

# MITCHAM FOOTBALL CLUB – ‘HALL OF FAME MEMBER’ (#13)

## Tony Andrews (1953 – )



Tony in 2012

Tony is arguably one of the best footballers to pull on a Mitcham Jumper. Good experts say “certainly the best mark and kick”. Goals win matches and Tony was clearly the League’s most dominate full forward kicking 601 goals over 6 years at an average of 100 goals per season. He was clearly pivotal in the Club’s dominance during his era at Mitcham.

To players and supporters alike, Tony ‘Rocket’ Andrews brought so much joy to the Mitcham faithful, like no other. He gave them immense hope and excitement as they witnessed the ball kicked long and high to Mitcham’s goal square. Tony would 9 times out of 10, mark strongly (one grab) whilst a few opponents fell off him. He would go back, and kicked truly, often in poor ground conditions and from any angle. Tony’s strength, size, and skill meant he could not be moved in a marking contest. Added to this his supreme judgement and towering ability to take one-grab marks and

kick goals. Rocket’s kicking style was ‘technically correct’ leaving little room for error. This resulted in him being an extraordinarily accurate kick for goal, with an 85% successful conversion rate. Post his playing days Tony stepped up to give back to the Club, serving on committee as Treasurer and taking on many project roles. Tony’s impact whilst at the Club was profound.

### Player - 9 years:

1978 – 1984	126 games at Full Forward
1978 – 1983	5 years EDFL Leading Goal kicker
601 goals over 6 years	Average 100 goals per year, Club Record
1982	132 Goals, Club Record
1979, 1980, 1981	3 Senior Premierships
1984	1 Reserves Premiership
Consecutive Grand Finals	Played 5 consecutive years: 1978 - 1982
EDFL Rep Player	3-time Representative Player

### Awards and Achievements:

Life Member	1991
Hall of Fame Member	2018
MFC Team of the Century Player: 1888-1998	
Considered Mitcham’s Best Full Forward in the modern era	
Averaged 100 goals per season: 601 goals in 6 seasons	
Most goals in a match	14 (1982)

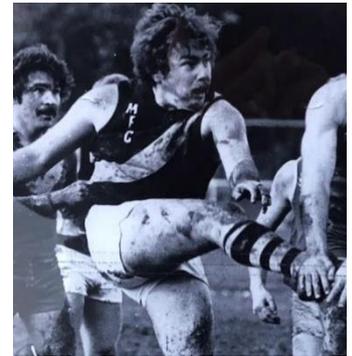
### Committee:

Post his playing days Tony used his considerable accountancy skills to take on the role of Club Treasurer as part of the Club’s Executive. As expected, Tony performed this role with the same accuracy as his impeccable kicking for goals.

1984 – 1986	Treasurer, 3 years
1987	Treasurer, Mitcham Sporting Club
1997 & 1999	‘Rockin the East’ Rock Concert, part Management Team / Finance



Tony in 1979



Tony in action, 1980



Tony in 2019

An added Rocket highlight is the Camberwell FC ‘Blast from the Past’ video interview, where Rocket talks about his time at Mitcham. See YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rL5MTBEipw8>