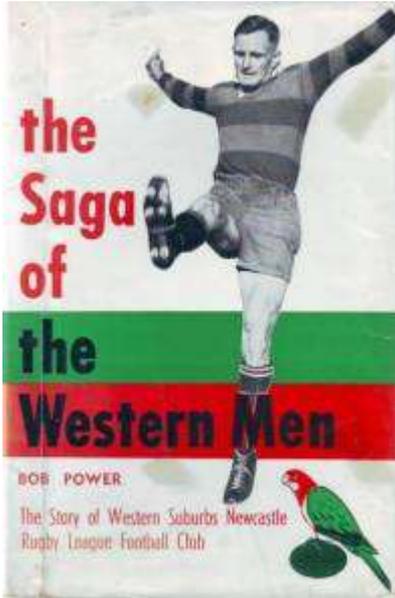


Bob Power



Bob Power wrote "The Saga of the Western Men" in 1966. Any person with an interest in the Western Suburbs RLFC should beg, buy or borrow this book. Bob Power's Author's note at the front of the book reads.....*To write an accurate account of playing personnel and individual performances in any sporting body where no records have been maintained would be impossible. This story of the Western Suburbs Rugby League Football Club has been gathered from verbal information supplied by old time footballers, and, in addition, records were obtained from newspaper files and League programmes dating back to 1911. It was not possible, however, to check every individual match played and the list of players who have appeared for the Rosellas in the senior grade is by no means complete. From 1954 to 1966 full details of club activities have been preserved by the Western Suburbs administration, and "The Saga of the Western Men" becomes factual.....*As you can see by the photo (Dec 2009), Bob Power is hale and hearty and still supports the West Rosellas. THE WESTERN SUBURBS RLFC SALUTES

BOB POWER, AND THANKS HIM FOR WRITING THE HISTORY OF THE CLUB FROM 1910 TO 1966 - "THE SAGA OF THE WESTERN MEN". In the introduction to the book Bob penned the following poem

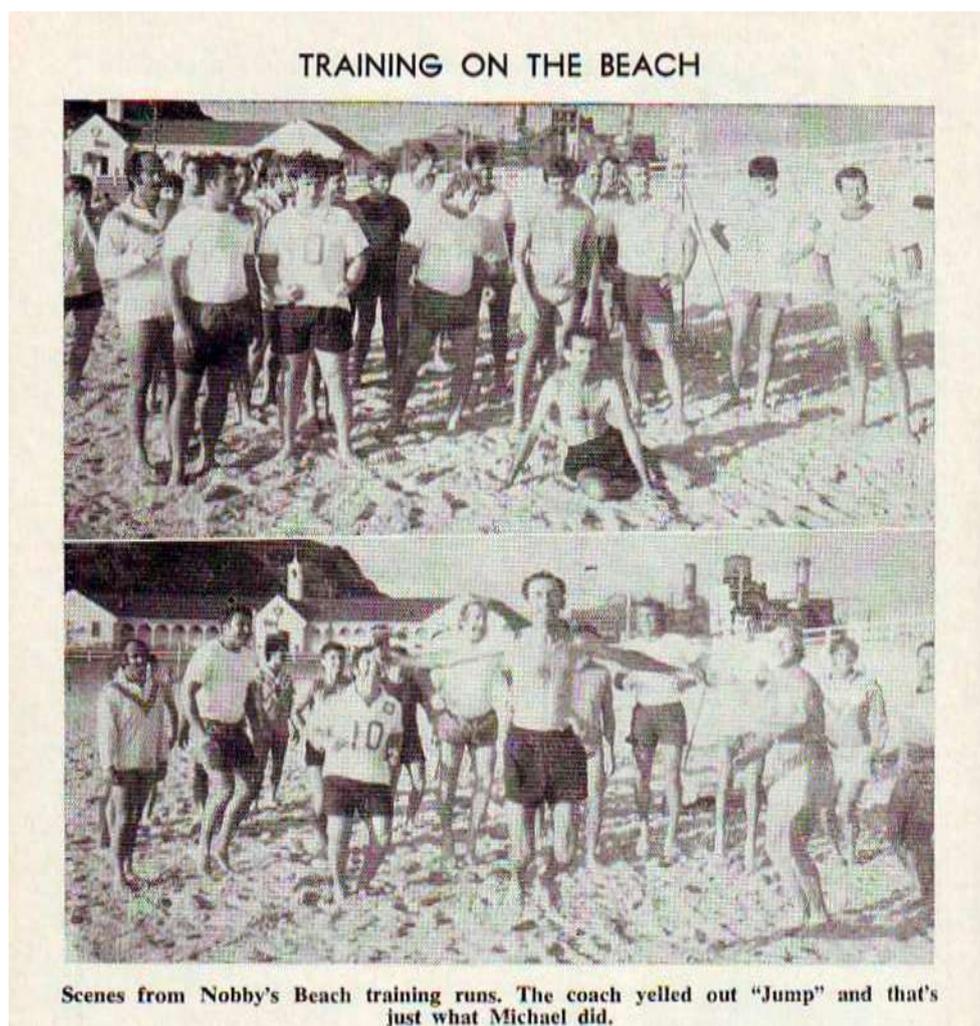
As an artist would paint in colour
So I will write with pen
The glorious passing chapters
Of the mighty Western Men
'Tis a picture though crudely painted
But a moral it surely imparts
Of the records achieved down the ages
And tells where the West story starts
All times on the fields of Rugby League
They battled our prestige to rise
Sure, the rainbow has Red and Green colours
And it's mighty high in the skies!!



Thank you Bob! The book's great, and the poem – well, it makes you proud to be a West man!

Training at Nobby's Beach

This 1972 photo shows West pre season training at Nobby's Beach.



West Third Grade win again – Nine in a Row!



Nine consecutive Grand Final wins!! In 1972 West Thirds completely outclassed South Newcastle by 40 points to 7 in the Grand Final to record an impressive win. Point scorers for West were – Greg Owen (2 tries) and tries to Peter Kachel, Col Pritchard, Roger Dean, Ron Davie, Kerry Campbell and Brian Warby with Brian Warby kicking 7 goals and Kerry Campbell 1 goal.

Right from the first whistle West showed why they were practically unbeatable in this grade.

The forwards to a man did their job and foraged their way downfield to get their speedy backs into scoring positions. The backs, capably led by Skipper David Higgins, completely outclassed their opponents, and Higgins had his best game ever for West.

The accurate goal kicking of Brian Warby was another obstacle that South could not overcome, and his general play was also faultless, as “Points” Warby had one of his best days.

Young centre, Greg Owen, had a strong game, and he looks to have a big future ahead of him, as he has safe hands, strong defence, and that touch of class that only “top class” Rugby League players have at such an early age.

So it is “Congratulations Fellas, and Congratulations to coach Neil Gibson” from all at West. Certainly Third Grade Grand Final wins in 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971 and 1972 carries on the tradition that “West is Best.”

Testimonial to Three West Stalwarts

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GLEN MALONEY

- 1941 Played Auburn United in Western Suburbs (Sydney) Junior Competition.
- 1942 Captain Granville Shamrocks A Grade.
- 1946 Played Queanbeyan Blues in Massie Cup.
- 1948 Played West Third Grade — Semi-finalists.
- 1949/51 Assistant Secretary.
- 1951 Selector.
- 1952 to present time Secretary.
- 1953/63 Delegate to Newcastle Rugby Football League.
- 1960 Elected Life Member of Western Suburbs Rugby League Football Club.
- 1973 Elected Life Member of Newcastle Rugby Football League.

Messrs. Wheeler and Mullaly – Co Patrons Newcastle Rugby League.

There were representatives from each of the nine other district clubs, the Referees Association, the Sub – Junior

HENRY OLAF
("Harry") HARDING



- 1927 Played West Under 16 team.
- 1929 Played West Under 18 and Patrons Cup.
- 1930 Played West Under 20 and Patrons Cup.
- 1931 Played West Reserve Grade, Under 20 and Patrons Cup.
- 1932 Played West First and Reserve Grades.
- 1933/34 Played West Reserve Grade.
- 1935 Played West First Suburban A Grade Undefeated Premiers, selected Newcastle A Grade Junior Representative team.
- 1936/37 Played West Reserve Grade.
- 1938/41 Committee.
- 1942/43 Treasurer.
- 1944/57 Committee.
- 1947 Elected Life Member of Western Suburbs R.L.F.C.
- 1949/51 Secretary Western Suburbs Associated Rugby League Clubs.
- 1955/56 Proxy delegate to Newcastle Rugby Football League.
- 1958 to present time President.
- 1959/67 West delegate to New Lambton Oval Board.
- 1970 Elected Life Member Newcastle Rugby Football League.

July 31 1974, will always be remembered as one of the greatest sporting social events ever in this district. Organised by the committee of the Western Suburbs RLFC it attracted no less than 350 leading sporting identities and was voted by all who attended as "the very best show".

Committeeman Doug Sellwood opened the proceedings and welcomed the official guests and visitors. At the official table we had our Lord Mayor, Mr Anderson, Mr Kevin Humphreys – President Australian Rugby League, A.N. "Clancy" Kingston – President NSW Country Rugby League, J. "Mo" Wilson – President Newcastle Rugby League and

Referees, the Directors of Newcastle Leagues, Central Charlestown Leagues, Belmont Sportsmans, Maitland Leagues and Manly Leagues Club.

The media were there in force. We noted in our movements around the packed auditorium Noel Harrison, Hec Scott, Wes Cornish and Reg Gazzard. In fact in the huge seas of faces we missed many who turned up to make the show a success. Our thanks for your wonderful support.

There was a good roll up from our Second Division club and the subsidiary Junior Clubs in our area. Food was served and appreciated by our own Frankie Davidson and Faye Warnock.

The Lord Mayor's toast, seconded by Kevin Humphreys and "Clancy" Kingston to the honoured three was next on the agenda, and many kinds words floated through the air.



JOHN REAVLEY BELL

- 1932 Whilst attending Lambton Public School chosen N.S.W. P.S.A.A.A. to play Queensland.
- 1935 Captain of West Under 16 team — undefeated Minor and Major Premiers, also played West Under 20 Minor and Major Premiers and Patrons Cup.
- 1936 Played West Under 18 and 20 — Under 18 Minor and Major Premiers, also played Patrons Cup.
- 1937 Played West Under 18 and 20 — Under 20 Minor and Major Premiers.
- 1938 Played West First Grade (17 years old when selected). At the end of the season Jack enlisted in the Army which only allowed him to play with West whilst on leave. Up to 1946 Jack had played approx. 60 first grade games with the Club when a leg injury cut short his playing career.
- 1946/49 Selector.
- 1950 to present time Treasurer.
- 1955 Elected Life Member Western Suburbs R.L.F.C.

Jack Bell (39 years), Harry Harding (47 years) and Glen Maloney (26 years) responded and then Bert Wheeler presented each with a beautiful 400 day clock suitably inscribed.

The club poet-laureate, “Slim” Hunter, came to light with the following tune sung to “Happy Days Are Here Again”.

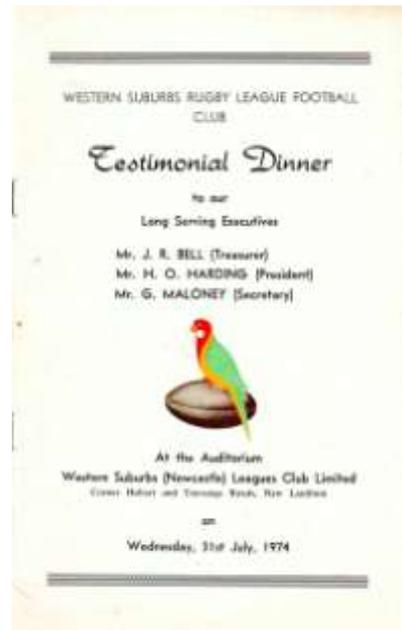
Salute to 3 West Stalwarts – by Slim Hunter

(Jack Bell – Treasurer 1950 to 1992, Harry Harding – President 1958 to 1975, Glen Maloney Secretary 1953 to 1975)

Let’s sing a song of the might men
Harry Harding, Jackie Bell and Glen
Who have stood by West through thick and thin
It’s a song of mighty men.

*Year by year, they’ve stood the test
Knowing only how to give their best
And the reason as you may have guessed
Just to prove that “West is Best”*

So let us cheer these Western men
Let me tell you who they are again
Harry Harding, Jackie Bell and Glen
Let us cheer three mighty men!



Left to right: Jack Bell, Glen Maloney and Harry Harding.