

Siggy Nowak



Maturing with age

Siggy, originally from Germany, emigrated to Australia at the age of 3. His deep love for football stems from his Polish father and German mother. From an early age Siggy's football journey has been constant. He was the youngest player selected to play in the Victorian State League for Polonia during the late 1960s before being posted to PNG on national service where he made the the national army representative team. On his return to Australia, playing as captain of the Victorian Amateur representative team he was named in the all-Australian national amateur squad.

Over the decades through 1970s and 80s, Siggy contributed to the

long term success of several teams including the College team in the Bendigo Amateur League and the Bendigo Representative team in the Melbourne Industrial League. After his son was born Siggy continued to play, manage and coach competitively as well as coaching junior teams.

Over his twilight years, in Sale and then Brisbane, Siggy has continued to play football, transitioning to different formats as time passed - Over 35s, Over 45s league, vets and futsal, and now to his newfound passion, walking football. He was a key player in the all conquering Over 45s Australian side that remained undefeated in the Pan Pacific Masters in 1994 beating Russia in the final 1-0.

His dedication to promoting and nurturing the game, particularly for players in his age group, is evident through the countless hours he invests.

At 76, Siggy continues to enjoy playing the game he loves, captaining and managing the Walkeroos 70s internationally in numerous tournaments. His story is a testament to his enduring passion and commitment to the beautiful game.