

Introducing your ClubCare Support Chaplain

Your club is currently waiting for its own appointed Sports Chaplain, but don't worry, in the meantime you will still have access to care and support from a Sports Chaplain. A Sports Chaplain is a volunteer pastoral care worker, who is available to support you through life's ups and downs. They are available to be a listening ear and a person of peace for you to talk to. They are not counsellors trying to fix your issues. They are simply supporting you and bridging the gap to health professionals when necessary.

We ensure our Chaplains are:

- ✓ Authentic in motivation and service caring
- ✓ Always a respectful guest
- ✓ There to serve as a member in the club
- ✓ Considerate to situations and circumstances
- ✓ Trained in Sports Pastoral Care
- ✓ Respectful of all persons
- ✓ Non-judgemental
- ✓ Confidential
- ✓ Accredited by SCA



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Self- Bio- Current Chaplain for Norwood Sports Club

I was born in Colombo, Sri Lanka in 1957. In 1958 my family and I migrated to Sydney. After finishing university, I was employed in the Microbiology Department, Royal Women's Hospital. It then became a joint service to the Royal Women's Hospital and the Royal Children's Hospital where I was the Principal Scientist, Microbiology and Laboratory Services IT Manager, remaining there for 44 years. In 2022 I am transitioning to retirement.

Along with my wife Nadine, I am a current long-term member of Warrandyte Community Church, serving on the Leadership Team from 2001 to 2013, most of the time as chairman. We have two grown up, married daughters. We have one Grandchild and another on the way any time.

I love almost all sports - cricket, all codes of football, hockey, swimming; the list could go on! I also care for people, their welfare, their lives, so I believe I'm well suited to the role of a Sports Chaplain. There is nothing better than standing with other supporters, hunched under an umbrella on a freezing cold, windy and rainy day cheering on our team! It is also a privilege to be there for the whole club including the players, parents & supporters to be a listener and provide support in their times of need but also in their joy.

Feel free to contact me if you ever need someone to chat to or help with any life issues

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