



ILLAWARRA ACADEMY OF SPORT
NOMINATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

MR EDWARD WALTER (TED) TOBIN

Administrative Director 1986
Member of Interim Board, 1986
Chairman 1988 – 1994
Board Member 1994 - 1996

Ted Tobin's contribution to the Illawarra Academy of Sport, over a period of more than 20 years, has been both exceptional and distinguished.

His efforts have provided significant and lasting benefits to talented young athletes of the Illawarra, Highlands and South Coast and fostered key organisational values and the positive community status enjoyed by the Illawarra Academy of Sport to this day.

The Illawarra Academy of Sport as the first regional academy to be established in Australia faced a new world of opportunity and challenge. As one of the founding members, Ted's vision, determination and positive approach enabled the concept of a regional sports academy to become an operational reality.

The Academy, in its early years, grew rapidly and Ted's contribution as the Academy's first Administrative Director, then member of the Board, particularly his drive, enthusiasm and "can do" attitude, was a major factor in the Academy's early successes.

This approach gathered momentum when Ted was appointed Chairman of the Academy in 1988. In that role Ted volunteered countless hours, drove many miles, attended many meetings and guided the Academy to the prominent position that it now enjoys.

His ability to converse, seduce and engender the support of a range of government officials, politicians, business leaders, sponsors, sporting groups, media, and importantly coaches, parents and athletes is unique. His vision always at the forefront was shared with all.

One of Ted's major objective's was to ensure that the young athletes not only receive high quality sports development but also graduate from the Academy as outstanding sporting citizens. This focus on the citizenship role of athletes highlights his strongly held commitment to community advancement and the position of sport within the local community – Academy values which remain to this day.

His tenure as the Academy's first Administrative Director in 1986, ten year membership to the Board (1986 - 1996), which included a six year term as Chairman from 1988, witnessed the Academy's development from fledgling organisation with no athletes to one which had offered more than 1,000 scholarships to talented young locals.

During difficult times and particularly during recessionary economic periods the Academy relied heavily upon Ted's ability to get it through, and his remarkable personality and his vast personal and professional contacts laid the foundation for on-going support of the Academy.

Ted certainly surpassed all reasonable expectations of the commitment required of volunteer, board member or Chairman.

In the period since his retirement from the Board, Ted has, when approached, been both a mentor and guardian on matters concerning the Academy's development and direction.

In 2002, the Academy established the Tobin Family Award in recognition of the Tobin family's support of the Academy but particularly the invaluable contribution of Ted Tobin.

Ted's involvement reflects a personal passion and professional commitment to fostering excellence in sport. His contribution in time and energy, creative input, effective operational guidance, positive support and encouragement has been invaluable to the development of the Illawarra Academy of Sport.

Ted's commitment over more than two decades has been truly outstanding.

I have pleasure in nominating Edward Walter (Ted) Tobin for a position of life member of the Illawarra Academy of Sport Inc.

NOMINATION PROPOSED BY:

Mr Brian Weir



NOMINATION SECONDED BY:

Mr Peter Bowman



DATE:

Monday 31 October 2005