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**IN MEMORY OF
GEORGE CHARLESWORTH**

Our Member, George, sadly passed away on 13th July 2026 aged 77 years.

George joined ANZ Maitland in November 1965 and left in 1979 with 14 years' service.



He played competitive bowls and had a distinguished career in the sport, particularly in wheelchair bowls. He was a Member of the Hawthorn Bowling Club for over 30 years. He won a World Pairs Championship title in Adelaide alongside his partner Neville Read.

Bob Snewin recalls:

"Although playing very few games George threw himself into many roles at the ANZ Football Club and certainly enjoyed the social side of the Club.

George and Lois were regulars at social events and on occasions held fund raising functions for the Club at their home, namely get-togethers and wine bottling days. The functions sure raised plenty of funds for the Club.

George was a very good administrator and was a member of both the Club social committee and management committee for many years and indeed was the Club Secretary for 5 years.

George's crowning glory I believe was the year of 1981 when we won both the firsts and seconds premierships with George overseeing the football program as well as being the Firsts Team Manager.

Volunteers like George are difficult to come by if you are in a Club today you will know what I mean. He sure did a power of work for the Club."

Peter Moors advised:

"Very sorry to hear of the loss of George Charlesworth. His father, Harvey Charlesworth was the Headmaster at Kingston Higher Primary School when we moved to Kingston in the mid-1950s. I was very friendly with George's brother Chris while they were at Kingston.

George was a very common figure at the Adelaide Central Market, and conducted training sessions for staff employed by the various market stalls. I often had breakfast with him on Saturday mornings at one of the coffee lounges on the Western side of the market. After leaving the Bank, George started up a cheese stall in the market. As I remember, it was known as "The Smelly Cheese Shop".

Phil Goodier messaged:

"I have many stories about George or as we all called him 'Noddy'. He was in fact at our wedding in Melbourne when I married Gail who was in Darwin too (a nurse). George (Noddy) was in full form with us all at the reception singing etc. with no one wanting to leave.

I was the new Accountant in Alice Springs sent down from Darwin as a single man!!??..and....the Bank would not give me one day off to marry as the ASM Brian Johnson wouldn't cooperate. So, I was married at Carrum in Melbourne on the Saturday after flying down late Friday before , marrying, back to Alice Springs the day after on the Sunday then back to work on the Monday.....we all had a great party as a honeymoon and in Darwin and the Mess where we all lived next door to a great patient Accountant Gordon Bowering and his family.

George was a scream, got on with everyone no matter who they were. I think there was a 'Wild Bill' at the Victoria Hotel almost next to the Bank in Smith St who Noddy interacted with somehow as no one else could. George would be all things to everyone and was loved by all....when I think back he used staples to ensure his shorts stayed together which were something again!

On and on we could go. What a man from Maitland . The love of his life Lois was a very patient girl indeed."

Bob Milgate recalls George being in Darwin when he arrived from Tennant Creek in 1971.