

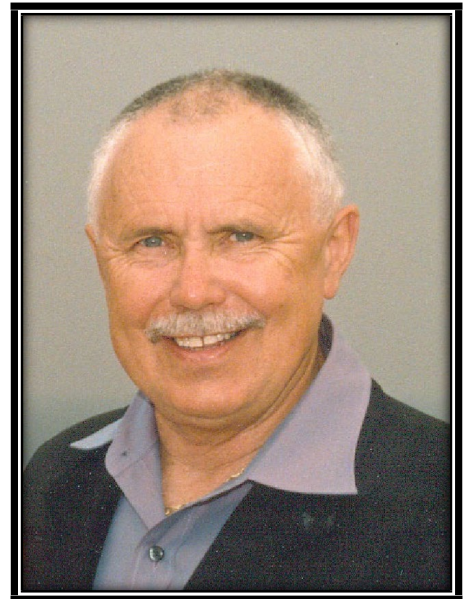


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William (Bill) Ker

Bill's involvement with Touch Football has been extensive, starting off as Vice President of Gold Coast Touch in 1976. Bill was also a keen player and attended the first North Queensland Championships.

Bill was the Executive Officer of Queensland Touch from 1984 to 1994, and the CEO of the then Australian Touch Association, from 1994 to 2005. During this time Bill was one of three committee members who initiated and introduced the National Touch League concept.



Bill served from 1995 to 2007 on the World Cup events committee and is now the Secretary General of the Federation of International Touch (FIT). Bill's many achievements also include being a Level 5 referee and being awarded the Australian Sports Medal in 2000. Bill is also a Life Member of the Gold Coast and Queensland Touch Associations and Federation of International Touch. The Bill Ker medal is named in his honour for staff in the TFA network who have reached 12 or more years of service to the sport. Bill Ker became a Life Member in 2014.

Curriculum Vita

Bill Ker has been involved in Touch Football for over 46 years. During that time some of his achievements are as follows:

Federation International Touch

1989 -1990 Vice President FIT
1992 – 2007 Secretary General FIT
2007 – President FIT
2013 – 2021 secretary General FIT

World Cup

1988 – Host City liaison World Cup, Australia
1991 – Auckland
1995 – Hawaii, Tournament Director
1997 - Masters World Cup Gold Coast Tournament Director
1999 – Sydney, Tournament Organiser



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2003 - Japan, Tournament Organiser
2007 – South Africa, Tournament Organiser
2015 – FIT Secretary General, tournament oversight
2019 - FIT Secretary General, tournament oversight

Youth World Cup

2001 – Auckland, Tournament Director
2005 – Sunshine Coast, Tournament Director
2017 – FIT Secretary General, tournament oversight

European Championships

2004 – Jersey

Pacific Games

2007 - Samoa
2015 - Papua New Guinea - tournament director
2019 - Samoa - tournament director

Bill's Other Achievements in Touch

- He was the Executive Officer of Queensland Touch from 1984 to 1994, and the CEO of the then Australian Touch Association, from 1994 to 2005.
- He initiated and introduced the National Touch League concept.
- Bill served from 1995 to 2007 on the World Cup events committee
- He was awarded the Australian Sports Medal in 2000.
- Attained a Level 5 referee
- Life Member of the Gold Coast and Queensland Touch Associations.
- The “Bill Ker” medal is named in his honour for staff in the TFA network who have reached 12 or more years of service to the sport.
- Life Member of TFA in 2014.
- Life Member of FIT in 2022.
- Named an ICON of Touch at the 2024 World Cup.

