

MITCHAM FOOTBALL CLUB – ‘HALL OF FAME MEMBER’ (#10)

Lee Gale

(1933 –)



Lee Gale in 2011

Some people are natural leaders and Lee is certainly one of them. Lee is recognised as the man who got Mitcham back on top again, as President in 1977, setting up a period of 6 consecutive Grand Final appearances from 1978, for 3 Premierships. A strong leader Lee was well supported by his wife Bernice (Life Member) who did a power of work in her own right for the Club.



Lee (nicknamed Yogi) came to Mitcham in his late 20s in 1963, encouraged by Keith ‘Rooster’ Allen, with an established and impressive football record. Lee was Runner-Up Best & Fairest in that first year, so he made a big impression right from the start. Lee was to play for Mitcham for the next 10 years, including playing and coaching in the Reserves and B2s, before retiring as a player after 1972 at the mature age of 39. Lee became active off-field joining the Committee taking up the important workload as Club Secretary from 1966-69. Awarded Life Membership in 1971 Lee continued to serve and push the Club forward in various capacities, becoming President 1977-1979 which set up the Club for the next decade.

Life Membership	1971
Hall of Fame Member	2011

Service: 26 years

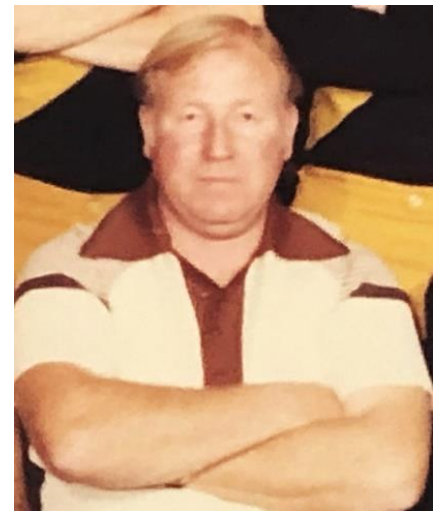
Player:	10 years and 146 games
	1963 - 1964 Seniors, 24 games
	1965 - 1972 B2's and Reserves, 122 games
	1966 Reserves Coach

Committee: 9 years

Secretary 4 years:	1966 - 1968 & 1988
President 3 years:	1977 - 1979
Vice President:	1984, 1 year
Manager Mitcham Sporting Club:	1988 - 1989
Club Tribunal Delegate:	10 years

Chairman of Selectors: 10 years

1968 & 69	Under Barry Capuano
1975	Under Greg Leech (Premiers)
1979 – 1980	Under Ron Thomas (2 Premierships)
1982 – 1984	Under Graeme Weatherly
1985 – 1987	Under Martin King



Lee, President 1979



Lee, Senior Team Runner 1972

