



## **UMPIRE PROFILE**

### **Michael Wheelahan**



Michael has over 50 years in cricket, he began playing at 14 years of age for Sunshine CC in the 2nd eleven and bowled leg-spin, and he was pretty good at it!

He moved to Footscray CC and spent four years refining his craft. His best match figures came with an outright victory with 6/23 and 3/23.

His first years in Subbies were with Altona in the 1973-74 season. In 1976 Michael moved to Melton CC, and his career at Melton spanned 14 years finishing in 1990.

After ending his playing career, Michael became an umpire in the Metropolitan League and then joined the Subbies panel in the 1995-96 season.

Michael has now umpired in Subbies for 25 years with 380 games in total, off which, 281 matches have been in the first eleven. Michael also won the coveted Matt Harris Award for the Most Improved Umpire in 2001-2

He has also umpired 1 x VSDCA v South Aust Rep match, 2 x VSDCA v Country Rep matches, 3 x First Eleven Grand Finals and 3 x Championship Finals, and multiple VSDCA Grand Finals.

Michael's biggest thrill is the four premierships in five years that his son James achieved for Melton.

To top things off, Michael is a life member of the VSDCUA and a life member of Mildura Willowfest Australian Cricket Championships.

Congratulations on an outstanding contribution to cricket.