



ROBERT (BOB) KANDELAS

Membership Number - 60

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EARLY LIFE

Robert Kandelas was born on the 31st of January 1933. He went by Bob and was a twin with Bill Kandelas. He was one of six kids all who were boys. He grew up in Balmain which is where he started his refereeing career. Bob worked in PGH where he made terretal pipes. He was lucky enough to meet his wonderful wife, marrying her in the eailry 1950s-1960s. They had 2 delightful children together. His Grandson Dan Olford has continued his refereeing career and lived up to the wonderful reputation Bob has left behind.



Dan Olford
Membership # - 701
Life member - 2018


CAREER

Bob Kandelas began his refereeing career in Balmain as part of the Balmain Referees' Association, which was established in 1915. He joined the Penrith Referees' Association just after it was established in 1966. His older brother Arthur Kandelas also refereed for Penrith during this time. Bob was graded in the late 1970s, grade #629. Displaying his skill and talent through the years before and after he was graded.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Bob was the 60th member of the association. Before Bob was graded he refereed the A grade division 1 Grand Final in 1971. He was the first member awarded with the Jack Harris Merit Award in 1972. Bob Kandelas was awarded life member of the association in 1975, being the 6th member to do so. In 1980 the Bob Kandelas Referees' Referee Award was created in honour of Bob for all his great achievements and everything he has done for this Association.

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- 1966** - Joined the Association as the 60th member
 - 1971** - Referee for A Grade Division 1
 - 1972** - Awarded the Jack Harris Merit Award
 - 1975** - Awarded as the 6th Life Member of the Penrith Referees' Association
 - 1980** - The Bob Kandelas Referees' Referee award was created in honour of Bob
 - 2023** - Presentation night renamed to the Bob Kandelas Medal



**THANK
YOU
BOB!!**

