



PASTOR NICHOLLS

Pastor Nicholls steps down

Pastor Doug Nicholls today resigned as director-field officer of the Aborigines' Advancement League.

Announcing the resignation, the league's co-director and administrative officer, Mr Bruce McGuinness, said it was expected that Pastor Nicholls would remain with the league as a patron.

Mr McGuinness said Pastor Nicholls had given 15 years service, and the league was looking forward to his continued support.

Pastor Nicholls has been field officer with the league since 1965.

He was a former Fitzroy and Victorian State footballer and a professional boxer.

He was created a Member of the Order of the British Empire in 1957 and in 1963 became the first Victorian aboriginal to be made a justice of the peace.

Pastor Nicholls, 66, was not available for comment this afternoon.

Mr McGuinness said Pastor Nicholls was suffering hypertension and had told the league that his doctor advised him to step down.

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