



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Steven 'Rocket' Paynting - Gol Gol Hawks Football Netball Club

WHEN you think of volunteers making a difference at the Gol Gol Football Netball club, it is hard to go past Steven 'Rocket' Paynting.

The Hawk's Life Member has been around the club since its inception in 1980, and played in Gol Gol's first ever game, a win over Meringur. He has nearly 240 games under his belt, still a club record, and played every position on the ground except ruck.

The club has come a long way since the first season where they trained at the Aerodrome Ovals and the trainer's bench was the tailgate of HT Holden ute. In fact 'Rocket' is a Life Member of the Millewa League as well, having played over 300 games for Gol Gol and Karween Karawinna.

He has been volunteering at the club since he stopped playing in 2001. He has been club umpire, goal umpire, worked behind the bar and for the last six years has been working in the kitchen every Thursday night and game day.

"I just loving come down to the club and being part of it. There are a lot of beautiful people and they show you a lot of respect," Rocket said. "My wife Raylene always says that the club is my second home, and I still have a lot of years left in me at Gol Gol."



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"Making a world of difference" at Gol Gol Hawks Football Netball Club