## THE ROBERT EATON MEMORIAL FUND (REMF)

On the morning of September 11 2001, Brighton & Hove Albion fan Robert Eaton was going about his usual day's work on the 105th floor of the World Trade Centre in New York.

As the terrorist-controlled aeroplanes struck, it became clear Robert would never watch his beloved Seagulls again. He wouldn't even make it home. He was one of over 3,000 innocent lives which were lost that tragic day.

Despite living in New York, Robert remained an avid Seagulls fan – using online fans' forum North Stand Chat to keep up to date with all things Albion. Posting under the username Ricky Marlowe's Hairpiece, he was a popular figure among the site's regulars. Chances are he would have logged on later that day for the latest transfer news, club gossip and irreverent ramblings.

However, as fans in England saw the drama unfolding through live news broadcasts, thoughts turned away from the Albion to New York...and Robert.

The news filtered back that Robert had been caught in the unprovoked and cowardly attacks. His death hit home with Seagulls fans everywhere and brought a sense of realism to the distant drama being told and retold on breaking news bulletins.

As news of his death spread, friends and fellow supporters were determined the popular Albion fan would not be forgotten.

The Robert Eaton Memorial Fund (REMF) was formed. The principle idea was to hold a charity match and use the money to help fund a junior football club in Robert's adopted home across the Pond. Later that year the first REMF game took place - a challenge match between Brighton Supporters and Crystal Palace Supporters in front of more than 1,000 fans – with the team of Brighton Supporters losing on penalties. Yes, THAT Crystal Palace. Rivalries were put aside in Robert's name and thousands of pounds was raised.

A chance meeting, at The King's School in 2013, resulted in the Australian version of the REMF game to be played. Four years later, and we are looking forward to the biggest 'Down Under' REMF event yet!

| Robert Eaton Memorial Fund<br>Charity Match Australia<br>Historical Results |          |        |
|---|----------|--------|
| Year  | Score    |        |
|   | Seagulls | Eagles |
| 2013  | 6        | 4      |
| 2014  | 4        | 2      |
| 2015  | 5        | 5      |





Robert Eaton Memorial Fund Charity Match Australia Annual Challenge Match

## Kick-Off: 11:00 am Saturd<mark>ay, 29th October 2016</mark>

Played at The King's School, Parramatta

