Vale Joseph Brancatisano (Joe Brent)

Born on 28th October 1942, Joseph Brancatisano was more widely known as Joe Brent and he represented Australia in Weightlifting at two Commonwealth Games. At the Kingston 1966 Commonwealth Games Joe placed 6th in the 60kg bodyweight category with a Total of 688.5 pounds from the three lifts of Snatch, Clean & Jerk, and Press. He represented Australia again at the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games in 1970. Competing in the 67.5kg category, he unfortunately did not achieve a result in the Total on that occasion.

Joe was Australian Weightlifting Champion in the 67.5kg category six times: 1965, 67, 68, 69, 70, and 1971. He was also a National Championship Silver medallist on three occasions in the 60kg category in 1963 and 1964, and again in the 67.5kg category in 1972.

Beyond Weightlifting, Joe's love of sport extended to indoor soccer. He was the first President of the Australian Indoor Soccer Association, later named the Australian Futsal Association. Joe was a driving force in the early development of that sport prior to FIFA involvement through the Australian Soccer Federation.

In recent years, Joe was an active coach and mentor at Olympic Gym, NSW.

Joe Brent passed away on 17th August 2023, age 80.