



2022 Induction

Tom Rice +

Award received by Tom's grandson, Gary

For continuous and passionate impact on South Australian Baseball through excellence in Baseball Administration

In 1931 the Glenelg Club was formed from players of the Goodwood Club with Tom being elected as the Secretary/Treasurer.

In 1936 Tom was part of the management committee who had a vision to take out a Whole of Life insurance policy, which was to insure a club member. This would mature in 25 years and the £1,000 from the policy would help in building a clubhouse. This foresight being pushed by Tom was how Glenelg Club developed a clubhouse and grounds. Tom's vision of giving the members a permanent playing field and clubrooms for 12 months of the year came true in 1962.

Tom's drive especially in the 1960's, 70's & 80's made committees, members & volunteers work to their limit, giving everyone a sense of what is achievable in building a baseball ground and clubroom.

As an inspiration, committee members & members would say when there was a problem or a solution to be fixed – "what would Tom do or say".

Instrumental in establishing the Port Pirie Night Baseball League in 1960 – Patron 1960 to 1982 Tom was one of the 3 GBC members who initiated the SA Baseball Country Championships in 1969 which was first played in 1970 & continues today.

On the 15th May, 1979 Arthur Radbone wrote an article in the News of Tom's 50 years of baseball, with his final comment – 'When most of us think of the Glenelg Baseball we automatically think of Tom Rice'.

South Australian Baseball League

Executive Member (2 years) – 1934 & 1935

Match & Grounds Committee (2 years) – 1934 & 1935

Permit Committee (14 years) – 1933 to 1935, 1938 to 1940, 1952 to 1959

Glenelg Baseball Club

President (9 years) – 1949 to 1951, 1954 to 1956, 1959 to 1961 (2nd longest serving Club President)

Secretary (8 years) – 1931 to 1935, 1941 to 1942 (3rd longest serving Club Secretary)

Treasurer (5 years) – 1931 to 1935 (3rd longest serving Club Treasurer)

Social Club Treasurer (21 years) – 1959 to 1979/80 (longest serving Club Social Club Treasurer)

Committee Member (2 years) – 1936 to 1937

Chairman – 1953, Delegate to the SABL (2 years) – 1931 to 1932

Trustee / Seal Holder (48 years) – 1947 to 1994

Auditor (6 years) – 1952, 1980 to 1985

Major Awards

1946 Elected Life Member of the Glenelg Baseball Club

1975 naming of the Glenelg clubrooms as the Tom Rice Hall

1982 Elected Life Member of the SA Baseball League

2000 Awarded the Australian Sports Medal for service to baseball

2004 the Championship Trophy at the Country Championship renamed the Tome Rice Cup

2008 the Glenelg President Trophy (major playing club trophy) renamed the Tom & Mel Rice Memorial Trophy