a gymnastics coach as well, starting in Adelaide and continuing on in Canada, where she lived for 11 years. Kim also managed several Kindergyms in Adelaide and helped shape the inaugural Kindergym Instructor training programs in both Australia and Canada.

During her time in Canada, Kim was also a Director of Recreation at a community centre, a Manager of an Environment Impact Assessment Research Centre at Carleton University and an Executive Administrator for Environment, Canada's Research and Development Advisory Board. On her return to Australia in 1998, Kim worked in the public relations and education units of the Canadian High Commission in Canberra before moving back to Adelaide in 2000 to work at the University of Adelaide where she was the Director of Alumni Relations until the end of 2015.

Kim followed in her father's footsteps, a member of the Rotary Club of Broken Hill South, joining the Rotary Club of Brighton in South Australia in 2003. She became President in 2005 to 2006 and was the President of the Rotary Club of Holdfast Bay in 2020 to 2021. Kim was the District Governor for District 9520 (that includes Broken Hill) in 2018 to 2019, in this role she brought 400 Rotarians to Broken Hill for the annual conference in April 2019.

Awards & milestones

- Competed at the 1978 Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, Canada.

Kim's sporting history

1978

- Member of the Australian Women's Artistic Gymnastics Team competing at the 1978 Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, Canada.
- Member of the Australian Women's Artistic Gymnastics Team competing in the Pan Pacific Games against USA and Canada.

1977

- Member of the Australian Women's Artistic Gymnastics Team competing in China.

1976

- Member of the Australian Women's artistic Gymnastics Team competing in Hawaii and New Zealand.

1975

- Named in National Elite Gold Squad.

1974

- Named in Australian Junior Squad.

Kim will be inducted into the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame by Zoe Millstead

Zoe has been an avid competition gymnast with the Broken Hill Gymnastics and Kindergym Club since 2020 and has been attending recreational gymnastics since she was 4 years of age. Zoe also enjoys playing basketball, netball and is involved with a local swimming club.

Zoe has competed in numerous gymnastic competitions including the South Australian Country Championships, South Australian State Championships and Port Pirie Invitationals, placing 3rd All around at the SA Country Championships for Level 3 Under 8s. In 2022 she was awarded the Marina Sulicich & Kerryn Bailey perpetual trophy for dedicated effort to training and competition performance by the Broken Hill Gymnastics and Kindergym Club.

Zoe aims to continue competition gymnastics and has high hopes of attending the Olympics one day.



Nowra born, Milton Hawke, has lived in Far West NSW for over 65 years. The local bus operator goes by the name “Squimpy” and is recognised in the FWSHF for his achievements in both Rope Quots and Indoor Bowls. Milton will be inducted into both the Athlete and General sections of the Hall of Fame, recognising his significant achievements as a competitor and administrator.

Milton first took to Rope Quots at age 10 and started representing Broken Hill at age 17. From there, he moved onto the open competition, claiming his first title in 1984 where he defeated the 13-time Australian Champion, John Sproat, in four shots. Milton went on to win eight more National Titles before moving onto the Veterans Sections, where he claimed eight more.

Milton also competed in the teams’ events, claiming a total of 13 Australian Titles, skipping 10 of those victories. Milton has been selected for the All-Australian Team on 10 occasions and has been awarded 22 All Australian Awards, which is awarded to a player who has excelled in the Australian Title event against all A-Grade participants.

Milton’s awards and titles have collectively contributed to the crowning achievement of being inducted into the Australian Rope Quots Hall of Fame as a player and administrator. Currently, Milton serves as the President of the Local Association as well as Handicapper.

Awards & milestones

- 20 x Broken Hill Men’s Open Singles Titles.
- 18 x Broken Hill Men’s Pairs Titles.
- 11 x Broken Hill Mixed Indoor Bowls Singles Titles.

- 4 x Men's South Australian State Pairs.
- 2 x South Australian State Singles Titles.
- 2 x South Australian Men's Pairs Titles.
- Mixed Pairs South Australian Title, partnered with his daughter, Jodie.
- Mixed Pairs South Australian Regional Title, partnered with his grandson, Aaron.
- Competitor in the Australian Indoor Bowls Council Australian Championships since 2000. Winning 3 Gold medals and 2 Silver Medals.
- Vice President of South Australian Indoor Bowls Association.
- Chairman of Selectors for the Australian Indoor Bias Bowls Council for the Trans-Tasman Trophy.
- Australian Rope Quoits Hall of Fame.

Milton's sporting history (indoor bowls)

2018

- Australian Indoor Bowls Title.

2014

- Australian Indoor Bowls Title.

2003

- Australian Indoor Bowls Title.

Milton's sporting history (rope quoits)

2019

- Australian Veterans Rope Quoits Title.

2018

- Australian Veterans Rope Quoits Title.

2017

- Australian Veterans Rope Quoits Title.

2016

- Australian Veterans Rope Quoits Title.

2015

- Australian Veterans Rope Quoits Title.
- Inducted into the Australian Rope Quoits Hall of Fame.

2014

- Australian Veterans Rope Quoits Title.

2013

- Australian Veterans Rope Quoits Title.

2012

- Australian Veterans Rope Quoits Title.

2010

- Australian Rope Quoits Singles Title.

2009

- Australian Rope Quoits Singles Title.

2007

- Australian Rope Quoits Singles Title.

1997

- Australian Rope Quoits Singles Title

1994

- Australian Rope Quoits Singles Title.

1992

- Australian Rope Quoits Singles Title.

1988

- Australian Rope Quoits Singles Title.

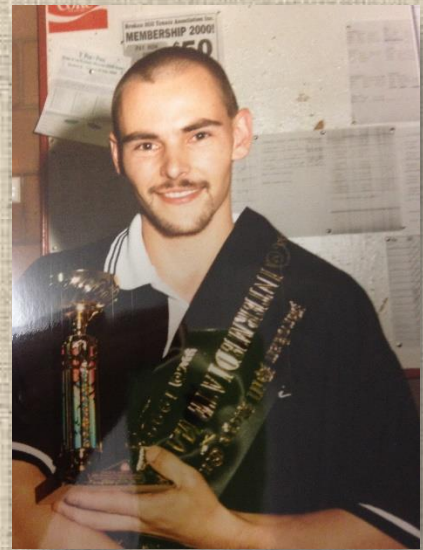
1986

- Australian Rope Quoits Singles Title.

Milton will be inducted into the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame by Emmy Andrews

Emmy enjoys showing her horse Clooney in Western Performance. In 2022 Emmy took home two national titles from the AQHA national show. Emmy also enjoys playing netball where her team has been undefeated in the grand finals for the last 3 years.

Hawke Jnr



Milton, locally known as Jnr, was born in Broken Hill and is recognised in the FWSHF for his achievements in both Rope Quoits and Indoor Bowls. Rope Quoits is in the blood of the Hawke family, so it was only natural that Milton Jnr would take to the sport, following his father's footsteps. His success started to manifest in the Intermediate Section of the sport, claiming his first Australian Title in 1996 and going on to claim four more. Jnr was moved to the Open Division and claimed the ultimate victory, claiming the Australia Open 1001 Title which saw him go head-to-head with his dad in the final. His open campaign saw him claim seven Australian Titles, the last of which in 2015.

Following his time as a Rope Quoits champion, Milton took up Indoor Bowls and wasted no time in claiming success. Milton Jnr won silver in the Men's Triples in 2016 and claimed gold in the Mixed Fours competition in 2018. Milton Jnr has put up his hand to assist with the management of certain aspects of the local competition and is still an active competitor. Of all of Milton's efforts, his crowning achievement was being named in the Rope Quoits All Australian Team of the Year nine times.

Awards & milestones

- Nine time All Australian Rope Quoits Team of the Year.
- Gold in the 2018 Australian Indoor Bowls Mixed Fours.
- Silver in the 2016 Australian Indoor Bowls Men's Triples.
- Five Australian Intermediate Rope Quoits Singles Titles.
- Seven-time Australian Open 1001 Up Singles Champion.

Milton's sporting history (indoor bowls)

2018

- Gold medal at the Australian Indoor Bowls Championships in Mixed Fours.

2016

- Broken Hill Men's Indoor Bowls Singles Title.
- Silver medal at the Australian Indoor Bowls Championships in Men's Triples.

2017

- Broken Hill Mixed Indoor Bowls Singles Title.

Milton's sporting history (rope quoits)**2015**

- Australian Open 1001 Up Singles Champion.

2011 – 2013

- Australian Open 1001 Up Singles Champion.

2008

- Australian Open 1001 Up Singles Champion.

2006

- Australian Open 1001 Up Singles Champion.

2001

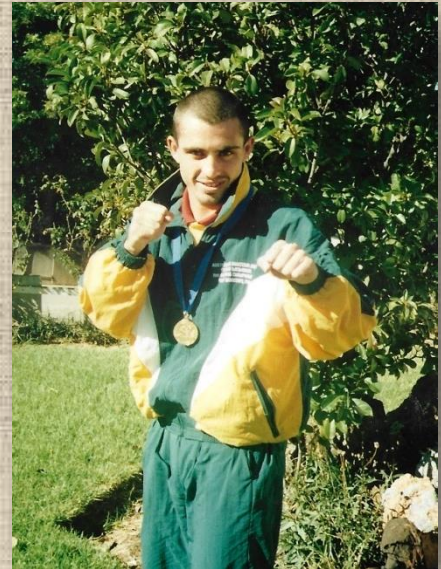
- Australian Open 1001 Up Singles Champion.

1996 – 2000

- Australian Title at the Australian Intermediate Singles Championship.

Milton Jnr is unable to join us tonight but is represented by his parents Milton and Marilyn.

Casey Johns



Casey was born in Broken Hill with boxing in his blood. His earliest memories are of him and his cousins sparring in his grandfather's backyard. Casey's Grandfather known as "Pop or Artie" Johns was Broken Hill's boxing coach and when he sadly passed in 1985, Casey's father, Jimmy, took the reins, winning multiple titles as a coach.

Casey set his standards high from as young as ten, telling his father that he wanted to compete in the Olympics. Jimmy did his very best to get him there, training and shaping him to become a world champion.

Outside of boxing, Casey enjoyed playing AFL, swimming, squash and baseball, of which he was rather talented, but his focus was set on boxing, and he devoted the majority of his time to the sport. Some of Casey's earliest memories of success in his boxing campaign are in 1997, where he claimed his first gold medal in the Oceania Titles.

1998 was a milestone year for Casey, competing in a variety of international tournaments, he defended his Oceania Title in New Zealand making him 2 times Oceania champion but most notably, representing Australia in the World Cup and Commonwealth Games where he won a bronze medal.

Casey dedicated much of his life to boxing, creating history and raising Broken Hill's boxing profile. After 11 years of competition and more than 100 fights, including 16 international fights, 11 wins, 5 losses and 2 by the way of KO, he retired from the sport, he was only 21 years of age.

Awards & milestones

- Awarded a scholarship to live at the Australian Institute of Sport in 1997 for extended periods, for the remainder of his career.

Casey's sporting history

1999

- Silver in the South Australian Titles. Retired at 21 years of age.

1999-2000

- Relocated to Rockdale, Sydney as a sparring partner for 3 times professional World Champion boxer, Kostya Tszyu and training under one of the most successful Aussie boxing trainers Johnny Lewis.

1998

- Silver in South Australian Titles.
- Bronze in the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Elimination final – Win Vs Scotland. Quarterfinal – Win Vs Jamaica. Semifinal - Loss Vs Seychelles.
- 2 weeks acclimatisation in Bangkok, training and fighting with the Thailand Asian Games boxing team– 1 fight, Win by first round KO.
- Competed in the World Cup in Chongqing, China – defeated, points decision by Argentina.
- Competed, Australia Vs Canada, touring around Nova Scotia Canada having 3 fights along the way – won two fights and lost one.
- Gold in the Oceania Titles in New Zealand. Quarter final- Win by first round KO Vs Vanuatu, Semi-final - Win Vs New Zealand #2, Final - Win Vs New Zealand #1.

1997

- Bronze in the Arafura Games in Darwin. Quarterfinal – Win, Saibai Islands. Semifinal Loss, New Zealand.
- Gold in the Orana Titles, Lithgow NSW. 2 fights 2 wins.
- Competed in the Kings Cup in Bangkok.
- Gold medal in the Oceania Titles held in Papua New Guinea, Semifinal - Win Vs Papua New Guinea, Final - Win Vs Western Samoa.
- Light Welterweight representative, Australian International boxing team and member of the 2000 Australian Olympic boxing team.
- Challenge match. Defeated Queensland Champion and previous Australian Champion James Stanley.
- Challenge match. Defeated NSW Champion Mark Hipwell.

1996

- Silver medal Australian Titles, Adelaide.
- Gold in the South Australian Titles.

1995

- Remained as part of the 2000 Australian Olympic squad of 20 boxers training camp held at the AIS Canberra.
- Gold in the Northern Territory Titles.
- Silver in the South Australian Titles.

1994

- Selected for the 2000 Australian Olympic squad, total of 60 boxers, trained by Jeff Fenech at the Australia Institute of Sport. Every year this squad would be cut until there was an Australian team of 12 boxers in total.
- Silver in the Australian Title, Sydney.
- Gold in the South Australian Titles.

1993

- Gold in the South Australian Titles.

1992

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- Gold in the South Australian Titles.

1990

- Gold in the South Australian Titles.

1989

- Silver in the South Australia Titles.

1988

- Silver in the South Australian Titles.

Casey Will be inducted into the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame by his children Caden and Taya

Caden is a kind and loving young man, he enjoys playing basketball, gaming and hanging out with his mates, he is currently a part of "Next Star Productions" where he is hoping to snag an acting roll on Netflix at the upcoming agency showcase held in Sydney.

Taya is 3yo she likes going to daycare with her friends, she enjoys colouring in and drawing, she also loves to watch Cocomelon and she loves ice cream.

Ray Johnston



Ray is a retired trade TAFE teacher, now tour guide who was born in Broken Hill and has lived in the Far West Region for 73 years. Ray's Far West Champion status is attributed to his involvement as both an athlete and an administrator in the sport of equestrian tentpegging. Ray has been around horses for the majority of his life, competing in the sport for 32 years.

Ray will be inducted into the Athlete and General sections of the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame, recognising his significant achievements as both a competitor and administrator of the sport.

Ray has frequented local, regional, state, national and world championships on many occasions and across several different events. Most notably, Ray is a World Championship team member and an A-grade national judge. He was also elected National President of the Australian Tentpegging Association for 3 years during which time he developed the ATA's official training program for each and all Tentpegging events for new and junior members and helped in the updating and rewriting of the new rule book. These are testimonies to his extraordinary commitment across three decades of competing. His ability has been recognised internationally, in 1996 and 1998 he was invited by the management of the Indian team to move to India for 6 months to help coach and train their horses and riders.

At the World Championships in 2010, he was invited by the Prince of Pakistan; Prince Malik Atta Khan, now deceased, to go to Pakistan to train his team, give demonstrations and compete in their competitions. Unfortunately, due to work commitments, Ray was unable to accept these invitations. In Australia, Ray has been invited by many Pony Clubs and other horse related clubs to conduct tentpegging schools, including the local Broken Hill Pony Club. Ray has conducted these schools in hope of attracting more riders to take up the sport.

While Ray is no longer competing, he is climbing the ranks of the judging system, being invited to become an international judge by attending Judges School in Oman. When he is not Tentpegging, you will find Ray enjoying one of many hobbies; including fishing, pistol shooting, clay target shooting, hunting and expanding his knowledge on the history of the Broken Hill area, or spending time with his wife, two children and two grandchildren.

Awards & milestones

2019

- Invited to become an International Judge by attending Judges School in Oman in 2020 (unable to attend due to COVID-19).

2015

- Achieved A-Grade judge status.

2014

- Sydney Royal Show – Livermore Lance Perpetual Trophy and Champion Team Member.

2013

- Sydney Royal Show – Reserve Individual Champion.
- ATA National President.

2012

- Royal Adelaide Show – Australia vs Pakistan, winning team member.
- ATA National President.

2011

- Royal Adelaide Show – Overall Individual Champion.
- Elected ATA National President position.

2010

- World Championships held in Noida, India – gold medal in the Teams Lances event and silver in the Teams Indian File event.

2009

- New South Wales State Titles – Overall Champion Team.
- South Australia State Titles – Overall Champion Team.
- Victoria State Titles – Overall Champion Team.
- Queensland State Titles – Overall Champion Team.
- Australian National Titles – Overall Champion Team.

- Royal Adelaide Show – Champion Team.
- Sydney Royal Show – Champion Team.
- Selected in Australian Representative Team.

2008

- New South Wales State Titles – Overall Champion Team.
- South Australian State Titles – Overall Champion Team.
- Victorian State Titles – Overall Champion Team.
- Queensland State Titles – Overall Champion Team.
- Australian National Titles – Overall Champion Team.
- Outback Championships – Overall Champion Team.
- Achieved B-Grade judge status.

2007

- Australian National Titles – Overall Champion Team.
- Australian National Titles – Champion Pairs of Swords event.
- Australian National Titles – Reserve Champion Skill at Arms event.

2006

- Outback Championships – Champion Skill at Arms event.
- South Australian State Titles – Champion Teams Lances event.
- South Australian State Titles – Champion Teams Swords event.
- Victorian Championships – Champion Pairs of Swords event.
- Victorian Championships – Reserve Champion Lemons and Peg event.

2005

- Outback Championships – Champion Skill at Arms event.
- Outback Championships – Champion Lemons and Peg event.
- South Australian State Titles – Champion Teams Lances event.

2004

- South Australian State Titles – Overall Individual Champion.
- South Australian State Titles – Champion Teams Lances event.
- Australian National Titles – Champion Lemons and Peg event.
- Australian National Titles – Champion Teams Lances event.
- Australian National Titles – Champion Teams Swords event.
- Australian National Titles – Reserve Champion Team.
- Outback Championships – Champion Team Swords.
- Victorian State Titles – Champion Skill at Arms.

2003

- New South Wales State Titles – Reserve Champion Team.
- Victorian State Titles – Champion Pairs of Swords event.
- Victorian State Titles – Champion Lemons and Peg event.
- Outback Championships – Champion Skill at Arms event.

2002

- New South Wales State Titles – Champion Teams Lances event.
- New South Wales State Titles – Champion – Champion Pairs of Lances event.
- Outback Championships – Champion Rings and Peg event.
- South Australian State Titles – Champion Team Swords.

2000

- Riverina Championships – Champion Pairs of Swords event.
- Outback Championships – Champion Pairs of Swords event.
- Outback Championships – Champion Pairs of Lances event.

1999

- Outback Championships – Champion Skill at Arms event.
- New South Wales State Titles – Champion Teams Lances event.
- South Australian State Titles – Champion Team Lances event.

1998

- Selected as team manager, coach and reserve rider to represent Australia at World Championships in Cape Town, South Africa.
- Snowy River High Country Cup Champion Team.

1997

- Riverina Championships – Champion Teams Lances event.
- Riverina Championships – Champion Rings and Peg event.
- Riverina Championships – Champion Lemons and Peg event.
- Riverina Championships – Reserve Champion Skill at Arms event.
- Victorian State Titles – Reserve Champion Skill at Arms event.
- South Australian State Titles – Champion Pairs Lances event.

1996

- Selected as team manager and reserve rider to represent Australia at World Championships in Pretoria, South Africa.

Ray's sporting history

2010

- World Championships held in India.

1998

- World Championships held in South Africa.

1996

- World Championships held in South Africa.

1994 – 2014

- Sydney Royal Show.

1992 – 2014

- Royal Adelaide Show.

1992 – 2009

- Queensland State Championships.

1986 – 2014

- Australian National Championships.

1985 – 2015

- NSW State Championships.

1985 – 2014

- Victorian State Championships.

1984 – 1999

- Riverina Championships (Deniliquin).

1984 – 2012

- South Australian State Championships.

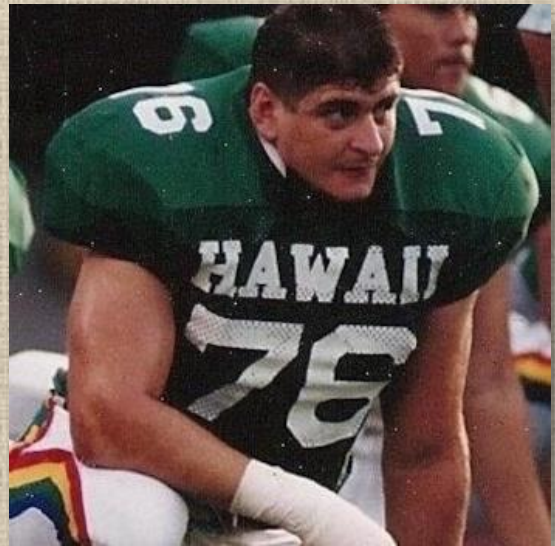
1983 – 2012

- Outback Championships (Broken Hill).

Ray will be inducted into the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame by his grandchildren Piper and Jobe.

Jobe and Piper are very proud to be presenting this Award to their grandfather tonight. Both love sports and play soccer, basketball and football and share a love of water and swimming. Piper is also a keen gymnast and has inherited her grandfather's love of horses.

Paul



Broken Hill born, Paul Manera, is recognised for his role as an American Football player, coach and administrator. From a young age, Paul was a keen sportsman, playing rugby union until he developed an interest in American Football. His American Football campaign started in 1984, when he began playing and soon set himself a goal of playing college football in America. His dream came to fruition in 1989 when he was the first Australian gridiron player to receive a scholarship to play for the University of Hawaii after having played for Itawamba Community College for two years. After five years, Paul returned to Australia and continued in the sport as a player/coach. During this time, Paul represented New South Wales and was nominated for the inaugural All Australian Gridiron Team, despite there being no established international competition. Paul then took his American Football career back overseas, coaching professionally in Japan and, in the same year, coaching the inaugural competitive Australian National Gridiron Team. Some of Paul's most notable successes include winning three National Championships as the head coach of the New South Wales Wolfpack State Team and taking charge of the Australian Men's National Team, as head coach. Paul was also selected to coach in the Hula Bowl in Hawaii which is an NCAA All-star college Football Game which is played in front of NFL and CFL Scouts.

Paul will be inducted into both the Athlete and General sections of the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame in recognition of his significant achievements as both a competitor and administrator.

Today, Paul, together with his wife Elissa, operates his own company, Bring it on Sports. Bring it on Sports is a sports marketing and recreation company that specialises in sports programs for kids, American scholarships services and sports related travel. It is through his company that Paul has been able to have a significant impact, assisting others to follow in his footsteps through mentoring and guidance. Notably, three of the players in which Paul has mentored

have gone on to play at the peak level of the sport, the National Football League. Outside of coaching gridiron, Paul enjoys travelling, fine dining and is partial to nice glass of wine.

Awards & milestones

- Gridiron NSW Men's Division 1 Coach of the Year 2022.
- Paul's company, Bring it On Sports, won the bid for Gridiron Australia to host the 2019. International Federation for American Football (IFAF) World Championships.
- Jersey retired from the University of New South Wales Raiders in 2015.
- Technical Committee for the International Federation for American Football (2006/2012).
- President of the Australian Gridiron Coaches Association, which Paul established (1994/2007).
- Inducted into the Gridiron NSW Hall of Fame (2003).
- Nominated in the Inaugural All Australian National Gridiron Team (1996).
- Academic All-Conference Gridiron Player for the Western Athletic Conference in America (1991).
- Awarded a full scholarship to play Gridiron at the University of Hawaii (1989).
- Awarded a scholarship at Itawamba Community College (1988).

Paul's sporting history

2022

- Offensive Coordinator at Northern Sydney Rebels Gridiron Club.

2021

- Coach at the Northern Sydney Rebels Gridiron Club. (Season was cancelled due to Covid-19).
- Re-appointed as the Director of Football Operations and Offensive Line Coach for the Hula Bowl (unable to travel due to COVID-19).

2020

- Coach at the Northern Sydney Rebels Gridiron Club.
- Appointed Head Coach of the New South Wales Wolfpack (campaign ended due to COVID-19).

2019

- Appointed as the Director of Football Operations and Offensive Line Coach for the 2020 Hula Bowl.

2012

- Offensive Line Coach of the World Under 19's Team.
- Established the Southern Cross All-Stars.

2011

- Offensive Coordinator of the IFAF World Under 19 World Championship team.

2008 – 2017

- Head Coach of the University of New South Wales Raiders.

2007

- Head Coach of the Australian Men's National Team.

2006

- Head Coach of the NSW Wolfpack State Team.
- Won the Gridiron Australian National Championships.

2005

- Head Coach of the NSW Wolfpack State Team.
- Won the Gridiron Australian National Championships.
- Head Coach of the Australian Men's National Team.

2003

- Head Coach of the University of Technology Sydney Gridiron Team.
- Head Coach of the New South Wales Wolfpack State Team.
- Won the Gridiron Australian National Championships.
- Started a coaching accreditation program for Gridiron coaches in Australia.

2002

- Head Coach of the University of Technology Sydney Gridiron Team.

2001

- Head Coach of the University of Technology Sydney Gridiron Team.
- Head Coach of the Australian Men's National Team.

2000 – 2006

- Head Coach of New South Wales Wolfpack State Team.

1999

- Offensive Line Coach of the Recruit Seagulls (Obic Seagulls), in Japan.
- Offensive Line Coach of the Inaugural Australian Cyclones Gridiron Team.

1992 – 1998

- Player Coach for the Bondi Raiders Gridiron.

1992

- Student Assistant Coach at the University of Hawaii.

1989 – 1991

- Played for the University of Hawaii.

1987 – 1988

- Played for Itawamba Community College in Fulton Mississippi.

*Paul is currently coaching, information correct as of the March of 2023.

Paul will be inducted into the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame by Rory Charnock

Rory loves all sports especially if there is a ball involved, Rory has been playing soccer, basketball and AFL for the past couple of years and has excelled in all three arenas. Rory dreams of playing sport professionally one day, but he says he is still trying to figure out which sport.



Broken Hill born, Darryn “Nicko” Nicholls, is a competitive clay target shooter who is no stranger to the big stage. With over 40 years of experience in the sport, Darryn has frequented state, national and world championships.

His open career kickstarted in 1994 when he placed first in the Double Barrel event at the South Australian State Carnival. Since, Darryn has gone from strength to strength, claiming many prestigious accolades, including an induction into the Australian Clay Target Association’s Hall of Fame in 2016.

One of his crowning achievements being in 2010 where he competed in the South African National Single Barrel event which would see him become the 9th Down-The-Line World Champion, only missing three targets.

Darryn has broken Australian records and captained Australian teams, accolades that have contributed to an illustrious sporting career.

Today, you will still find Darryn competing on the big stage. When he is not at the range, you will find him operating his family business, Nicholls Printers, or spending time fishing, boating and hunting.

Sporting history

2023

- Tasmanian State Double Barrel Champion.
- Tasmanian State AA Grade Single Barrel Champion.
- Tasmanian State High Gun.

- South Australian State Double Barrel Champion.
- South Australian AA Grade Single Barrel Champion.
- South Australian Champion Shooter.
- South Australian Captain of the State Team.

2022

- South Australian State Double Barrel Champion.
- South Australian State Single Barrel Champion.
- South Australian State High Gun.
- South Australian State Champion Shooter.
- South Australian Captain 5-man State Open Team.
- South Australian Team High Gun.
- Doug Smith Medal winner.
- Australian Shoulder to Shoulder Trap Team.
- All Australian Open Trap Team.
- Mackintosh Open Team.
- Macintosh Team 100 2023 World DTL Open Team.
- New Zealand Glenn Cup Team.
- Glenn Cup Team Captain.
- Australian Glenn Cup Winning Team.
- New Zealand AA Grade Ball Trap Champion.

2021

- AA grade South Australian State Champion of Champions.
- AA Grade South Australian State Double Rise.
- AA Grade South Australian State High Gun.
- South Australian State Point Score Champion.
- South Australian State Champion Shooter.
- Captain South Australian State 5-man Team.
- Queensland state AA Grade Single Barrel.
- Queensland State Point Score Champion.
- Queensland State Overall High Gun.

2020

- South Australian State Double Barrel Champion (remainder of year cancelled due to Covid-19).

2019

- Australian Shoulder to Shoulder Team.
- Australian National Double Rise Champion (100/100).
- Mackintosh Perfect Score.
- AA Grade National High Gun.
- All Australian Trap Open Team.
- Mackintosh Team Open.

- 25m Handicap winner.
- AA Grade National Point Score.
- South Australian State Double Barrel Champion.
- South Australian State Point Score Champion.
- South Australian State Champion of Champions Winner.
- South Australian State Overall High Gun.
- South Australian State Open Team.

2018

- Australian Shoulder to Shoulder Team.
- Australian National Double Barrel Champion.
- All Australian Open Trap Team.
- Mackintosh Open Team.
- Mackintosh Team 100.
- Mackintosh Medallion.
- World DTL Team.
- South Australian State Point Score Champion.
- South Australian State Double Rise Champion.
- Victorian State High Gun.

2017

- Signed Second Five Year Contract with Beretta (DT11L supplied).
- Australian Glenn Cup Open Team.
- Australian Shoulder to Shoulder Team.
- Mackintosh Open Team.
- Mackintosh Team 100.
- South Australian State Open Team.
- South Australian State High Gun.
- South Australian State Champion Shooter.

2016

- South Australian State Double Barrel Champion.
- South Australian State Open Team.
- All Australian Trap Open Team.
- Captain of Australian Team to compete in Ireland (World Championships).
- Captain of Australian Team Glenn Cup to compete against New Zealand in 2017.
- Doug Smith Medal Winner (three years straight, new Australian Record).
- Inducted into Australian Clay Target Association Hall of Fame.
- Australian National Double Barrel Record set at 3,268 straight.
- Mackintosh Open Team and Mackintosh 100.
- Life Member of Broken Hill Gun Club.

2015

- South Australian State Open Team Australian National Handicap Winner (off 25m).
- Australian National Double Barrel Champion (new Australian Record, only person ever to win 3 consecutive years) 2,685 straight and counting, still to continue in 2016.

- Doug Smith Medal Winner.
- Awarded Australian Grand Slam Recipient.
- Awarded Australian National Long Break Record (1553 straight).
- Awarded Australian National Mackintosh Team Perfect Score (500/500).
- Australian Masters Award – 15m – 800 Break (Double Grand Slam score needed)
- National 25m Champion.
- Australian Open Team Australian Team High Gun.

2014

- Australian National Double Barrel Champion.
- Australian National Single Barrel Champion (new Australian record 234).
- Australian National Point Score Runner Up.
- Australian National Double Rise Runner Up.
- Australian National Family Deauville Doubles Runner Up.
- Australian National High Gun (new Australian record).
- No.1 Australian Open Team.
- Australian Mackintosh Team.
- Doug Smith Medal Winner.
- Achieved Australian National Long Break Record of 1553 straight.
- South Australian State Single Barrel Champion.
- South Australian State Double Barrel Champion.
- South Australian State Open Team.
- Awarded South Australian Presidential Medal in recognition of achievements.
- Inducted into South Australian State DTL Hall Of Fame.
- New Zealand National Mini's Champion.
- New Zealand National High Gun.
- Bronze medal at World DTL Championships (Held at Waikato Gun Club, New Zealand, Score: 969/975).

2013

- Australian National High Gun (new Australian record).
- Australian National Double Barrel Champion (new Australian record 1038).
- Australian National Double Rise Champion.
- Australian National Champion of Champions Winner.
- Australian National Family Deauville Doubles Runner Up.
- Australian Open Team.
- Australian Mackintosh Team.
- South Australian State High Gun.
- South Australian State Open Team.
- Inducted into the Australian AA Elite Members.

2012

- Australian Open Team.
- Australian National Double Barrel Runner Up (994 Straight).
- Australian Mackintosh Team.

- New Zealand National Point Score Runner Up.
- New Zealand Glenn Cup Team Captain.
- Doug Smith Medal Winner.
- South Australian State Double Rise Champion.

2011

- Australian Open Team.
- Australian Team High Gun.
- Australian National High Gun.
- Australian National Double Rise Champion.
- Winning Mackintosh Team Shooter.
- South Australian State Open Team.

2010

- World Champion (9th World DTL Championships, held at the Valley Gun Club, Paarl, South Africa, Score: 1047 /1050).
- South African National Single Barrel Champion.
- South Australian Double Barrel Champion.
- South Australian State Open Team.
- South Australian State Team High Gun.

2006

- South Australian Team High Gun.

2005

- Australian National Champion of Champions Runner Up.

2000

- South Australian Point Score Champion.
- South Australian Team High Gun.

1999

- Australian National Double Barrel Champion.
- South Australian High Gun.
- South Australian Team High Gun.

1994

- South Australian State Double Barrel Champion.

* Still competing, information current March 2023

Darryn will be inducted into the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame by Jhy Johnstone

Jhy loves, school, learning and sports and he plays soccer, basketball and swimming. Jhy's first passion is soccer, he began playing when he was 5 years old and he eagerly awaits the start of the soccer season every year and dreams of playing soccer for Australia one day.

ay Robins



Former Broken Hill local, Murray "Mick" Robins, enters the FWSHF as a dual winning horse trainer of one of the world's most prestigious races, The Melbourne Cup. Mick resided in the Silver City for 32 years before moving to South Australia to pursue his passion for horse racing. Mick managed to find a job working for the South Australian trainer, Grahame Heagney.

Heagney eventually moved to America and left Mick in charge of training the stable. This stable was the home to the mighty stallion, Rain Lover, who Mick had broken in, and with Mick's guidance, this duo would make history. Rain Lover won back-to-back Melbourne Cups in 1968 and 1969, Mick was the first trainer to do so in the 20th century.

Off the track, Mick is a widower who enjoys spending time with his daughter and four grandchildren. You will find Mick watching Sky Racing, reading The Winning Post and, on the odd occasion, enjoying a nice scotch.

Awards & milestones

- Oldest living Melbourne Cup winning trainer.
- First trainer to win consecutive Melbourne Cups in the 20th Century.
- Rain Lover inducted into Australian Racing Hall of Fame in 2014.
- Rain Lover named Australian Horse of the Year in 1969.
- Grandstand named in his honour at the St Patrick's Race Club, Broken Hill.

Mick's sporting history

1982

- Won the Darwin Cup with Plain Mick.

1972

- Won the Werribee Cup with Chiming

1970

- Won the St George Stakes with Rain Lover.

- Won the VRC Queens Plate with Rain Lover.
- Won the AJC Autumn Stakes with Rain Lover.
- Won the SA Oaks with Rain Amore, a full sister to Rain Lover.
- Won the Adelaide Guineas with Chiming.
- Won the Port Adelaide Guineas with Chiming.

1969

- Won the Melbourne Cup with Rain Lover.
- Won the Chipping Norton Plate with Rain Lover.
- Won the VRC Queen Elizabeth Stakes with Rain Lover.
- Won the Craiglee Stakes with Rain Lover.
- Won the Underwood Stakes with Rain Lover.
- Won the St George Stakes with Rain Lover.

1968

- Won the South Australian Derby with Dale Lace.
- Won the Melbourne Cup with Rain Lover.
- Won the McKinnon Stakes with Rain Lover.
- Won the CB Fisher Plate with Rain Lover.
- Won the Adelaide Cup with Rain Lover

Tribute to 2023 inductee Mick Robins by John Tapp.

Almost three years ago I was delighted to record a lengthy interview with Australian racing legend Mick Robins. The former outstanding horse trainer was almost eighty-nine years of age, but for fifty entertaining minutes regaled me with fascinating stories about his journey through life from a happy childhood in Broken Hill to the big stage of Australian horse racing. Mick's podcast triggered great response from racing fans and got a similar reaction when we gave it a second run at Melbourne Cup time last year.

As a devoted racing man Mick was always proud of the fact that he was born in 1930, the year in which the iconic Phar Lap won the Melbourne Cup. He delighted in recalling his three years as an apprentice butcher on a wage of thirty shillings a week, and a sudden career move when he heard that other young men were getting much more money working in the famous Broken Hill mines. When Mick first went underground, he was one of six thousand people employed in the mining of silver, lead and zinc.

He was riding a pony as a toddler, and trackwork by mid-teens. He tried his hand as an amateur jockey but increasing weight quickly saw him turn his attention to the training of racehorses. His talents were immediately obvious when he won seventeen races with a secondhand horse called Sir Haydon. In the early 1960's he moved to Adelaide where he landed a job as stable foreman for the celebrated trainer Grahame Heagney. Eight years later he inherited a team of fourteen horses when Heagney was invited to undertake a training stint in the USA. One of the fourteen was a handsome bay colt called Rain Lover. Mick had no way of knowing the Latin Lover colt would one day take him to a place most Australian trainers can only dream about-not once but twice.

Mick Robins had already emerged as a very talented trainer by the time Rain Lover lined up in the 1968 Melbourne Cup with the late Jim Johnson on board. Coincidentally Jim had won the Cup on Gatum Gatum for Grahame Heagney five years earlier. Rain Lover had won the Adelaide Cup as a three-year-old in the previous season and proved he was on song for the Melbourne Cup with an emphatic win in the LKS Mackinnon Stakes on Derby Day. Mick expected him to be highly competitive but was stunned when the stallion decimated his twenty-five rivals. In finishing eight lengths ahead of runner up Fileur, he equalled the record winning margin established by Archer in his second Melbourne Cup win 106 years earlier. He also smashed the Flemington two-mile record.

Rain Lover won seven more times before having another tilt at the great race one year later. He had a whopping 9kgs more than he carried in 1968 and was left in front 800m from home. The lightly weighted Alsop, in receipt of an astonishing 13kgs from Rain Lover failed by a head to run the gallant horse down. It was three Cups for "Jockey Jim" and two on the trot for the former Broken Hill miner Mick Robins, who remains the oldest Melbourne Cup winning trainer still living.

Mick's training achievements were not restricted to Melbourne Cups. He won a South Australian Derby with Dale Lace and an Oaks with Rain Amore while Master Kildare won a string of metropolitan races. He was a knowledgeable all-round horseman whose attention to detail was unwavering. He relinquished his trainer's licence around twenty-eight years ago but has never wandered far from racing and racing people. For a number of years, he helped out at the Mornington stables of Tony Noonan who frequently sought Mick's opinion on equine matters. The veteran had to terminate that involvement when a simple fall in the stable aggravated an old back injury. Mick was thrilled to participate on several occasions as a VRC Ambassador, visiting many parts of Australia with the coveted Melbourne Cup trophy.

It was Tony Noonan who originally suggested that Mick would make a wonderful podcast guest, and I'd had several email requests along similar lines. Mick was happy to participate, and we had a couple of lengthy phone conversations in preparation for the recording of the interview. I enjoyed every moment of both conversations. On behalf of his legion of friends in the Australian racing industry, may I express great delight in the news that Mick Robins is to be inducted into the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame. It is indeed a fitting tribute to one of Broken Hill's greatest sons, and to an all-round good bloke.

JOHN TAPP

Mick is unable to join us tonight.

Troy Scott



Troy “Slider” Scott was born in Broken Hill and from a young age aspired to be a speedway racer. His interest in the sport was sparked at age seven by an International Speedway Solo Bike meeting that he attended in Adelaide, telling his father “that’s what I want to do”. From as early as ten, Troy was riding in Broken Hill’s Minibike Club and at age 16 he was starting to take to a 500cc speedway bike with the Broken Hill Speedway Club, gaining as much experience as possible.

Hungry for more experience at age 21, Troy took his racing career overseas to England and joining the 2nd division team of Wimbledon and consequently made his international debut. Times were tough and Troy had to fight his way through the ranks until he got his lucky break, taking out the Stars of Tomorrow meeting which would lead to Troy signing with the 1st division British League Berwick Bandits, in which he now has a lifetime pass.

In 1992, Troy was selected to represent Scotland in a match against the World Team, being able to do this through his Grandfather’s Scottish heritage. Following this period Troy raced in Australia and notably joined the Ivan Mauger OBE, International Solo Touring Team.

In 1995, Troy took to New Zealand, racing consistently and qualifying for the 1995 New Zealand Grand Prix.

A courageous and tenacious racer, Troy won his last race at the Broken Hill Speedway, rounding out his solo career on his home track. Following his retirement, Troy moved back to Broken Hill where he now works as a mechanic for the Broken Hill City Council. The father of two daughters has traded his passion for speedway for camping and fishing.

Awards & milestones

- Received “Lifetime Pass” for the Berwick Bandits Racing Team.

Troy's sporting history

1996 – 1997

- Raced in numerous meetings throughout Queensland, Australia.

1995

- Raced with Taranaki Tigers in the New Zealand Speedway League.
- Qualified for the New Zealand Solo Grand Prix.

1994

- Represented Australia in the Ivan Mauger OBE, International Solo Touring Team.

1993 – 1994

- Competed for Thuringowa Rebels Racing Team in Townsville, Queensland.

1992

- Selected to race for Scotland against the World team.

1991

- Won the Stars of Tomorrow meeting.
- Signed with 1st division British League Berwick Bandits team.
- Berwick Bandits Team won the Gold Cup Final in the British League, of which Troy was a member.

1990

- Joined the 2nd Division Team of Wimbledon.
- Joined the 2nd Division Rhy – House Rockets.

Troy will be inducted into the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame by Lester Andrews

Lester loves riding Motocross, he plays basketball and soccer and is involved in all school sport gala days. Having fun with his mates is what he most enjoys about sport. He's the kid that ties the shoelace (while on the field) for the kids on the other team.



Born and raised in Broken Hill, David is recognised in the FWSHF for his involvement in AFL, having been involved in the sport for much of his life.

David's Far West Champion status is attributed to his involvement in State Level AFL, prior to the establishment of a national competition. David's love for football started young, playing junior and senior football for the West Broken Hill Football Club.

David's ability saw him move onto the South Australian National Football League in 1975. Following his playing career in the SANFL, David went on to play two seasons in the Northern Territory League before returning to Broken Hill to see out his playing career. David then moved into coaching and administration, dedicating many years to his beloved club and the Broken Hill League.

Today, when he's not at the footy, you'll find David spending time with family, exercising, radio commentating or playing his harmonica. David's contribution to the growth of AFL in Broken Hill, with a focus on improving the local facilities, is commendable.

Awards & milestones

- AFL Broken Hill Chairman and Vice Chairman for a total of 13 years.
- Received the South Australian National Football League Merit Award.
- Received the AFL Merit Award.
- Best and Fairest for West Alice Springs (1975).
- Played 170 senior games for the West Broken Hill Football Club.

David's sporting history

1990

- Senior coach of the West Broken Hill Football Club premierships team.

1987

- Reserves coach of the North Broken Hill Football Club premierships team.
- Senior assistant coach of the North Broken Hill Football Club premierships team.

1986

- Reserves coach of the North Broken Hill Football Club premierships team.

1985

- Senior assistant coach of the North Broken Hill Football Club premierships team.

1983

- Retired from playing AFL.

1980

- Won the AFL Broken Hill senior premierships with the West Broken Hill Football Club.

1978

- Won the AFL Broken Hill senior premierships with the West Broken Hill Football Club.

1977

- Returned to West Broken Hill Football Club.

1975

- AFL Northern Territory senior debut for West Alice Springs.

1973

- South Australian National Football League debut for West Adelaide Football Club.

1969

- AFL Broken Hill senior debut for West Broken Hill Football Club.

David will be inducted into the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame by Mackenzie Stokes

Mackenzie enjoys giving all sports a try. She represented Broken Hill in basketball playing in two carnivals this season for the Broncos U12s as well as playing in the local comp for the last 3 years, she swims with Alma swimming club and dances with the Joy Baldwin School of Dance. Mackenzie also plays football for the Central Magpies. She loves to participate in all school sporting gala days, swimming carnivals, athletics carnivals and cross country. Mackenzie was the junior girls' sportsperson of the year at Central Public School last year and recently claimed the 11yr girls champion in her school swimming carnival.



Born in Broken Hill to Croatian-born parents Vera and Dusan Sulicich, Marina is one of the region's most prestigious athletes. Her gymnastics career began at a young age, attending classes at the YMCA. Her aptitude for the sport was spotted here by coach Ollie Maywald which would lead to her joining the Broken Hill Gymnastics Club and competing at a State and National level. Marina's outstanding athletic ability would see her climb the ranks of the Australian gymnastics landscape, starting with a an Under 14 South Australian State Title and an Australian Under 14 National Title in 1976. From here, Marina's international journey as a competitive athlete begun, competing in open invitational championships all around the world. Her success as a gymnast was championed by her performances in World Championships and the Commonwealth Games.

In October 1978, Marina was profiled by Australian Women's Weekly. They suggested 'Australia's highest hopes – certainly at the World Gymnastics Championships, will be with tiny, 14-year-old Marina Sulicich of Broken Hill who has the grace, nerve, skill and charm to emulate Olga Korbut and Nadia Comaneci'. Marina's crowning achievement in her gymnastics career took place in 1980 where she represented Australia at the Moscow Olympics. This was the first time that an Australian gymnast had made the all-round individual finals.

Following the Olympics, Marina retired from competitive gymnastics and completed her secondary education. Today, Marina is a mother of two daughters and works for the Broken Hill City Council. She enjoys spending time with family and friends and reading. In the year 2000, the Olympic torch visited Broken Hill in its campaign to the Sydney Olympics and Marina lit the flame.

Awards & milestones

- Awarded the NSW Sporting Blue for gymnastics in high school.

- Selected for the Roll of Honour by Gymnastics Australia. This selection recognises outstanding performance by Australian athletes, taking into account their performance at the Olympic Games, World Championships, Commonwealth Games and/or other major international events.
- Awarded the Athletic Award of Distinction by Gymnastics Australia. This award is given to athletes who attend the Olympic Games, Senior World Championships and/or Commonwealth Games.

Marina's sporting history

1980

- Winner of the Australian Gymnastics Federation's Olympic Trials for Women's Gymnastics.
- Selected to represent Australia at the Moscow Olympic Games in Women's Artistic Gymnastics.
- Competed at the Moscow Olympic Games in Women's Artistic Gymnastics.
- Selected as part of the first Australian team to compete in the Women's Individual All-Round Finals.
- Retired from competitive gymnastics (age 16).

1979

- State Open Gymnastics Champion.
- Australia National Open Women's Gymnastics Champion (3rd consecutive year).
- Competed as Australia's only female gymnast in the Soviet Spartakiad Games in Moscow as a prelude to the Olympic Games.
- Competed in the World Gymnastics Championships in Fort Worth, Texas.
- Received the International Gymnastics Federation Pin which is awarded for achieving a required all round score in an international event.
- Nominated for the South Australia Sport Star of the Year (finalist).

1978

- Winner of the Commonwealth Games Trials in Women's Gymnastics.
- State Open Gymnastics Champion.
- Competed in the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, Canada. Placed 5th individually and 4th as a team.
- Australian National Open Women's Gymnastics Champion (2nd consecutive year).
- Competed in the World Gymnastics Championships in Strasbourg, France.
- Nominated for the South Australian Sports Star of the Year (finalist).

1977

- State Open Gymnastics Champion.
- Australian National Open Women's Gymnastics Champion (at age 13).
- Competed in the Invitational Games in China.
- Nominated for the South Australian Sports Star of the Year (finalist).

1976/1977

- Competed in the Open Invitational Championships in Hawaii and New Zealand.

1976

- State Under 14 Champion.
- Australian National Under 14 Champion.
- Australian National Silver (2nd Tier) Open Champion.

Marina will be inducted into the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame by Zahlia Delbridge

Zahlia has a passion for all things sport. She enjoys the challenges of both team sports and individual sports. She strives to do her best in both gymnastics and netball.

Zahlia is hoping to be a professional netballer one day.

Tarnee Tester



Tarnee is a proud Wilyakali Barkandji woman. Tarnee and her two older brothers were raised by their mother and grandmothers and her family played a significant role in shaping the person she is today. Tarnee completed her schooling in Broken Hill and went on to work in the health industry, gaining Aboriginal Health and Pathology qualifications with Maari Ma Health. From a young age, Tarnee dreamt of being successful and she believed that in order to do so, she needed to be different, placing high importance on respecting her community and herself. She aspired to be an AFL player and a Police Officer and with a lot of hard work and sacrifice, she has achieved both. Tarnee is currently employed with the Western Australia Police Force.

Broken Hill is where her dream of playing AFL began. Tarnee played in the Auskick competition from U6's to U12's with West Broken Hill Football Club. She recalls being selected for representative teams and winning multiple awards such as best and fairest, leading goal kicker and most consistent in her junior footy. Unfortunately, in 2005 Tarnee was no longer able to play with the boys and had to give up the sport she loved due to there being no female competition, taking to basketball instead. Tarnee had to wait until 2012 before she was able to lace up the boots again with the commencement of the Broken Hill Women's Competition. From 2012 to 2016, Tarnee showed her class, winning multiple best and fairest awards, club MVP's, being selected in teams of the year and leading goal kicker awards. Tarnee was also the first female player to play 50 games in Broken Hill and the first to kick 10 goals in a game.

Tarnee wanted to take her footy to the next level and so she made the move to Perth, nominating herself for the Fremantle Football Club's Talent Search. After being selected for the Western Australian Football Commission's Development Program and playing in the Western Australian Football League's Women's Competition (WAFLW), Tarnee's ultimate dream became reality when she was drafted at pick 56 to the West Coast Eagles Football Club in its inaugural year. Tarnee debuted in round one of the 2020 season and moved onto the Fremantle Football Club in 2021 as a free agent. Tarnee put Broken Hill's AFL women's talent on the map, motivating others to dream big when it comes to AFLW and inspiring others to lead a healthier and happier lifestyle.

Awards & milestones

- WAFLW 2019 Joanne Huggins Leading Goal Kicker.
- Two-time A-Grade Melville Cricket Club Fielding Award.
- South Fremantle Football Club 2019 runner up Best and Fairest.
- South Fremantle Football Club 2019 Leading Goal Kicker.
- Selected for the 2017 leadership group for South Fremantle Football Club.
- Four-time AFL Broken Hill Women's Team of the Year.
- West Broken Hill Football Club 2016 Best and Fairest.
- Organised North Broken Hill Football Club's first Indigenous guernsey for all grades.
- Three-time AFL Broken Hill Women's Leading Goalkicker.
- Four-time North Broken Hill Football Club Leading Goal Kicker.
- AFL Broken Hill 2015 fifth Best and Fairest.
- Co-Captain of the 2015 North Broken Hill Women's Team.
- AFL Broken Hill's first female to play 50 games.
- AFL Broken Hill's first female to kick 10 goals in a game.
- Two-time North Broken Hill Football Club Most Valuable Player.
- 2014 AFL Broken Hill second Best and Fairest.
- 2014 North Broken Hill Football Club Women's Best and Fairest.
- Captain of the 2014 North Broken Hill Women's Team.
- AFL Broken Hill women's 2013 third Best and Fairest.
- Co-Captain of the 2013 North Broken Hill Women's Team.
- Two-time North Broken Hill Football Club third Best and Fairest.
- Best on Ground in the 2012 Broken Hill vs Port Lincoln exhibition match.
- Won the 2012 Aboriginal NAIDOC Sporting Achievement Award at the Broken Hill NAIDOC Ball.

Tarnee's sporting history

2021

- Played for the Fremantle Football Club.

2020

- AFLW debut for West Coast Eagles Football Club – round 1, February 7nd, West Coast vs Collingwood.
- Delisted from West Coast Eagles Football Club.
- Signed as a free agent with Fremantle Football Club.

2019

- Drafted to West Coast Eagles Football Club's inaugural team at pick 56.
- Played A-Grade cricket for the Melville Cricket Club.
- Represented Western Australia at the National Indigenous Championship Carnival in Alice Springs.

- Played for Subiaco Women's Football Club in the WAFLW.
- Selected for WAFLW All-Stars match vs Western Australia State U18's.
- Selected for WAFLW All Stars match vs Queensland.
- Selected for Fremantle Football Club Academy Training.

2017 – 2018

- Played for South Fremantle Football Club in the WAFLW.

2016

- Selected for Western Australia Football Commission Development Program.
- Nominated self for the Fremantle Football Club Talent Search.

2013 – 2014

- Played in the AFL Broken Hill Women's Grand Final.

2012

- Played in the AFL Broken Hill Women's Grand Final.
- Represented Broken Hill in an AFL exhibition match against Port Lincoln in Adelaide.
- Played in inaugural season of Women's Football in Broken Hill.

Tarnee is unable to join us tonight.

Natalie Thomas



Broken Hill born, Natalie “Nat” Thomas, is a Far West Champion who has tried her hand at many sports. From as young as nine, Nat was playing hockey, softball, basketball, golf and athletics. By age 10, Nat was being selected for representative roles, being selected to represent the New South Wales Primary Schools Sports Association in hockey, as a goalkeeper.

Nat remained in this team for three years, whilst also representing New South Wales in basketball and golf. Nat’s aptitude for competitive sport became apparent very early, however, it was soccer where she would find most success. At age 15, Nat started playing and earned herself a scholarship with the South Australian Sports Institute. In 1996, Natalie started playing in the National Soccer League which led to her selection for the Australian Women’s Soccer Squad, The Matilda’s, in the 1998. In her time in the squad, Nat played in several tournaments, playing against many different countries. One of her most acclaimed successes being her debut in the World Cup Qualifiers where she scored a hat trick.

At age 28, Nat crossed codes to AFL and climbed through the competition’s ranks. In 2013, Nat was drafted to the Western Bulldogs, prior to the establishment of the AFLW, at pick 20 to play at the Melbourne Cricket Ground against the Melbourne Demons. Nat continues to play AFL in Brisbane’s top division and now participates in the AFL Masters Competition, receiving notable accolades across several years.

Off the field, Nat is a Senior Firefighter and has been a part of Queensland’s Fire Service since 2011.

Awards & milestones

- Most Valuable Player Award at AFL Masters (2018 and 2019).
- AFL Masters All Australian Selection (2017, 2018 and 2019).
- Scored a hat trick on debut for The Matilda’s.
- Queensland Academy of Sport Scholarship (2000 – 2003).
- South Australian Sports Institute Scholarship (1996 -1999).

Natalie's sporting history

2017 – 2019

- Selected to play for Queensland in the AFL Masters.

2014 – 2015

- Queensland State AFL Player.

2013

- Queensland State AFL Player.
- Drafted to play in the first women's AFL sanctioned match for Western Bulldogs at pick 20 – Western Bulldogs vs Melbourne Demons.

2009

- Queensland State AFL Player.
- Selected in All Australian AFLW Team.

2002

- Played in the Canada/United States Women's Cup – Australia vs Canada, United States, Russia and Italy.
- Played in the Tournoi International De France – Australia vs Canada, France and Japan.

1999

- Played in the Tri-Nations – Australia vs Canada and Italy.

1998

- Selected for the Australian Women's Soccer Squad (The Matilda's).
- Played in the World Cup Qualifiers – Australia vs American Samoa, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea.

1996 – 2003

- Played in the National Soccer League.

Natalie is unable to attend tonight's induction and is represented by her parents, Anne and Robert Thomas.

Trevor



Born and raised in Broken Hill, Trevor “Wooly” Woolcock was always interested in motorbikes. With a keen interest in bikes and engines, Trevor undertook an apprenticeship as a motor mechanic and later in life ran a successful small business in the windscreen and glass industry.

It was his passion for bikes and riding that saw Trevor first start in speedway when his mates started competing in the sport and encouraged him to jump on the sidecar and have a go. Trevor soon realised his passion for speedway racing and the absolute thrill of sidecar, and as Trevor tells it, “the adrenalin rush and explosive action is like nothing ever experienced before”.

Teaming up with mate, Chris Fraser the pair took on the best Australia had to offer and subsequently spent 20 years racing together. Trevor recalls “we spent many weekends travelling to compete in those days, we would leave Broken Hill on Friday afternoon, drive to Sydney with the bike and all our gear, race Saturday night and drive back home in time for work Monday”. Travelling to compete became a regular event and if they weren’t travelling to Sydney, Trevor recalls “we would travel to Adelaide Friday, compete Friday night, pack up and travel somewhere else to race on Saturday night and detour via Mildura on the way home to race again Sunday night, then turn around and drive back home for work Monday”.

As Trevor tells it, “We loved racing, the thrill and the people we raced with. There wasn’t a lot of sponsorship around in those days, but a few locals really made it possible for us” and with the support of family and friends Trevor managed to achieve an incredible record, finally retiring in 1996 as Australian Champion.

The success definitely helped boost the sport locally with youngsters striving to emulate the local champions as the sport grew and with a long list of significant achievements and as well-known and popular competitors Trevor and racing partner Chris were offered the task to

develop a submission to host the Australian Sidecar championships in Broken Hill in 1994, again hard work paid off and Broken Hill hosted the 1994 Australian Sidecar Championships, a significant event that put Broken Hill speedway racing on the map.

Trevor's sporting achievements

1986

- South Australian 1000cc Sidecar Long Track Masters Champion.

1987

- South Australian 500CC Sidecar Long Track Champion.
- South Australian 1000cc Sidecar long Track Champion.

1988

- South Australian 500cc Long Track Champion.
- South Australian 1000cc Sidecar Short Track Champion.

1989

- Australian 500cc Sidecar Long Track Champion.

1989

- Australian 500cc Sidecar Long Track Champion.

1990

- South Australian 500CC Sidecar Long Track Champion.

1994

- Australian 500CC Sidecar Long Track Champion.
- South Australian 500cc Sidecar Long Track Champion.

1996

- Australian 500cc Sidecar Long Track Champion.

Trevor will be inducted into the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame by Nash Zammit-Harvey

Nash is an avid sportsman with a heart of a lion.

Nash gives any sport a go, but his favourites are football, basketball and motocross.

Nash could swim 50m at 3 years, old making him the youngest swimmer at the swimming club to make that distance.

Nash has represented Broken Hill as part of the Bronco basketball team.

In 2022 Nash was awarded overall best male sportsman at Burke Ward and Age Champion in all events. Nash also won the George McGann Memorial Shield at the West Football Club in 2022.

Nash hopes that one day he will be inducted into the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame.

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