



Wyoming's longest serving player, Phil Robson.

Wyoming's kid grows into its best stalwart

IF ever there was a man to coach us through the first 21 years of Wyoming Soccer club, it would be Phillip Robson.

Robson joined the club the year after it started, but it's not only his playing feats which stamped the name Robson an integral part of the club.

The same year seven-year-old Phil joined the club, 1971, older brother Jamie signed with the under-8s and mother Paula, later to become a life member, became actively involved on the committee.

The trio began somewhat of a mini-dynasty in the club.

Youngest brother Matthew later joined the club (1978) while father Eric became a permanent fixture on the sidelines as the club's number one supporter.

And since those early days there has never been a year when the name Robson wasn't connected with Wyoming Soccer Club.

But as Phil remembers it, Wyoming, which fielded just nine junior and no senior teams his first year, wasn't the dominate club it has since grown to.

The teams struggled through its formative years with players who had never before played.

But each year the skill has developed to the stage where

Wyoming is now of the most forceful club's on the coast.

The club is celebrating its 21st year this year and Robson is playing in the club's first grade side as well as coaching the under-13B team.

As he remembers it Wyoming was a small club, but it didn't take long before the club started accumulating the premierships which now clutter its cabinet.

"It was a much smaller club," he said, "I've seen a lot of faces come and go.

"I think it's just been getting bigger every year. At the moment we've got 54 teams.

"I had the same coach Jorg Breitkopf from under-7s right through to under-16s and I think we won four or five premierships.

"I think the main reason I stayed with the club so long was because of him and my parents."

It's the family involvement Phil credits with keeping him at the club so long.

It's the same atmosphere which he feels has made Wyoming one of the Central Coast's most successful clubs, regardless of sport.

"I really think the people that have been involved in the club over the last 10 to 15 years are responsible.

"In know my parents are very keen. Sometimes I think they are keener than me."