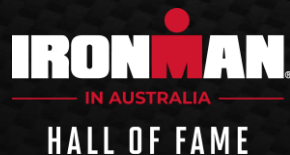


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BARRY STONHAM



Barry lived at Tuncurry and had been on the volunteer team at IRONMAN Australia Forster-Tuncurry since the first race in 1985 and in all that time as an Aid Station Captain. He was infamous to all IRONMAN competitors with his humour, his larrikinism and above all his dedication and commitment to serving athletes. He led his Aid Station Team with enthusiasm and an iron fist. He was responsible for "introducing" non-official aid station food items to competitors. Anything from baked cakes, cups of tea and chocolates were on his "secret" menu. He also did many other volunteer jobs to help out in the office such as writing all the numbers on the swim caps, the raffle, etc. etc. and was an inspiration to IRONMAN Australia and the Great Lakes Community.

Sadly Barry passed away in 2007 and his induction was made just several weeks prior to his passing by Glenda Baggs. He was a volunteer of volunteers and is survived by wife Gwen, also a volunteer at the Aid Station all those years and also helping Glenda and the girls in the office, even being first to book their accommodation and making sure they were up at Port Macquarie to continue their good work for the first year of IRONMAN in Port in 2006.

The Great Lakes Council has dedicated a Park in Tuncurry in the area of his Aid Station to Barry, such was his many other volunteer roles in the community.

Written by Ken Baggs

Accomplishments

Aid Station Captain

IRONMAN Australia 1985 - 2006

Barry Stonham Park

Park named in Barry's honour in The Great Lakes Council area of Tuncurry, near the location of Barry's famous Aid Station