



The Carbine Club of NSW

Keith Barnes AM

Born: 1934

Carbine Club Member since: 1979

Keith Barnes AM is also known by the nickname of "**Golden Boots**", is an Welsh-born Australian former Rugby League footballer who played in the 1950s and 1960s, and coached in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s.

He was a fullback for the Australian National Team and for the Balmain Tigers.

He played in 14 Tests between 1959 and 1966, as national captain on 12 occasions.

He was known as "Golden Boots" due to his exceptional goal-kicking ability.

After his playing days he became a referee and later co-commentated on the AMCO Cup on Network Ten with Ray Warren in the 1970s. He is considered one of the nation's finest footballers of the 20th century.

In 2007 he was inducted into the Australian Rugby League Hall of Fame. In February 2008, Barnes was named in the list of Australia's 100 Greatest Players (1908–2007) which was commissioned by the NRL and ARL to celebrate the code's centenary year in Australia.^[9]

On 26 January 1996, he was named a Member of the Order of Australia in "recognition service to rugby league as a player and administrator. On 24 October 2000, he was awarded the Australian Sports Medal for his rugby league achievements.

In 2009 Barnes was honoured with the naming of the Keith Barnes Stand at Leichhardt Oval, the Balmain Tigers' home ground.