



## Player Profile: Ray Lawrence



Ray Lawrence has become a part of the furniture at Queenscliff Bowling, Tennis & Croquet Club, joining the Tennis section in 1969.

Ray played actively on the Tennis Courts, from 1969 – 1996, when unfortunately, his hamstring snapped in the Grand Final that year. Following this, Ray decided it was time to take up Bowls, rather than test his hammy again next season!

During his Tennis years, Ray was involved in 5 Premierships, won 5 Club Championships, Coached the Junior Squad for 25 years, President of the Club for 10 Consecutive years, was Chaiman of the Board for 2 periods, once for 3 years, and later for another 2 years. In his time at the Tennis Club, over \$100,000 was raised through their fundraising team, a great effort & result for the Association.

Over his 40 years at the Club, Ray has been very much a “Hands On” man, assisting in the building, creation, or working on, many capital works, some that stand the today. Some of these include the Building the BBQ area and shed, and paving this area, Constructing the Tennis Court Perimeter fences (behind C green), Building the Entrance to the Car Park in 1992, Paving the Ramp beside the Pokies entrance, and when our last Greenkeeper, Bill, was ill, helping keep the greens in good order.

In the Bowls arena, Ray is no slouch either. He has been Runner Up in the Club Championship, a Winner of the State Over 60’s Pairs with Barrie Close, Runner up in the State Fours last year with Steve Sullivan’s rink. Ray has been leading for 11 years, and is happy to be playing.

Ray Has had a great time at the Club, and with his Spouse, Barbara (who joined the Tennis Club 5 years after Ray) they have 3 boys (1 dec.) Paul was Club Champion twice. They also enjoy being Grandparents to twin boys (3 year olds) and a Granddaughter (5 years old).

Thank you, Ray, for your contributions and efforts in the past 40 years, long may it continue in the future!