

STEVEN CHADD

After ten years of refereeing experience at Coburg, Steve came to Eltham as Assistant Director of Refereeing to Gerry Carstairs in 1984. He helped coaching for a while when son, Tim, and daughters, Kimberley and Merinda, started playing but Steve's focus was to become an expert educator of referees, which was soon recognised by selection to the panel of NBL referee coaches. Since 1993 he has also had policy input through what is now known as the Technical Commission. Meanwhile Steve valued working with Gerry and became his successor in 2001. He gradually developed a number of Assistant Coach educators who specialised in particular areas of referee development. Another of his emphases was seeking to educate coaches about the rules, while also helping referees see what coaches were expecting. In 2003 Steve became life member of the VBRA. At Eltham he ensured the Club fulfilled its elite panel requirements and also that there was adequate referee supervision at the huge tournament. In 2006 these efforts were rewarded with life membership of the Club. VBRA honoured Steve as the Referees' Adviser of the Year in 2017 and twice Eltham Referees' Association has won the BV Best Referees' Program award under his stewardship. In 2022 Steve is still Director of Refereeing at Eltham, a referee coach for NBL One, but also has had for four challenging years the role of Financial Officer of the Club.