

TOM HOAD

Tom has been President of the Western Australian Sports Federation which recommended the building of the Superdrome (the present HBF Stadium). Tom was on the inaugural supervising committee with Wally Foreman and Professor John Bloomfield which lobbied the government to have it HBF Stadium built.

Tom was President of the Western Australian Olympians association for 4 years as well as being an inaugural member of the Western Australia Institute of Sport for many years and likewise of the Western Australian Sports Centre Trust.

Tom has also served as Vice President of the Board of Australian Water Polo and had to resign due to health issues.

Tom lobbied the State Government and led the bid committee to Fina for Perth to host the 1991 World Swimming Championships in Perth. Together with the then Minister for Sport in Western Australia, the Hon Graham Edwards, Tom went to Canberra and succeeded in convincing the Federal Minister for Sport, Mr Graham Richardson, to provide funding for the 2x 50 metre outdoor pools necessary to hold the 1991 World Swimming Championships.

Tom subsequently became the Executive Chairman of both the 1991 and the 1998 World Swimming Championships in Perth. Tom also lobbied Fina to have 4 separate Fina World Junior Water Polo Championships, Fina Masters World Swimming Championships at HBF Stadium and chaired the Organising Committee of all these events.

Tom is a graduate of the University of Western Australia and Patron of the University of WA Sports Committee. Until his appointment to Chairman of WPWAI, he has never been on a club or state water polo committee. Tom has a vast knowledge of International Water Polo and is a member of the International Swimming Hall of Fame.