



## Dick Fairbairn

Dick was a great contributor to the sport of Touch, who had a significant influence in the creation of Touch Football both within Australia and internationally.

Dick was a member of the NSW Touch Association Board who served as Director of Finance from 1983 to 1986. He had a significant influence in the creation of Touch Football Australia being elected as the Director of Finance for the then called Australian Touch Association from 1983 to 1992.

Dick also served as the Director of Finance for the first Federation of International Touch (FIT) after the formation of the organisation in Adelaide in 1986, a position he held until 1996.

Both Dick and then president of ATA Ken Wells saw the opportunity for the future stability of the National organisation by investing in land in Napier Street, Deakin. His financial expertise and guidance paved the way for the purchase of the land and the subsequent building of Mungga-Iri House in 1992 a complex which is owned by Touch Football Australia.

To ensure the success of the building project Dick Fairbairn personally guaranteed the loan, a gesture that showed his great love and passion for the sport. The opening ceremony for the building concluded with the unveiling of the plaque naming the Board Room as the Fairbairn Room

His efforts for the sport were recognised when he was named Official of the Year in the 1994 All-Stars of Touch selection. Dick was awarded TFA Life Membership in 1994. Sadly he passed away in 2021

