

Old Scotch Football Club  
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – CLUB PRESIDENTS PRE-WAR (1921 – 1940)

Welcome back to this week's edition of "**Crackers Chronicles**".

Each week in this column we will trace some of the history of the *Old Scotch Football Club* by recounting the contributions made by our great club presidents.

This week we focus on our club presidents before the War ...

**W. S. William "Bill" Littlejohn ("The Boss") 1921 - 1926**

Bill Littlejohn was principal of *Scotch College* from 1904 – 1933. During his time as principal, he was always keen to foster the development of old boy activities. Although a Scot and a keen rugby follower from New Zealand, to which he and his family had emigrated in 1881, and where he had been President of the *Nelson Rugby Union Club*, in 1921 he helped founder the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club*. He then served as the club's first President for the first six years of the fledgling club's existence from 1921 – 1926. During his presidency, the club won three A Section premierships in 1923, 1924 & 1926.

Bill was awarded Life Membership of our Club in 1927. Bill died in 1933.

**W. H. William "Bill" Everard 1927 – 1940**

Bill Everard, an old boy of *Scotch College*, was a partner in, and eventually proprietor of, the family firm Everard Brothers, in business as tea merchants. He was also a politician who was a Member of the Victorian Legislative Assembly for the electoral district of Evelyn, from 1917 until his retirement in 1950. He helped founder the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* in 1921.

In 1927, he took over from Bill Littlejohn and served as the second President of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* for 17 years from 1927 – 1940, and again most importantly from 1946 – 1948 helping re-establish the club after World War II.

During his presidency, the club won five A section premierships in 1927, 1931, 1932, 1933 & 1934.

Bill was awarded Life Membership of our Club in 1936.

However, having helped re-form our club after World War II, he was made "Life President" in 1947 and a Patron of our Club in 1949. Bill died in 1950.

He is our **longest serving Club President with five A Section premierships** during his presidency.

Next week we will look at the club presidents immediately after the War - the 1940s & 50s ...

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