

## Last stand at Subi for Austin's stand

**POST** sports writer Austin Robertson will spill the beans on a lifetime of behind-the-scenes sporting insights at a special charity late lunch at Matilda Bay Restaurant on Friday, August 2.

Austin (76) is a goal-kicking ace, football hall-of-famer, has managed sports stars ranging from a precocious Bernard Tomic to mercurial Shane Warne, and helped found Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket.

This week, he stood on the hallowed turf of Subiaco Oval to take a last look at the grandstand named in his honour.

"It brought a tear to my eye," he said.

The three-tier stand behind the goals at the Subiaco end will be demolished next month, along with most of the other oval structures.

Deadly-accurate Austin was regarded as the finest full-forward of the 60s, playing for WAFL club Subiaco before being recruited to South Melbourne, where he also topped the club's season's goal-kicking record, in pre-AFL days.

He kicked an amazing 168 goals in the 1968 season for Subiaco. This, and his total of 1212 goals for the club over his career are records that still stand.

He will share his career secrets with POST readers for Variety the Children's Charity, which raises money for sick and disadvantaged children.

Variety WA provides support for children across the state with grants, scholarships and help programs.

"We support them to live, laugh and learn," Variety CEO Tony Hume said.

"The lunch date will be a great afternoon of entertainment by Austin for a great cause."

Tables of eight can be booked at <https://trybooking.com/BDWPR>.

For more information call Katie O'Donnell at Variety on 9355 3655.



*Austin Robertson, the straightest kick in the league, makes a handpass, for the last time in front of the Subiaco grandstand that carries his name. He will unload a lifetime of insiders' secrets at a Variety charity lunch.*

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