

Arthur Leslie Ashburn Stubbs Biography

Born 21st February 1911

Died May 1972

Occupation: Plumber

Major Projects Worked On: Kurnell Oil Refinery
Sydney Opera House

Worked as a sole trader and worked for companies.

Born and lived in Hereford Street, Forest Lodge and in Glebe at Eglinton Road, Alexandra Road and Glebe Point Road. We moved to 1a Hillcrest Avenue Greenacre in early 1955.

Married Margaret Eva Goodman- dressmaker- (on 21st December 1929 at the Church of England Holy Trinity Church at Dulwich Hill by clergyman Frederick William Tugwell) – who was Born 5 February 1912 and passed away October/November 1991, who had lived in Glebe near Bridge Road, Glebe. Both Arthur and Margaret were both local youths of Glebe and Forest Lodge. Both Arthur and Margaret went to school in Glebe and Forest Lodge (Primary for Arthur) area.

Arthur was the third (youngest) son of John (plasterer) and Amy Stubbs (nee Ashburn) of Forest Lodge. It was his Father's second marriage.

Margaret Eva Goodman was the eldest daughter of Eva Margaret Goodman (nee Splatt) and Sidney Goodman.

Arthur Stubbs was a Mason in the Red and Blue Lodges achieving the highest levels of Grand Master in both Lodges.

Arthur was in the Army Reserve achieving the rank of Sargent but his term finished before the Second World War and could not re-enlist due to his type of work (plumber) and worked on War Ships at Garden Island Dockyard.

In the 1940s was a founding member of the Glebe Police Boys (now Youth) Club as well as his wife Margaret Eva Goodman and mother in law Eva Margaret Goodman and all became Life Members of the Club.

In the mid- 1950s after the family moved to Greenacre (previously Chullora) Arthur and Margaret were involved in the Foundation of Bankstown Police Boys (now Youth) Club.

In about 1956 Arthur became involved in the Glebe District Hockey Club (GDHC) through his son (Bill) and was involved in the formation of two junior hockey teams (under 12 and 14 years of age) from the Glebe Police Boys Club. The teams played in a red and lightish blue shirt

Arthur became more involved in the GDHC serving on the Management Committee for a number of years.

He went on tours with the Club to Brisbane and Tamworth and actually played goalkeeper (in the number one side) in one Tamworth trip and was so stiff he did not work for three days on return to Sydney – had never played hockey before and did a good job in goals. Arthur's sport was cycling and soccer (played first grade for Canterbury).

He was a great believer in Youth Sport and Youth in general. He was involved in other sports – notably Rugby League at the Glebe Police Boys Club.

Arthur as stated above was a plumber in his working life and in his later working years was a foreman plumber for his company working on the major projects of the Kurnel Oil Refinery and the Sydney Opera House.

Arthur and Margaret had three sons –

Leslie Sydney William Stubbs, born 8 July 1930 and died October 2006. Married Shirley (from Ashbury) and was divorced with three children, Karl, Gina and Ivan.

Noel Harold Stubbs, born 12 December 1937 and died late November/December 2009. Married Noni (from Bondi), two children Michelle and Wayne. Lived most of their lives in Darwin, NT.

William John Stubbs, born 24 November 1939, married Beverley Joyce Quinn on 11 March 1961 from Greenacre. Five children, Karen Louise born 19 May 1962, deceased July 1962; Craig John born 10th July 1963, Tracey Louise born 3rd August 1965, Melissa Jane born 4th March 1968 and Brett William Arthur born 19th March 1972.