

## Volunteer Profile

*Ken Farrell, age 61 and resident of Wangaratta*



### Volunteer Roles in Sport and Recreation Clubs:

- Ken has been Secretary of the Wangaratta & District Junior Football League since 1980 (under 14 and under 16 years—players come from Wangaratta, Bright, Myrtleford and Whorouly).
  - Ken coached Imperials for 4 years, was Secretary/Treasurer in 1982 and has held that position since, the position of treasurer was split from the position in 2000.
  - Ken is Chairman of the North East Border Region of the Victorian Country Football League (the league is a body who works hard to give children in the Wangaratta and District a chance to play Australian Rules Football, and has a career path in place where players of all abilities can further themselves in football).
  - Ken is Chairman of the Special Committee of the Wangaratta Showgrounds for the Rural City of Wangaratta and is an inaugural member of the committee.
- Ken enjoys calling Bingo,....of course it is for sporting bodies. He has been calling at the Wangaratta Bowls Club for over 25 years, he regularly assists both the Wangaratta and Wangaratta Rovers Football Clubs.
  - Ken has been a committee member and Pennant selector of the Wangaratta Bowls Club and enjoys playing night pennant with the club.
  - His other passion is motor sport, Ken has been involved as a volunteer official at Winton Motor Raceway for 38 years. He is also involved at the famous Bathurst 1000 as a communications official and makes the trek annually to the mountain. This year he was invited to officiate at the Gold Coast Indy 300, a new experience for him.
  - In the summer Ken umpires cricket with the Wangaratta & District Cricket Association and each year umpires in the Bendigo Country Week Cricket.

### Satisfying Moments:

One thing that is very satisfying to Ken is to see players go on and play football at the highest level, this being TAC, Ovens & Murray and AFL.

### Biggest Passion:

Football umpiring is Ken's biggest passion. Ken first started in 1969 with the Benalla Umpires Board where he was secretary, and then joined the Wangaratta Umpires in 1973. Ken has umpired over 700 games of football. He is a past president of the board, committee member and selector.

### Awards & Achievements as a Volunteer:

In 1973 Ken was judged "Umpire of the Year" and in 2003 "Goal Umpire of the Year". In recognition of his work Ken holds Life Memberships with, Benalla Swimming Club, Wangaratta Umpires Board, Wangaratta & District Junior Football League. He was awarded a Victorian Country Football League Service Medallion and received the Australian Sports Medal in 2000.

### Goals in sport:

Ken's goals in sport are to see sport made available to all children and for them to be given the opportunity to play at the highest level they wish to achieve.

### What is your funniest moment as a volunteer?

When at a Country Championship game the league administrator apologised for not inviting me to the dinner on the day as he didn't know they would have a parliamentarian at the game, he then introduced me to other officials as Ken Jasper.

### Skills learnt as a volunteer:

The skills Ken has learnt are numerous however with the introduction of computers into administration, these have made enormous inroads into administration and once these skills have been mastered it makes the job more interesting.

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*Well done and thank you Ken for all your efforts and for servicing the many clubs over the years!*