## **RON HOUSTON**

Ron joined Eltham basketball Club when his daughter Melanie and son Andrew started playing (later Andrew tragically died in an electrical accident). He coached both boys' and girls' teams for about six years, but was also took up refereeing in 1989. He became a leader in that field, assisting in the evaluation of junior panel referees, and becoming an Assistant Referees Coach at Eltham with Steve's leadership. Then Ron took on the huge task of appointment of referees for the tournament for half a decade, which occupied just about all January each year. Ron valued the comradeship in the refereeing fraternity, particularly the "dinosaur club", including Peter Hickling, Gary Jones, Paul and John Sharpe and Peter Cesari. Ron was awarded life membership in 2014.