



# The Carbine Club of NSW

## Alan Whelpton AO

**Born:** May 1935, NSW

**Carbine Club Member since:** 1984 (Life Member)

**Previous Carbine Club positions:** Committee Member (1988-2008) Chairman (1998-2000)

Alan Whelpton AO has been involved in sporting administration for over three decades. His contribution to sport in Australia, in particular to the sport of surf life saving, is remarkable.

Alan was the Managing Director of Pets International, a business that he established and ran from 1963 through until 2001. However, he has spent much of his time building surf life saving both domestically and internationally.

In 1971, he became the Foundation Secretary General for the World Life Saving Federation, a position that he held until 1975. He was also appointed the Chairman of the Asia Pacific International Life Saving Federation (1994-2000) and President of the International Life Saving Federation (2000-2008).

Domestically he became the President of Surf Life Saving Australia in 1975, adding the role of Chairman of Westpac Rescue Helicopter in 1976, holding both positions through until 2001 at which point Alan became the Life Governor of Surf Life Saving Australia.

His leadership of sport in Australia extends beyond Surf Life Saving. In 1994 he was appointed as the Chairman of both the NSW Sports Advisory Council (1994-2009) and the NSW State Sport Centre Trust (1994-2009). Board Member of Sydney Olympic Park Authority (2010-2012)

Alan currently presides as the Chairman of the Western Sydney Academy of Sport, the Coronation Club Ltd, the NSW Sport Hall of Champions Selection Committee, and a selector for the Australian Sports Hall of Fame.

In 1996, the Australia Day Ambassador (1994-2018), was inducted into the Australia Sports Hall of Fame, in recognition of his achievements within the sporting industry. Alan was awarded the Australian Sports Medal and was an Olympic Torch Bearer in 2000 and has since been awarded the Australian Centennial Medal. In 2007 in the Australia day Honours, Alan was elevated to the Officer of the Order of Australia.