

The Carbine Club of NSW



Richard Colless AM

Born: 19th March, 1947

Carbine Club Member since: 1998 (Member)

Current Carbine Club position: Chairman

Previous Carbine Club position: Committee Member/Deputy Chairman

Current employment: Company Director

Carbine Club Chairman Richard Colless has a keen interest in all sport. He played AFL for over 25 years in the Western Australian Football Association , including playing/coaching seven premierships for the University of Western Australia, and was named in the Australian University Team in 1969.

He continued his sporting pursuits in 1972 becoming the President of the University of Western Australia AFL and then in 1984 he was appointed a Commissioner of the Western Australian Football Commission.

In 1987 Richard became the Chairman of the West Coast Eagles. In 1988 he moved to Sydney and in 1994 became the Chairman of the Sydney Swans. He is the longest serving AFL chairman/president currently in office.

In 1997 he co-authored the review of the development of Australian Football in NSW/ACT and in 1998 he was appointed as the Chairman of the AFL (NSW-ACT) Commission, a position he held until 2002.

He has worked in the financial services industry for over 25 years and his positions have included Chairman of ING Management Ltd, and CEO, Pacific Mutual Australia. He is currently a Director of Events NSW.

In 2006 Richard became a member of the Order of Australia for his service to Australian rules football. He is a Life Member of the AFL, was named in the Western Australian Football Association Hall of Fame and received a University of Western Australia sporting blue.