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COMMUNITY FOOTBALL ESTABLISHES LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The SA Community Football Board has established a Life Membership award, acknowledging individuals who have rendered outstanding service to community football.

The SA Football Commission has endorsed the appointment of five inaugural Community Football Life Members, as well as two Life Members for the 2011 year.

Up to two Life Members will now be able to be inducted every year at the SA Community Football AGM.

INAUGURAL LIFE MEMBERS

1. H.L. Madigan OAM (deceased)

Harry Madigan was involved in community football for more than fifty years. He played senior football in Pt Pirie between 1934 and 1947 before becoming a delegate for the Pt Pirie League from 1948 to 1960. He was appointed Chairman of the Pt Pirie and Spencer Gulf League in 1966 and later, became an Affiliated Leagues delegate to the SANFL.

2. The Hon Justice K.P. Duggan

Kevin Duggan has had a long-running involvement with community football across many roles including Permit Tribunal Chairman, League Tribunal Chairman and Commissioner of Country and Junior Football. He served as Affiliated Leagues Council Chairman from 1979 to 2005.

3. J.R. Spillane

John Spillane played a significant role in community football in the '80s and '90s, serving as an SA Football Commissioner (1991-1996), Affiliated Leagues Director (1984-1994) and Central Zone Regional Director (1980-1997).

4. Don McSweeney

An SANFL Merit Award winner, Don McSweeney represented Affiliated Leagues as an SANFL Director from 1998 to 2009. He has been involved in football for more than five decades in various roles including Affiliated Leagues Council Zone Councillor and the state delegate on the Australian Country Football Council.

5. Max Williams(deceased)

Max Williams made a significant contribution to community football, particularly in the state's south-east as a Zone Director, State Country Selector and Club President. He had a

long-standing association with the Kowree Naracoorte Tatiara Football League.

2011 LIFE MEMBERS

1. Chris Leahy

Chris Leahy is a very long-serving administrator with the Southern Football League and Regional Director for the Onkaparinga zone on the Affiliated Leagues Council from 1987-2010.

2. Kevin Curran

Kevin Curran is a long-serving secretary of the Great Southern Football League. He has also served as the Regional Director for the Southern zone on the Affiliated Leagues Council since 1985.