

VALE HARRY BARTLETT

Henry Sydney Bartlett (known as Harry) was an Australian Tennis Official from 1962 – 1974. Harry passed away two weeks ago and we would like to honour him for his contribution to tennis officiating in Australia.

Harry had a passion for tennis and started playing as a child. He continued to play as a member of Coburg Tennis Club up until the early 1960s, when he was forced to give up because of back problems.

He joined the Victorian Tennis Umpires Association in 1962.

He started out as a line umpire and worked his way up to become a Chair Umpire. He umpired two Davis Cups, once as a line umpire in 1966 and again in 1973 as a Chair Umpire.

He also chair umpired the Semi-Finals of the Australian Open, which was called the Australian Championships back then.

In 1973, he travelled to England on holiday and, on the back of his Australian umpiring credentials, was given a position as a line judge at Wimbledon.

He also served as a member on the State Board of Management for the Victorian Umpires Association for 5 years.

Harry received his ALTUA Honour badge for 10 or more years of service.

He continued umpiring until 1974. His last match was at the Masters Grand Prix in December of that year.

We send our prayers to his family.

Kind regards,

Tennis Australia Officiating Team



Harry wearing his Officiating uniform in the late 1960s.