

## Vale

Wilfred (Bill) Lawrence Murray (29 January 1918 -23 July 2012)  
aged 94 years



**In the photo shown taken below at Jubilee Oval Glebe in the early forties Bill Murray is standing in the back row second from the right hand end.**

One of the Club's longest living ex-Member's Bill Murray died on Monday 23 July 2012. Bill was aged 94½. Bill's brother Frank was also a distinguished Member of the Club.

The Murray family lived at 5 Alfred Street Forest Lodge, overlooking Harold Park. In the 1930's the Hockey Club trained at Allen's Reserve in Annandale and played its competition games at Jubilee Oval, Glebe and Saint Paul's Oval at Sydney University. Allen's Reserve was below Alfred Street and was conveniently situated near the Murray boy's home. The area was built on after World War Two and is now occupied by the Glebe Police Citizen's Youth Club

Bill, then aged 20, and his younger brother Frank started with the Club in 1938 and played until the early 1940's when they both enlisted in the Australian Army. Bill played in the First Grade team of 1940 that won the Competition. He became a Corporal in the 25<sup>th</sup> Field Co. Royal Australian Engineers N 51785. The war years substantially interrupted Bill's hockey playing career. He was absent from the Club from 1942 until he started back again in the 1948 season and during this year he played his 100<sup>th</sup> Club game for Glebe. He continued to play off and on until 1955 accumulating 179 Club Games along the way.

Most of his career Bill played in the forwards in the Second and Third Grade teams, although in his last year, 1955, he shared the goal keeping duties for the third grade team. In 1953 Bill

played in the premiership winning Third Grade team which comprised Jim Kenny, Bernie Watson (goal-keeper), Bill Ewens, Paul Rogers, Len Needham, Don Campbell, Harry Wilson, Dave Robertson, Leo Murdock, Harry Butler, Allan Halls, Albert Martin and Kelvin Dickey.

After finishing his hockey career Bill took-up lawn bowls with a passion, and played bowls for over fifty years from the late 1950's up to within 12 months of his death.

Bill worked for many years at A W Edwards of Forest Lodge a construction and fit-out business. After leaving A W Edwards he then worked for the Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council until he retired. Following his marriage to a Glebe girl, he and his wife Noreen, remained in the Glebe area for a time. They later moved to Killara, Ryde, Eastwood and then North Ryde. They had two sons, Peter and Mark. Bill is survived by Noreen, his sons Peter and Mark and two grandchildren. In his old age Bill had moved to a nursing home at Normanhurst and this is where he died.

The Hockey Club extends its heartfelt condolences to Bill's family on the occasion of his death. He liked his hockey and made a substantial contribution to Club Life. May the Lord give Bill his Eternal reward in Heaven where he will be reunited with many of his ex-team mates from his Glebe playing days, Thank you Bill.