



## **2022 Induction**



## **Kevin Greatrex**

***For continuous and passionate impact on South Australian Baseball through excellence in Playing & Coaching***

*Kevin started playing baseball as a 13 year-old high school boy. His father, John (Jack) Greatrex was president of the Port Adelaide District Baseball Club from for a number of years and naturally Kevin began his baseball career here. It soon became evident that Kevin was destined for baseball with his emerging talents in hitting and all-round field skills.*

*First selected in a South Australian State Youth Team at the age of 13, Kevin began his extensive playing career representing Australian baseball on both an interstate and international level for 20 years. Following his selection in the SA Claxton Shield team and the Australian Baseball team as first baseman in 1963, Kevin showed a desire to excel in all aspects of the game, but was known best for his hitting. In 1967 Kevin signed a contract to play for the Cincinnati Reds Minor League*

### ***Organisation***

*There is no doubt he is one of all-time greats of South Australian and Australian Baseball.*

### ***South Australian Baseball League***

*President (3 years) – 1993/94 to 1995/96*

### ***Claxton Shield***

*Player (18 series) – 1963, 1965 to 1967, 1969 to 1980 – 6 Championship wins*

*Head Coach/Player (2 series) – 1979 to 1980 – 1 Championship win*

*Head Coach (4 series) – 1981 to 1984*

### ***Australian Baseball***

*Player (6 series no tour) – 1963, 1966, 1967*

*Player (11 series Australia & International tours) – 1968 to 1971, 1973 to 1975, 1977 to 1980*

*Assistant Coach – 1982 – All-star selection (no tour)*

*Team Batting Coach – 1983 (Asian Series in Korea)*

### ***Port Adelaide Baseball Club***

*Played at Port Adelaide from 1958 to 1972/73 – playing 544 Major A/Division 1 games*

*8 times Premiership Player*

*Playing Coach (16 seasons) – 1968, 1970 to 1978, 1980 to 1984, 1993/94*

### ***Major Awards***

*4 times Capps Medalist – 1966, 1971, 1973, 1976*

*1966 Helms Award for Best Player in the Australian Claxton Shield series*

*1978 Elected Life Member of the Port Adelaide Baseball Club*

*2000 Awarded the Australian Sports Medal for service to baseball*

*2005 Inducted into the Australian Baseball Federation Hall of Fame*

*2009 SA Claxton Shield Diamond Anniversary All Star Team – 1<sup>st</sup> Base*

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*2012 Elected Life Member of the SA Baseball League*