

Robbie Glover



Robbie was born in Dumfries, Scotland and was introduced to football early playing both at secondary school and in the local amateur league. He is an avid supporter of Queen of the South.

Robbie emigrated to Australia in 1968 initially playing in the Latrobe Valley in Victoria, then a year in Canberra before setting on the Sunshine Coast where he joined Buderim Wanderers as a foundation player and committee member. He stayed with the club from 1978 until 2005 playing and coaching before becoming president and ultimately a life member.

Robbie was also the founding president of the Sunshine Coast Supa Oldies Masters, helping to grow the competition from 5 teams to now having multiple leagues and age groups. The annual Supa Oldies will celebrate its 30th birthday this year. Robbie is a life member of the SC Supa Oldies.

Over the years, Robbie has been involved or participated in many masters tournaments - Australia, Pan Pacific, World Masters and Invitational Masters tournaments which has seen travel across Australia and across the world including Turin, Auckland, Dunedin, Fiji, Bali, Hawaii, UK and US to name a few. He has a Gold and Bronze in World Masters Games. His last running football was playing in Bellingham USA joining a mix of nationalities playing in a 70+ team.

After suffering a partial ACL rupture in his mid 30s Robbie has played on but felt that at 70 it was time to retire. That was until walking football came along a couple of years later. What a blessing that turned out to be, not just for him but also for so many of the other players who have managed to either return to the sport they love or newcomers looking for exercise and social interaction to continue giving purpose to their lives. These things are what puts a smile on Robbie's face as well as seeing the ever growing list of participants.

Robbie moved to Perth in 2005 to be with Mhairi who also loves her football and it is not unusual for the pair of them to play 4 or 5 times a week when in Perth and team up in mixed tournaments. Robbie runs a hub in Subiaco every Wednesday night and when they travel back to the Sunshine Coast they play at Coolum Beach.

I was honoured when I was asked to be involved with the 70+ Walkeroos and hope I can throw some light on suitable player candidates for that level from both Western Australia and the Sunshine Coast.