



The Anna Hopkins Sports Person of the Year Award

Anna Hopkins was a highly valued member of the Monbulk Rangers Soccer Club family, who sadly passed away in July 2014 after a gruelling battle with stomach cancer.

After changing codes from her original (and successful) sport of rugby, Anna represented the Monbulk Rangers Soccer Club as a Senior Women's player, and contributed tremendously to the strength of Women's Football at the Club both on and off the park.

She was a very determined, yet extremely fair player with a true fighting spirit, and was highly respected by all those who took to the field with her. This signature blend of strong-minded spirit, passion for the game and professionalism meant Anna led by example in conducting herself as genuine Sports Woman.

Concluding her playing, Anna became a valued member of the coaching staff at Monbulk and a huge driver and advocate for Women's Football. Anna displayed the same determined yet professional characteristics from her playing days in her coaching. She instilled her passion for the game into the teams she coached, and was again well respected in the coaching community with opposition coaches speaking highly of her professionalism.

The Monbulk Rangers Soccer Club, along with Anna's partner Rachel and daughter Ruby would like to acknowledge Anna's contribution to our Club by presenting the *Anna Hopkins Sports Person of the Year Award* to a deserving winner each season.

Determination, Fairness, Respect & Commitment

The *Anna Hopkins Sports Person of the Year Award* Criteria:

- The Sports Person must have represented MRSC in any of the Senior Women's teams (FFV or VCFA) as a player or coach
- The Sports Person would have conducted themselves throughout the season with the same characteristics that Anna displayed as either a player or a coach (as outlined above)
- They would be highly regarded by those from her own team as well as opposition players/members, and display determination, fairness and commitment to each and every game day

All those nominated

- Must have a nomination submitted in writing to the MRSC Committee
- Selection of the winner will be made by a panel of MRSC Committee Members
- The award winner will be announced at the MRSC Senior Presentation night
- The award winner will have their name on the perpetual *Anna Hopkins Sports Woman of the Year* shield/trophy