

# William Stanton

2015 Inductee No. 1



William Stanton is the driving force in keeping alive the Goodooga Bowling Club. He took on the job of bowls secretary of the small north western NSW club when no-one else would take on the job. Goodooga is a small town of fewer than 300 people near Lightning Ridge and the Queensland border; nearly all are Yuwaalaraay people.

The club won the Grade 7 State Pennant in 1998, putting the town on the map!

The club had to cease trading at the end of 1999, but under William's guidance, the bowlers continued to affiliate and play as Goodooga Bowling Club, playing out of Lightning Ridge and Walgett. The struggling club dropped back to Grade 7 in 2002 and once again won the State flag.

Under William's motivation the players agreed not to play Grade 7 again, and have since earned their way up the grades, to contest the 2015 Grade 3 State finals. Sport is an important outlet for the aboriginal community, and William Stanton's work has ensured that the Goodooga people have the chance to play bowls.