



HILARY THOMAS (LARRY) JOHNSON

The South Gippsland District Golf Association's, Annual General Meeting at Woorayl Golf Club on 4th December 2002, saw Mr H.T. (Larry) Johnson awarded 'Life Membership' of the Association following his many years service to golf throughout the South Gippsland region.

Larry was involved with golf administration in the South Gippsland area since 1981. In those 26 years, his work involved:

Welshpool Golf Club delegate to the Association	- 16 years
South Gippsland D.G. A. - Executive Committee	- 9 years
South Gippsland D. G. A. - Junior Committee	- 6 years
South Gippsland D. G. A. - Course Rating Committee	- 16 years
South Gippsland D. G. A. - V.G.A. Delegate	- 6 years
South Gippsland D.G.A. Country Week Liaison Officer	- 7 years
East, South & West Gippsland Standing Committee	- 16 years
Welshpool Golf Club President	- 3 years
Welshpool Golf Club Secretary	- 5 years

Larry Johnson was a tireless worker not only for the Welshpool Golf Club over many, many years, but also for the South Gippsland District Golf Association as a whole. One only had to call, & Larry was always available. He was a well-loved and liked person in all circles throughout the District.

There is no doubt that Larry's greatest achievement has been the establishment, along with Mr Bob Durran of the South Gippsland Classic. This event,

which is now in its 19th year, attracts an average of around 1600 to 1700 rounds of golf over the 9 days of the Classic. It is recognized as South Gippsland's annual major golfing event. This event alone has exposed the District to many, many visitors from all parts of Australia.