

Life Membership Nomination - Alan Bowden

Playing Record – over 50 seasons, over 450 games

Alan joined the Melville Waterpolo Club in 1962 as a junior and has played at the Club since, playing in all grades from Under 14's to Masters. Alan has also regularly played in the Club Winter Competition, and is a member of the Perth Cockatoos Masters team, competing at 5 World Masters Championships, winning 1 x silver, 2 x bronze medals.

WAWPI Association Premierships: 11

Under 15's – 1963/64, 1964/65

Under 17's – 1965/66, 1966/67

B Grade – 1964/65, 1965/66, 1976/77

E Grade – 1993/94, 1995/96, 2000/01

Masters – 2005/06

WAWPI Association

- Junior Men's Fairest & Best 1965/66, 1967/68 including the Walsh Junior Award
- The D. de Ridder Trophy, Fairest & Best E Grade – 1996/97, 1999/00
- Represented Western Australia and Victoria at 4 National Senior Championships – winning 2 silver and 1 bronze

Australia

- Captain Australian Under 19 Junior Men's team versus Singapore, 1967.

Volunteering

Over the 50 plus years of membership at the Club, Alan has been involved in a number of volunteer positions:

- **Club Committee: 10 years including:**
 - Assistant Secretary - 1968/69;
 - Secretary – 1969/70, 1970/71, 1971/72;
 - Vice President – 2014/15
 - Committee – 1968/69, 1969/70, 1970/71, 1971/72, 1974/75, 2000/01, 2001/02, 2013/14, 2014/15, and 2015/16
- **Coaching:** Alan coached Melville Juniors from 1968/69, 1969/70, 1970/71, and 1971/72.
- **Events:** Alan has volunteered at major events held at the club:
 - Tom Hoad Cup Organising Committee 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008
 - The 1991 and 1998 World Swimming Championships
- **Club Maintenance:** Alan has made himself available as a volunteer during the pool construction, ongoing maintenance, change room upgrades and other necessary pool and facility maintenance.
- **Sponsorship:** Alan has provided financial support to the Club and teams on a number of occasions.
- **Association Delegate:** 1966/67, 1967/68, 1969/70, 1970/71, and 1971/72.
- **WAWPI Masters:** 2006/07 to 2016/17 - Club Representative/Committee member WAWPI Masters Committee
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Alan's commitment to the Club is evident in the significant contribution he has made since joining the Club as a Junior in 1962. His ongoing involvement, along with a number of teammates who joined the Club at the same period speaks to his lifetime commitment. The Committee has no hesitation in recommending to the members that they confer on him the honour of Life Membership.