

## Wizza Guy, nominee for an OAM

In early 2016 Alan (Wizza) Guy was nominated for an OAM. This was after he had developed his final illness. Unfortunately the submission was not successful.

The following is the formal submission:

Alan Charles GUY was born on 13 May 1935 in Nyah West, Victoria. His family moved to South Melbourne in 1938 due to drought on the family farm. Alan grew up in South Melbourne and joined the State Savings Bank at the age of 16, in 1951. He met his current wife Julia WOODS via the Bank in 1960 and they married in 1962. They moved into their current address in Diamond Creek and have remained in that home to date, some 53 years. They have four children and twelve grandchildren.

Alan retired from the Commonwealth Bank as a manager (after they took over the State Savings Bank in 1990) in January 1991, after 40 years' service. He then went onto to work as the CEO of the Greensborough RSL for a further 15 years, retiring from all work in 2006 at the age of 71. He remained active within the Greensborough RSL for a further 9 years as Treasurer until March 2015 when forced to stand down due to health issues, which have created an uncertain future for him. I understand that applications are processed upon receipt although I do ask for some consideration in regards to expediency due to the deteriorating health of Alan.

The following is a list of Alan's endeavours outside of his professional vocation in support of this application. I think you will see that Alan has contributed vastly to the Diamond Valley Community and I would submit a worthy applicant for recognition in this regard.

National Service: NO.3-7710

Alan undertook National Service joining in May 1953 until November 1955 when he returned to the Bank.

State Savings Bank Amateur Football Club. 1958 to 1973 (16 years' service) Life member

Alan joined this group in 1958 as an administrator and game day goal umpire. The football club played out of rooms within Albert Park and was part of the Victoria Amateur Football League. Alan held the positions of Secretary and Treasurer over a 16 year period and was responsible for the development of the club and its facilities. Alan was awarded Life membership of this club which has now been merged with the Prahran Football Club.

Masonic Lodge of Victoria. 1963 to present. (50 plus years' service)

Alan joined the lodge with his future father in law, Albert WOODS, at the then Plenty Lodge, number 357. Located in Bell St, Preston Alan would attend regular meetings and worked his way through the lodge being awarded his Jewel for thirty years' service. This chapter has since closed and merged with Kalinara group in Greensborough. Of recent years Alan has not been active although remains a member.

Diamond Creek Memorial Kindergarten. 1970 to 1990 (20 years' service)

Diamond Creek Memorial Kindergarten opened in 1969. It was overseen by a committee elected from the parents of the students. It was the responsibility of the committee to drive

fund raising efforts and the like to ensure the development of the facilities and the ongoing employment of the staff. Alan join the committee in 1970, the year his first child was enrolled to attend the kindergarten. He remained active on the committee for twenty years acting as Treasurer, well after his fourth child had moved onto to school. Alan's dedication to the Kindergarten during this period ensured the long term survival of the facility, which remains open today. May Hale is listed as a reference upon this application and was the inaugural Kindergarten teacher in 1970, and remains in that position today, some 45 years later.

Greensborough RSL Sub Branch. 1973 to present (42years service). Hall of Fame and Life Member

As a National Serviceman, Allan was originally unable to join the RSL, but was one of the first in when the rules changed in 1973 and immediately joined the committee. In 1975 the RSL was unable to fund the building of a cellar and Allan, who was manager of the Greensborough State Savings Bank at the time, was called upon to 'rescue' the Sub-Branch and became Treasurer. At the time the sub branch had \$150 in the bank, no income stream and the only asset was 20 barrels of beer. In the early days the Sub-Branch was merely a small hall which housed a tiny bar, a snooker room which proved popular in bringing members through the door and a pie warmer as its food source. Initially, funds for building improvements came from raffles and bingo. Dances with live bands were popular, bingo brought a lot of the female members back to the Sub-Branch and lasted for seven years until gaming machines were introduced. The occasional wedding and birthday party helped improve the bottom line. Alan became their CEO in 1993 and oversaw the implementation of gaming machines, million dollar extensions and recognition through prestigious awards such as the Tattersalls Awards and Club of the Year. In 2002 Alan was admitted into the RSL Hall of Fame and is currently the oldest living life member for the sub branch. Alan retired from the full time role in 2006 and remained as treasurer until March 2015. The RSL has been one of Alan's life passions ever since he joined and he has played a major role in developing this club into the million dollar business it is today and being well placed to support a number of community initiatives and of more importance being able to provide for returned serviceman and women.

Diamond Creek Scouts. 1974 to 1982 (8 years' service)

Alan followed his eldest Son into the Scouting movement in 1974 and immediately joined the committees. He served as treasurer for those years over seeing their finances. He was active in their fund raising efforts spending a lot of time managing and overseeing two recycled bottle depots within Diamond Creek. These depots provided the community with two locations to dispose of empty beer bottles in particular which then needed to be sorted and stacked to allow collection. The money raised through initiatives such as this ensured the long-term success of the Scouting movement in Diamond Creek.

Justice of the Peace No 7622. 1979 to 2015 (36 years' Service)

Alan was successfully appointed as a Justice of Peace in 1979. During this time Alan was called upon to attend police stations, in an after hour capacity, to perform his role where requested. During this time Alan offered his services through his employment, the Greensborough RSL and at times opened up his family home to support various members of the public in the signing of a variety of documents.

Diamond Creek Football Club 2005 until present. (10 years service)

Alan joined to the Diamond Creek Football Club community in support of his wife, Julia, who had taken on the role of running the canteen. Throughout the football season both would spend their weekends preparing the club rooms for both senior and junior football. Alan implemented a number of business initiatives which increased the earning potential of the canteen. This saw the canteen earning upwards of \$25 thousand per season which allowed the money to be re invested into the club and in particular the juniors. Both Alan and Julie were recognized for their efforts during the 150 year celebrations on 2013.

Conclusion.

The information provided sets out the achievements of Alan Guy over a sixty four year period. Alan's contributions to the local community via a raft of different community groups and services is outstanding and I believe his service is worthy of recognition. As can be seen Alan like most parents followed his children through a variety of networks and groups, offering his professional expertise along the way. What stands out against others is his commitment to those groups well past his own children moving onto other vocations. It should also be noted that he has balanced family and work whilst providing for the community through his work with the RSL, local sporting clubs and his obligations as a Justice of the Peace. The four nominated referees are aware of this application and await contact. I hope the following information satisfies your criteria and Alan is successful in this application.

The following is the supporting submission from the State Bank Football Club, some of which was incorporated in the official submission:

The State Savings Bank Football Club was always dominant in the Victorian Amateur Association from the 1920s and for the remainder of the 1900s.

The club was very well supported by the Bank's management and benefited greatly from the excellent work of its own committee. The Bank's General Manager was always the President.

The Club's on field success waxed and waned over the years, from being dominant in "A" grade to occasionally slipping to the lower grades.

What didn't vary was the exemplary administrative success of The Club. The Amature Association was very strict in demanding faultless administration; insisting that all reports be submitted on time, with no name incorrectly spelt and no team list out of alphabetical order. Scores, goal kickers and best players must also be 100% accurate. Failure resulted in a fine.

During Alan Guy's tenure as Secretary over 16 seasons from 1959 to 1974 our club was never fined.

Alan's work was quiet and methodical, and always in the background. On many occasions he would fill in for an absent boundary or goal umpire, completing his secretarial duties during the breaks.

His unselfish dedication to his role ensured that the club presented itself in the best possible way. The result being that playing members and supporters alike enjoyed great camaraderie, even during the lean times when on-field success was elusive.

Alan set a great example to others, especially the younger members of the club, in always giving of your best, no matter what job you did around the club.

His work wasn't confined to paper work. He and his wife Julie washed both sets of team jumpers each week, and ran a very successful tuck shop in a tent erected at the end of the club rooms; often in the wind and rain.

With the game won or lost, and the work out of the way, Alan and Julie were prominent in the after match celebrations in the club rooms. Often their Rock N Roll routine was a highlight. They were always last to leave, ensuring that the rooms were as clean as they were when the day began.

After this he always managed to file a comprehensive match report with the Bank's magazine, to be published the following week.

We regarded Alan a treasure, he was utterly reliable, always patient and obliging and supportive of all club members.

The Club rewarded Alan with a Life Membership in 1970, and Julie in 1973.

I joined the Club in 1963 and finished in the mid 80s, therefore didn't know Alan prior to '63. I am reliably advised by my older team mates that Alan's performance was consistent over all of these years, and under more difficult circumstances until the Club moved to Albert Park in 1966.

To be awarded an OAM would be an excellent reward for the work that he has done for our club.