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# Graeme Atkins (rugby league)

**Graeme Atkins** (born 9 June 1956) is an Australian former professional <u>rugby league</u> footballer who played in the 1970s and 1980s.

# **Playing career**

Atkins made his first grade debut for Parramatta in the 1975 season against Western Suburbs. Atkins was a replacement in the 1976 grand final against Manly-Warringah but was in the starting side for the 1977 grand final and the subsequent replay against St George. In 1981, Atkins scored a try in Parramatta's maiden premiership victory over Newtown. In 1982, Atkins played in the preliminary final victory over Eastern Suburbs but did not feature in the grand final victory of that season.

In 1983, Atkins made the move to Easts but only spent two seasons there before returning to Parramatta. In 1986, Atkins played in 16 games for Parramatta but was not included in the victorious grand final side over Canterbury. Atkins played one more season for Parramatta before retiring at the end of 1987. [2][3] In 2000, Atkins was made a life member of the Parramatta rugby league club. [4][5]

#### **Graeme Atkins**

Personal information							
Full name	e Graeme	Graeme Atkins					
<b>Born</b> 9 June 1956							
	Sydney,	Sydney, New South Wales,					
	Australia	Australia					
Playing information							
Position	tion <u>Wing,</u> Fullback						
Club							
Years	Team	Pld	Ϊ	<u>G</u>	FG	<u>P</u>	
1975–82	Parramatta Parramatta	79	32	0	0	99	
	Eels						
1983–84	Eastern	26	5	0	1	21	
	Suburbs						
1985–87	Parramatta	44	10	22	0	84	
	Eels						
	Total	149	47	22	1	204	
Source: [1]							

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