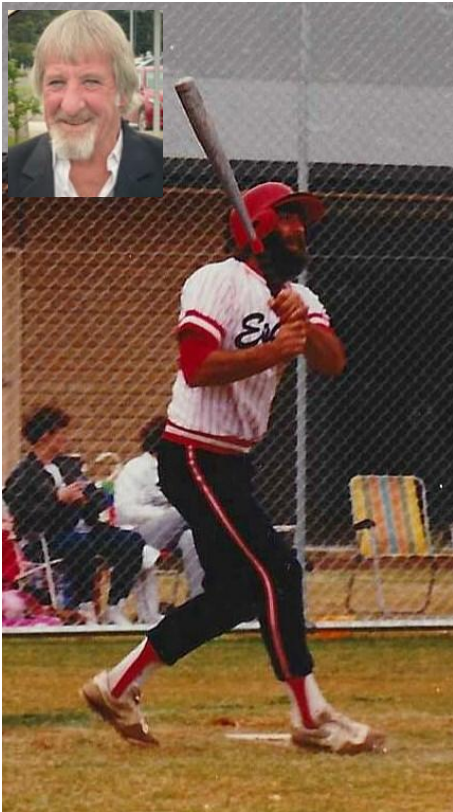


Vale Michael (Mick) Miller



The committee & members of the Eagles Baseball Club along with the Sunraysia Baseball League Board and the wider Sunraysia Baseball community, are deeply saddened to learn of the sudden passing of our life member, mentor, teammate, friend and one of the best to ever wear the red, white & blue – Mick Miller.

Mick was a founding member of our club and took the field for our inaugural match in 1979 against Hustlers. Mick quickly earned a reputation as the most fearsome power hitter in the league, his silky-smooth swing from the left-handed side of the box caused nightmares for many pitchers & right fielders needing to navigate the toilet block when running back on balls landing on Eleventh Street. Whilst Mick will be remembered for his hitting it would be disrespectful to ignore his pitching ability in his early days, often coming on as a shutdown lefty, and his ability to field at 1B. During an era where fences down the foul ball lines where a mere fantasy, Mick saved the embarrassment of many a bad throw from his infield with a well-timed scoop using his 35-inch glove.

Mick played in our A grade premierships of 1980, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1987 and our 5 in a row run of 1990 – 1994 to be a 10-time premiership player with Eagles. During that stretch he played 285 games, his dodgy knees robbing him of being a 300-game player. Mick was a career .397 hitter with 19HR & 198 RBIs. Mick is a 7-time Eagles A grade Best & Fairest winner with wins in 81, 82, 83, 86, 88, 91 & 96.

Mick was part of our club's first life membership class in 1992 alongside Tim Bell. Mick was also a life member of the Sunraysia Baseball League.

Beyond the red, white & blue Mick spent many summers playing in the Riverland comp for a combined Sunraysia team and was also part of Sunraysia's legendary 3 in a row championship in the VPBL state carnival, with 2 all star wins during the period. Mick was also a 2-time SBL A Grade Best & Fairest in 86 & 88 and a three-time home run winner in 94 through 96.

When Mick's knees finally gave up, he stayed involved in the club, coaching & mentoring a group of juniors that would eventually come through to win another flag in 2000 and again in the group that would form to go on a consecutive grand final run from 2008 through 2023. Mick was careful about staying out of the way and being that quiet observer from afar but the players, who knew where the best advice was, would always seek Mick out for his opinion, especially when it came to batting. Mick's knowledge of the game was legendary and while he earned a reputation as a man of few words, he made every one of those words count when it came to talking about the game.

Mick's love of the game & his love for Eagles was second only to the love he had for his family. Our condolences go



out to Calli, Luke & Jedd and their extended families. We thank you for sharing your dad with us for the last 46 years.

Mick joins his clubmates & drinking buddies Trev & Hags in the Field of Dreams. We will let them argue over who gets to bat in the cleanup slot.

Farewell Mick, rest in peace.

