

Old Scotch Football Club
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – EARLY FIFTIES

Welcome back to **“Crackers Chronicles”**. This week we trace some of the history of the *Old Scotch Football Club* by recounting the contributions of four of our Life Members from the early 1950s.

A. R. Allen Morris

Allen Morris was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1952. He played 148 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1952 – 1962. He started playing in our first Juniors premiership team of 1952 and was vice-captain.

Together with his brother Ralph, in 1953 he started, published and mailed out the weekly OSCFC “Drumsheet” newsletter (later changed to an email formatted “eDrumsheet” in 2006, and from 2014 published on the OSFC website)

Allen captained the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1955 & 1956 and was the club’s Best & Fairest in 1957. He was a Victorian representative in 1959 & 1960.

Allen was also instrumental in establishing both our Reserves in 1958 and our Warriors team in 1961. He coached our Juniors in 1961 and our Warriors in 1962 & 1966.

He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1970.

Allen is the brother of fellow OSCFC Life Member Ralph Morris (1952 – 1963) and continues to attend our matches.

R. K. R. Ralph Morris

Ralph Morris was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1952. He played 156 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1952 – 1963. He started playing in our first Juniors premiership team of 1952 and then captained our Juniors in 1953. He was also the Juniors’ Best & Fairest in 1953.

Together with his brother Allen, in 1953 he started, published and mailed out the weekly OSCFC “Drumsheet” newsletter (later changed to an email formatted “eDrumsheet” in 2006, and from 2014 published on the OSFC website)

Ralph went on to become President of the Old Scotch Collegians’ Association in 1982.

He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1991.

Ralph is the brother of fellow OSCFC Life Member Allen Morris (1952 – 1962).

J. C. John Richards

John Richards was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1952. He played 14 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club Juniors* in 1952 and helped establish our first Under 19s team by managing the team. He played in the Club’s first Juniors match in 1952, and later coached our Juniors in 1954 & 1955.

John acted the club’s Honorary Legal Officer for 42 years from 1956 – 1998.

John went on to become President of the Old Scotch Collegians’ Association 1979.

He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1991. He died in 1998.

John is father of OSCFC player Andrew Richards (1981 – 1985).

Dr C. McD. Colin Melville (“Doc”)

Colin Melville was recruited from *Scotch College* in 1953. He played 188 games for the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* from 1953 – 1966.

Colin acted as the club’s Honorary Medical Officer for 47 years from 1966 – 2012, and coached our Juniors for five years from 1972 – 1976.

He was awarded a Life Member of the Club in 1978 and awarded a VAFA Certificate of Merit in 2015.

Colin is the brother of Ken Melville, who captained our club in 1961 after playing for the Melbourne FC, and he continues to attend our matches.

Next week we will look at the Life Members from the late 1950s ...

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