



**Western Suburbs
District Cricket Club**

**Life
Member**

Robert Spence

Robert Spence was made a **Life Member** of Western Districts Cricket Club on 23rd July 1970

Robert Spence, a Brisbane accountant from 1951 but a lifelong cricket follower joined the club for the 1960-61 season as first grade scorer. On 1st February 1961 he was appointed to the Committee and later that season scored the first grade final when the club won the first grade premiership by beating Toombul. Bob served in the following positions for the club:

1. Honorary Secretary 1965/66 - 1987/88
2. Honorary Treasurer 1972/73 - 1987/88
3. First Grade Scorer 1960/61 - 1987/88
4. Recording Officer 1966/67 - 1987/88
5. Trustee 1965/66 - 1990
6. Finance Committee 1965/66 - 1987/88
7. Ground Committee 1965/66 - 1987/88
8. Gear Committee 1965/66 - 1983/84
9. Fund Raising Committee 1965/66 - 1969/70
10. Social Committee 1965/66 - 1969/70
11. Honorary Auditor 1988 - 1989

Bob retired from his accountancy practice and all executive positions at WSDCC following a fractured leg resulting from a fall in April 1988. The last game he scored for Wests was the 1987/88 first grade grand final win over South Brisbane.

In 1989 following a further fall Bob moved to Autumn Lodge Nursing Home, Greenslopes where he remained till his passing on 7th February 1997. He maintained a very keen interest in the club over the last nine years and held positions of Honorary Statistician and Historian, providing valuable assistance in compiling statistics for annual reports.

He was the Queensland Cricket Association scorer from February 1961 until March 1988, not missing scoring a first class game at the Gabba from 1961 to 1986. He was QCA Treasurer from 1962 until 1988 and was made a QCA Life Member in 1972. He donated annual trophies for the Queensland Most Improved Player Under 21 and to the Umpires Association for the Umpire of the Year. In 1995 our club instituted the Bob Spence Medal for the Players Player of the Year. In 1997-8, at the suggestion of Glenn Scarffe a medal was awarded for the winner of the player of each round.