

Ron Stait

AFLUA Life Member

Ronald Stait was born in Red Cliffs on 17 June 1930.

He began boundary umpiring in the local Sunraysia Football League in 1946 then transferred to field umpiring.

Moving to Melbourne in 1956 allowed him to join the VFL Second Eighteens and after two successful seasons there he was appointed to the VFL senior list for 1958.

In an era where demand for VFL umpires was high, the senior list at the time numbered in the region of 170 members. Competition for VFL senior and second eighteen games was intense and VCFL finals were limited come the end of the season. Despite being on the senior list for 10 years Ron was unable to break through for any of these prestige appointments. Although perhaps returning to Mildura for one match each year in 1960-62 would have been satisfying - it's always nice to go home.

Over the course of his career Ron umpired 141 VCFL matches. He was awarded life membership of the AFLUA in 1968, his final year on the list.

Ron Stait passed away in Rosebud on 8 October 2013.