

BILL CLARKE

NBHS 1942 Prefects



Back row: (l to r) H Rose, A Holmes, R Evans, T Jones, A Rintoul

Middle row: (l to r) H Bruce, W Dent, F Field, B Molloy, D Lewis, M Kanard, J Marshall, K Banfield

Front row: (l to r) K Robinson, B Gardiner, W Clarke (Captain), N R Mearns (Headmaster), H Beard (Deputy Headmaster), B Johnson (Vice-Captain), B Hunter, B Hartnett

Inset: T Thornton

Sadly, we have just lost another Old Boy. Bill Clarke, who was in First Year in 1938, and went on to become NBHS School Captain in 1942, died a few days ago.

I know a bit about him, because he had also been Captain and Dux at Newcastle East, and was involved in our 200th anniversary celebrations. I did a video interview with him and Miranda Otto, the actor. A true gentleman and bit of a character, he went on to become a lawyer, did lots of community work, etc.

Interesting point - Bill was one of nine children, his dad was a cobbler (shoemaker) whose shop still exists up the top of Hunter Street, though now it's a photographer's shop. It was a tiny shop/home, called (very creatively) "Pon My Soul", and had a mezzanine floor. The whole family slept up there! Depression times were hard!

Sad to lose these great old blokes! Bill was a beauty.

- John Beach NBHS Old Boy and former Principal Newcastle East PS

NBHS 1942 1st XIII Rugby League Team



Winners of University Challenge Shield and Evans Shield

Back row: (l to r) J Levido, J Stanger, T Jones, K Williams, A Rintoul, H Rose, P Mooney

Front row: (l to r) K Trevallion, W Clarke, F Field (Captain), J Quinlan (Coach), R Evans (Vice Captain), P Maehl, J Marshall

NBHS 1942 Swimming Team



CHS Swimming Champions.

Back row: (l to r) R Nicholson, J Reay, E Richardson

Front row: (l to r) W Clarke, C McKenzie (Coach), A Taggart