



### **VALERIE BAILEY LIFE MEMBER 2006**

Valery Bailey became involved when her boys Chris and Craig started playing Teeball after the Club established the centre in 1985. Val and her husband Tony were actively involved as the boys followed the traditional path through the junior grades to senior competition.

Valery's husband was a late comer to the Game, Tony played his first game in the Sumer's Fifth team at the age of 42 and quickly established himself as a reliable catcher and solid right handed hitter playing in the lower grades of the Clubs Summer and Winter competitions. Valery scored the majority of these games played by her husband and her sons.

### **SERVICE AS A SCORER**

- Club Scorer Summer 1994/95, 1995/96, 1996/97
- Women scorer 1991/92 1992/93
- Masters 1991/92 to 2010/11 (10 seasons)
- Numerous junior games her sons, Chris and Craig

### **COMMITTEE SERVICE**

- Summer Secretary 1997/98 and 1998/99 and general committee member for many years.

### **WOMEN and MASTERS**

From the time of her involvement at the Club, Valery along with Tony, were aware of the need for the Club to diversify and expand beyond Junior and Senior Men's competition.





In 1991, Valery provided Tony with assistance at every level as he led the initiatives to establish Women's and Masters baseball at Cheltenham. Tony was the Team Manager and Valery was the scorer for the first 2 seasons for both teams. Tony was the catcher for the Masters during the time he managed the team.

- Women 1991/92 1992/93 A Grade
- Masters 38+ 1991/92 to 2010/11 (10 seasons)

This diversification and the expansion of player numbers has proved to be invaluable when seeking grants and government support to develop and improve the Club's specialist infrastructure over the decades that followed.

### **SOCIAL AND FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES**

Valery and Tony were strong supporters of the Club's efforts to raise funds and always actively involved making generous contributions to build occasions like the Melbourne Cup Calcutta Nights into regular annual events. They provided the "ideas" behind many fund raising initiatives. Tony and Valery advanced funds to assist the Club acquire a second Bingo session at the Moorabbin Bingo Centre.

### **IMPORT PLAYER ACCOMMODATION**

Val and Tony provided accommodation and meals for a season one of the Club's import players saving the Club about \$12,000.

Valery and Tony were a great team that made many lasting contributions during their time at the Club.

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