

John Townsend



Born in the UK and came to Australia as a £10 pom in 1963 at 9 years old.

I developed an early interest in electronics which drove my career from WRE (now called DSTO) to the Radio Telescope in Parkes NSW then to the Snowy Mountains Hydro Scheme and then into the computer industry and various roles in Adelaide and Sydney with HP and Sun Microsystems.

My journey continued in technical, sales and management.

Football

Introduced to football at Primary school and started playing for Elizabeth Downs in 1968 for the Junior and then Senior teams - and have played every year since!

In Parkes and Cooma NSW I both coached and played in various country competitions and then in 1981 came back to SA playing at Seaford before then moving to the newly formed Cove Soccer Club which also included various stints as Secretary and President.

In 1997 I moved to Sydney where I played for Killarney Heights in the same team as Robbie Slater for a couple of seasons.

I took up cycling around this time to stay fit as my knees couldn't handle all of the running I liked to do. Cycling continues to be a pastime I still enjoy.

A final move back to Adelaide in 2006 where I again played for The Cove before moving to the Masters League.

My knee's finally gave out in 2019 which was the finish of my running football.

The surgeon who did the knee replacements warned me off playing football again but I didn't ask him what he thought about Walking Football and so far so good and enjoying every minute of it !

Preferred Position

I can, and have, played in most positions except goalkeeper.

Midfield is my preference as I am still fairly mobile and like to be in the thick of it.