

Warren Smith OAM

08/08/1939 – 21/12/2025

Forever a Saint

It is with great sadness that we advise of the passing of a true “Saint”, Warren Smith OAM.

Warren’s journey with Saints began forty years ago, and under his leadership the Club experienced remarkable growth across both our junior rugby league and our licensed premises. His guidance, passion for rugby league, and unwavering commitment to the Club has paved the way for future generations.

Warren was appointed Secretary of the St Marys Junior Rugby League Committee in 1985, at a time when the Club fielded just 14 teams and had no sponsors. Through his dedication and vision, the junior league expanded significantly, and by the time he retired from the Board of Directors the Club was fielding 56 teams in the Penrith and District Competition and had secured premierships in the higher-tier NSW Rugby League Ron Massey Cup and Sydney Shield competitions.

Warren was elected to the Board in 1986 and, over the next 38 years, including an extraordinary 35-year tenure as President, he guided the Club through a period of unprecedented growth and achievement.

Off the field, Warren spearheaded major developments that transformed the Club’s footprint and its future, including St Marys Leagues Stadium, the Holiday Inn Sydney St Marys, and more recently the Western Foyer and Saints Event Centre development.

Warren’s outstanding service was recognised with Life Membership in 1999, followed by a distinguished list of honours, including the Australian Sports Medal, Lindsay Sports Volunteer of the Year, NSW Rugby League Volunteer of the Year, Sports NSW Distinguished Long Service Award, Leagues Clubs Australia Jack Martin Award, and Life Membership of Leagues Clubs Australia. His most prestigious recognition came in 2017, when he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the Queen’s Birthday Honours.

In 2024, Warren made the decision to retire from the Board and hand the reins to the next generation, another example of his selfless leadership. Following his retirement, he continued to serve the Club as a Life Member and as the Club’s inaugural Patron.

Warren’s lifelong dedication to the game of rugby league, his beloved Saints, and the wider community leaves an enduring impact and a remarkable legacy, one that will continue to inspire us all.

Rest in peace Warren. You will forever be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing you.



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