

Nev Conway

Elected in 1958

Nev Conway is one of the less remembered Life Members, and that was probably true within a few years of his leaving the club. He wasn't an elite player although he had made fugitive appearances in the first team in the late 1920s; rather, his renown came from his work as a coach. He had started with the Fourth Grade and, over a period of years, delivered good results but, perhaps more importantly from his point of view, helped in the development of young men.

He was given the Senior reins in 1956 and did as well as could be expected with a team that was slowly slipping away from the plateau of the early 1950s. Lower mid-table finishes were Ponsonby's lot, in what was a hard and even championship field.

He didn't spend much time in the committee room, preferring to do his good deeds on the training paddock and in the Tan. His connection with the club virtually ceased shortly after his election, when he shifted to Canada where he spent the rest of his life.