



Water Polo

VICTORIA

WATER POLO VICTORIA – LIFE MEMBER PROFILE, John O'Brien



DOB: 08/10/1930

Playing Nickname: O'Bee

Cap number: 4

What years were you involved with WPV: 1946 until 1969

What roles did you perform?

Player for Club, Victoria and Australia

Coach for Club and Victoria

Referee for Club and National

How did you start being involved in water polo?

I belonged to the Swimming Club and when water polo resumed after WW2 I got involved.

Who was your first mentor / coach?

Alf Barnett

Tell us something about your mentor / coach?

He was a Club member and trained all the young lads, not only in Polo but also in Life.



Which club/s did you play with?

Richmond

At what age did you represent your club / state / AUS?

Club – 16; Victoria – 21; Australia - 25

What position did you play?

Back

What are some of your best memories from water polo?

Coaching and playing for Richmond and Victoria to win titles.
Being selected in Australian Olympic teams, 1956 and 1960 (Captain) and being inducted into the Australian Water Polo Hall of Fame.

What career have you been involved in?

Sales Rep

Are you still involved as a player, coach, manager or referee?

No

Do you still have friends from your Water Polo days?

Yes

