

Football club treasurer dies

The death occurred last Friday afternoon, of the treasurer of the Southport Magpies Australian Rules Club, Mr Eric Smith.

Mr Smith first took the treasurer's position at the start of the 1970 football season and at the Magpies' recent annual meeting he was reappointed unopposed.

The club's president, Mr Leo Busch, said yesterday, the loss of Mr Smith would be a big blow to the club which had built up a high pre-season spirit.

Mr Smith's work for the club was rewarded at the club's annual dinner and presentation night last September, when he received the best clubman award.

A funeral service will be held at 10.30 a.m. today at St. Peters Church of England, Southport and all Magpie players, officials and supporters are asked to attend.

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