

Vale Phil STEWART

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The NSW Combined High Schools Sports Association acknowledge the contribution Phil Stewart has made to the NSW Department of Education touch football program.



The PHIL STEWART MEMORIAL TROPHY is awarded annually to the winning girls school team at the state-wide competition finals. Phil Stewart a teacher from Macksville High School was instrumental in developing touch football particularly in the girl's division. Macksville High School were State-wide Champions for five consecutive years from 1988 to 1992.

This is an unparalleled feat by any touch football team to this day in the state-wide competition. Unfortunately Phil tragically passed away in a motor vehicle accident in 2003 and a shield was struck to honour Phil's contribution to the educational and touch football communities throughout NSW.

Phil represented NSW Combined High Schools as a Coach of the Girls 15 team in 1992, 1995, 1996 and 1998 at the Touch Football Australian National Youth Championships. He also coached the Boys 15 team in 1993 and the Boy as 18 team in 2001. The Touch community is saddened by his passing.

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Normal school has been suspended for the day at Macksville High on the NSW mid-north coast while the community remembers one of its best known teachers, killed in last week's two car and two truck collision on the Pacific Highway.

Phil Stewart had just turned 57 and taught at Macksville for 29 years before the road crash just north of Macksville on Wednesday, in which Wollongong man Warren Moore, 40, also died.

Hundreds of people are expected at Mr Stewart's funeral at the Nambucca RSL Club auditorium. Macksville High School principal Peter O'Neill says Mr Stewart was known locally as "Mr Touch Football".

"He developed with the help of others touch football in the valley, was highly involved in junior sports, having coached high school rugby league but had great success with touch football," he said

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"He was north coast manager and coach, a state manager and coach and took teams right through to Australian championships."

