

Vale: Dick FAIRBAIRN

1936 - 2021

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Touch Football Australia (TFA) is saddened to hear about the passing of Life Member Dick Fairbairn.



Dick was a member of the NSW Touch Association Board who served as Director of Finance from 1983 to 1986. He had a significant influence in the creation of Touch Football Australia being elected as the Director of Finance for the first Federation of International Touch (FIT) in Adelaide in 1986. The ceremony concluded with the unveiling of the plaque naming the Board Room as the Fairbairn Room.

Dick also served as the Director of Finance for the then called Australian Touch Association from 1983 to 1992. His financial expertise and guidance paved the way for the purchase of land in Canberra and the subsequent building of Mungga-Iri House in 1992.

Both Dick and then president of ATA Ken Wells saw the opportunity for the future stability of the National organisation by investing in land in Napier Street, Deakin and building a complex which is now owned by Touch Football Australia.

To ensure the success of the building project Dick Fairbairn personally guaranteed the loan, a gesture that showed his great love and passion for the sport.

In 1994 his efforts for the sport were recognised when he was named an Official of the Year in the 1994 All-Stars of Touch selections.

Dick was awarded TFA Life Membership in 1994. Our condolences are with Dick's family and friends.

Richard Fairbairn

Gender: Male

Birth Date: 8 Apr 1936

Death Date: 12 Jun 2021

Death Place: New South Wales, Australia

Cemetery: Woronora Memorial Park

Burial or Cremation Place: Sutherland, Sutherland Shire, New South Wales, Australia

Has Bio?: N

Spouse: [Beverly Joy Fairbairn](#)



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NSW Touch Association has recently learned of the passing of Dick Fairbairn. Dick was a member of the NSW Touch Association Board serving as Director of Finance from 1983 to 1986.

He also had a significant influence on the creation of Touch Football internationally. When the first Federation of International Touch (FIT) Board was elected in 1986, Dick was elected as Director of Finance.

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On behalf of the NSW Touch Association our condolences to Dick's family and friends.

