

Old Scotch Football Club  
CRACKERS CHRONICLES – CLUB PRESIDENTS POST-WAR (1946 – 1959)

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 immediately after the War – the 1940s & 50s ...

**W. H. William "Bill" Everard 1946 - 1948**

Bill Everard, an old boy of *Scotch College* and politician, was a Member of the Victorian Legislative Assembly for the Electoral district of Evelyn from 1917 until his retirement in 1950.

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 after World War II from 1946 – 1948.

He was awarded Life Membership of our Club in 1936.

However, in 1946 he helped re-form our club after World War II and 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**.

**J. H. L. John Beyer 1949 – 1952**

John Beyer, an old boy of *Scotch College* and chemist, served as the third President of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* for four years from 1949 – 1952, taking over from Bill Everard. As a city pharmacist, for many years he supplied our club with free medical supplies. His nephew Peter Beyer played one game with our club in 1949 and his great nephew Mark Beyer played 64 games with our club from 1976 – 1986.

**V. T. Vern Tilley 1953 – 1958**

Vern Tilley, an old boy of *Scotch College*, served as the fourth Secretary of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* for 12 years from 1932 – 1948. He was a premiership Secretary in 1932, 1933 & 1934. After World War II, in 1946 Vern helped re-form the club when all pre-war club officials resumed their roles. He is our club's longest serving Club Secretary.

He then went on to serve as the fourth President of our club for six years from 1953 – 1958, taking over from John Beyer.

He was awarded Life Membership of our Club in 1949, and made a Patron of our club in 1959. Vern died in 1984.

**C. F. Colin Macdonald 1959**

Colin MacDonald, a champion cricketer and sportsman, was an old boy of *Scotch College* and served as the fifth President of the *Old Scotch Collegians Football Club* for one year in 1959. He had been President of the *Old Scotch Collegians' Association* back in 1947.

Next week we will look at our club presidents of the 1960s ...

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