

A Tribute to Neville Halligan OAM – A great Australian

Sadly we pass on the news that Neville Halligan, undoubtedly one of the "icons" of Seniors tennis both in Australia and abroad, and a great friend to so many of us, passed away peacefully on the 18th September in Brisbane

As recently as May this year, he was in the States playing in the USA National Hard Court Titles in Washington State (indoors) and Southern California (outdoors). He was runner-up in both States in the singles and won the doubles in Southern California. Mentally alert to the end, he was interested in the results of the Australians playing in the Super Senior World event currently being played in Austria and the Czech Republic .

Neville won 3 consecutive World singles titles – a feat not accomplished by any other Australian.

He also won 2 World doubles titles.

He represented Australia 16 times between 1992 and 2011. He was awarded an OAM for his services to Seniors Tennis.

He was a Wellington bomber pilot during the war and flew 39 missions. After the war he became an Accountant and a partner in a leading Queensland firm. He worked from home right up until 2 weeks ago when he signed off with clients, one of whom he had looked after for 65 years and another for 40 years.

A passionate fisherman, he went fishing with a group of 16 men 150kms out on the Great Barrier Reef for a week each July for the last 27 years.



He is survived by his two daughters Christine and Louise and 4 grandchildren, Jane, Richard, Peter and Andrew