

## Jock Halley - Nomination for The Deakin Community Award

Jock joined the Vermont South Club in 1994. In '96 Jock took on the role of Maintenance Manager, joined the Bowls Committee and became a Selector all at the same time. This was within 2 years of joining the Club. Over the journey his official roles have been

Maintenance Manager served for	4 years	1996 –1999
Bowls Committee	7 years	1996 – 2002
Chairman of Selectors	7 years in 2 stints	1996 – 1999 and 2003 –2005
Social Committee	5 years	2000 – 2004
Night Pennant Mgr	5 years	2003 – 2008
Bar Manager	20 years and still going	1999 – now

The bar managers job should be just that, but Jock made it more important. He did the lot. He ensured stock was purchased at the best possible price, he did all pick-ups and deliveries to the Club and then he would serve the hoards surrounding the bar on many, many occasions.

It goes without saying that any sporting club places an enormous amount of emphasis on the job behind the bar. Jock's impeccable book-keeping and buying at the best price has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars over his 20-year stint. Being in such a delicate spot he is never short of a word or being cheeky. At eighty-three years of age he is still as quick witted as anybody.

Sadly, Jock is retiring on June 30<sup>th</sup>. He will be a hard man to replace. They say, in the corporate arena, that no-one is irreplaceable. We have one at our Club, in Jock, who would test this comment to the hilt.

He wouldn't have an enemy in the world and is always keen to be in his "office" and making sure members and visitors alike are looked after

Jock is also so Charity minded. For many years he has maintained a little slush fund with all monies raised from fines and other activities going to charity. I'm not 100% sure of the total amount, but the funds raised by Jock for charity are substantial in the vicinity of hundreds of dollars every year.

His work and cheeky demeanour will be missed around the bar at the VSC.

Some of Jock's major off-field achievements are:

- He initiated and ran the popular Saturday night raffle
- For several years he organised the Annual end-of-season trip
- He spends countless hours ensuring the Bar operates smoothly and profitably
- As the organiser of Wednesday Night bowls, he provided encouragement to new bowlers and gave them the confidence to continue with the sport. Jock was the face of Vermont South Bowls to a multitude of new members ....even if they couldn't understand a word he said. He has a Scottish brogue like no other.

As a player Jock also has done extremely well.

- He was our Club Singles Champion in 1998/99
- He won the Presidents Handicap in 1997/98
- He has played over 400 pennant games with over 300 as team skipper.

In all areas he has been and still is the "Can-Do" man around this club. In 2008, in recognition of his outstanding service to our Club, the Club awarded Jock with its most prestigious honour, that of being a Life Member.

The Vermont South Club have great pleasure in nominating Jock for a Deakin Community Award. He asks for nothing but gives mountains.