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Mr J.N. KENNEDY

His association in the administration of basketball spans 17 years from 1958 to 1974 during this period there were only 3 years he did not serve on the committee.

He took office as Vice - President in 1959 moving to President in 1960, 1961 and 1962. During his time as President he was delegate to the Southland Association.

In 1959 it was on Mr Kennedy's motion to approach the Gore Borough Council as to the availability of the baths as a venue to conduct basketball.

He was directly involved in obtaining plans and when in 1964 work finally commenced he was one of the key men in the construction of the flooring in the baths building.

His association with this aspect of basketball continued through to the new Avon Street Stadium, being on the building committee and a committee member in 1974, the year play commenced in the new Stadium.

Mr Kennedy has been the driving force in establishment of Referees Association and from this the coaching of several Referees to obtain their badges.

He obtained his own New Zealand Referees badge in 1964.

In 1965 he was appointed to the Junior Advisory Committee and gave many years to the coaching and administration of Schoolchildrens basketball.

Along with the coaching of this age group it fell to his lot to arrange the transportation of teams to fulfill interprovincial commitments.

Womens B. Grade and under 18 girls were very fortunate to have the expert coaching of Mr Kennedy during the years 1966, 1968 and 1969.

^{all} In ~~fact~~ facts of the sport and in ways too numerous to record Noel Kennedy has made an enduring impression on the face of Basketball in Eastern Southland.