

Terry Hampton was one of the visionaries that set up the Bill Turner Cup in 1979

TERRY Hampton is a life member of Northern NSW Schools Football Incorporated - known as Bill Turner School Football - along with having a shield named in his honour.



The Terry Hampton Shield is presented annually to the runner-up in the Bill Turner Cup competition.

“Dad first became involved in football in the early 1970s,” his son Michael explained.

“The story goes he was sent, by mum to the local Toronto Awaba football club Annual General Meeting to petition for a change in short colour as mum was sick of trying to get grass stains out of my white cotton shorts.”

Not only did Terry be successful in having the short colour changed to royal blue he was elected president of the Lake Macquarie based club.

Michael said his Dad: “had began his journey and passion for Football administration that has spanned four+ decades.”

“Dad dabbled with the Tasman Cup during the power years of Booragul and Wallsend high schools,” Michael continued.

“He was close with his great teacher mate Bill Turner.”

The Tasman Cup, now known as the Puma Cup, was augmented in the the late 70s with the introduction of the 15-years-and-under Bill Turner Cup.

Terry was an inaugural member of the organising committee that steered the birth of the Northern NSW Schools competition - the Bill Turner Cup.

Terry was Vice President and Competition Manager of Bill Turner School Football from 1979 to 2002.

“Dad managed numerous overseas touring teams with all students returning home in one piece due to meticulous attention to detail,” Michael said.

“This drove him and the committee of the Bill Turner Cup to create an unprecedented school competition open to all schools and all genders in the formative years of 15-and-under football.

“It is a masterful achievement by those school visionaries.”

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