

VALE GRAEME AINSCOUGH

It is with much sadness that we record the passing of Graeme Ainscough on 20 February 2017.



Graeme was the Patron of our Club and a Life Member (1970). His long involvement began in 1958 when he joined the old Prahran Club. Along with a successful on field playing and managing career that extended over 30 years, Graeme's contribution on the administration side was immense. His contributions included involvement in the executive leadership that led to the successful amalgamation of Prahran with the old Cheltenham Club in 1972, the negotiations leading to the establishment of the Clubs permanent home at the Kingston Heath Reserve and the pavilion in 1985. He was also the prime mover in establishing Bingo as a source of funds to provide the foundation for many of the playing facilities that the Club enjoys today. Graeme played a leading role in establishing our TeeBall program during the late 1980's that has underpinned the Club's ongoing success in junior baseball.

Graeme was a Life Member of Baseball Victoria and highly regarded for his service as an executive member of the governing bodies over many years.

Graeme's service to baseball was recognised in 2000 when he was awarded the Australia Sports Medal for his services to the game.

Graeme was a great clubman and major contributor both on and off the field during his 60 years of service with our Club. His passion for and devotion to the Club was unsurpassed and his presence around the Club will be sadly missed.

Our deepest sympathy to his wife June, his children Robert and Carole-Anne and their families.