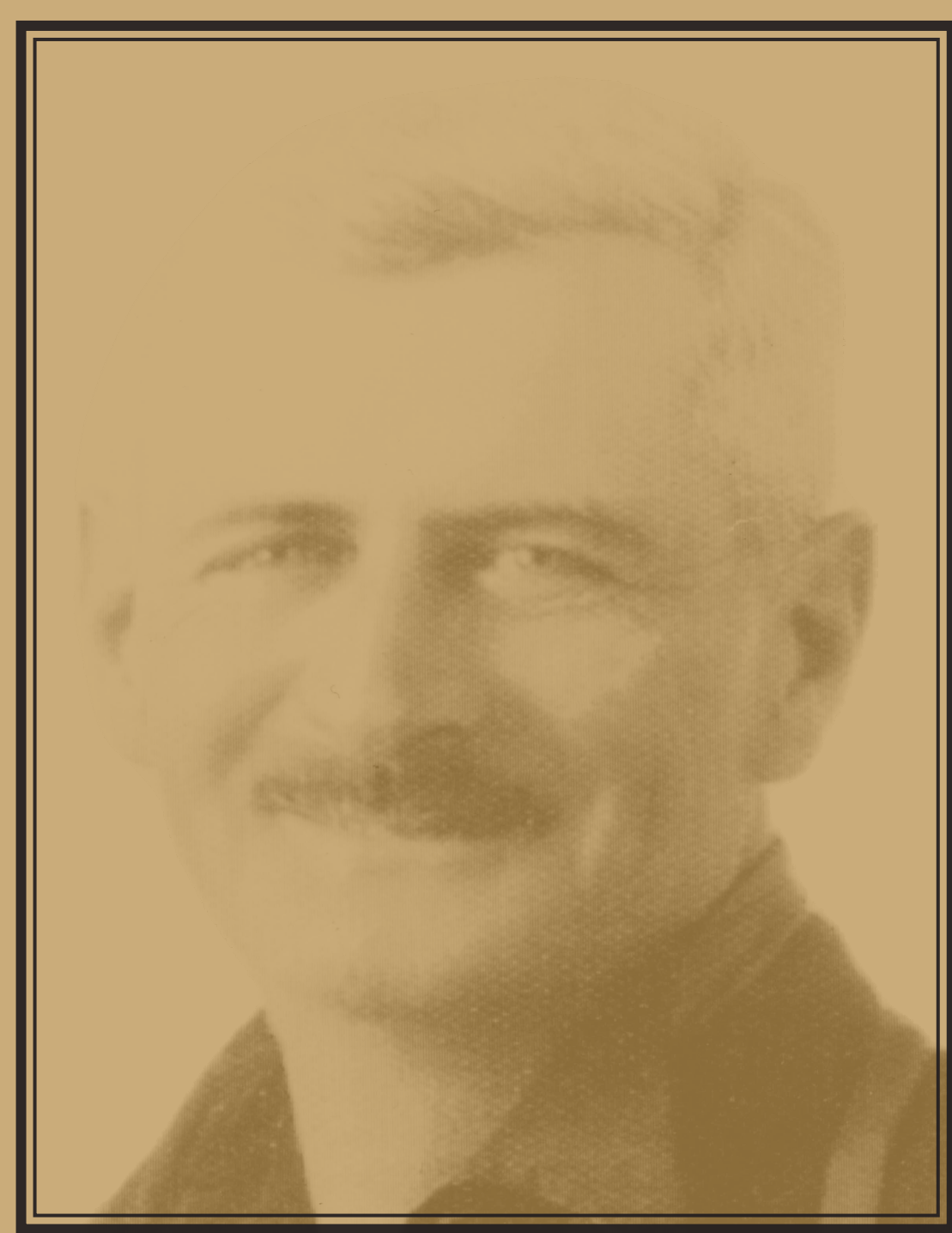


OUR PERSONALITIES



Dr Don Tregonning

As founder of the club, Don is responsible for Suburban's original red, white and blue colours. The colours were taken from the Royal Marines Artillery shirts that were lent to a team in which Don played. Unable to return them to the ship from which they came (possibly the Ark Royal), Don adopted the shirts as the first Suburban uniform, paired with black shorts.

Sydney Johnson

Sydney "Syd" Johnson was a stalwart of Suburban Hockey Club before and after WW2, where he served as President. He is a Life Member of Suburban and Hockey WA. He fought in WW2 flying in Lancaster bombers over Germany, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in 1944 and a bar on conclusion of his double tour of operations. Post-war Syd came back to Suburban Hockey Club for a short period before being appointed as Crown Prosecutor in Papua New Guinea where he served for 20 years.



Vern Gooch

Vern Gooch joined Subs in 1957 together with his favourite fullbacks, Ray Strauss and Alan Barblett. As a player, Vern was a goalie and played in A grade until 1962. He also represented WA - his claim to fame is the 1958 tournament without having a goal scored against him! Vern was a club coach and selector, badged umpire for WAHA and AHA, plus coach of his son Michael's U13 team. As an administrator, Vern was club Secretary and President, and was instrumental in developing the Gardy Marshall Cup for 040s (the start of vets hockey).

Charles Harper

Charles Harper joined Suburban in 1963 and played as a fullback for the top team. He was Secretary and President of the club. His many achievements include beautifying the grounds and clubrooms at Tregonning Field, the formation of SEPSA, and the attraction of international players to Subs. As a result of his efforts, Subs won Classic League in 1982, 1983 and 1984. Charles was awarded a Hockey WA Award of Merit and Hockey WA Life Membership. He died from cancer, aged 42.

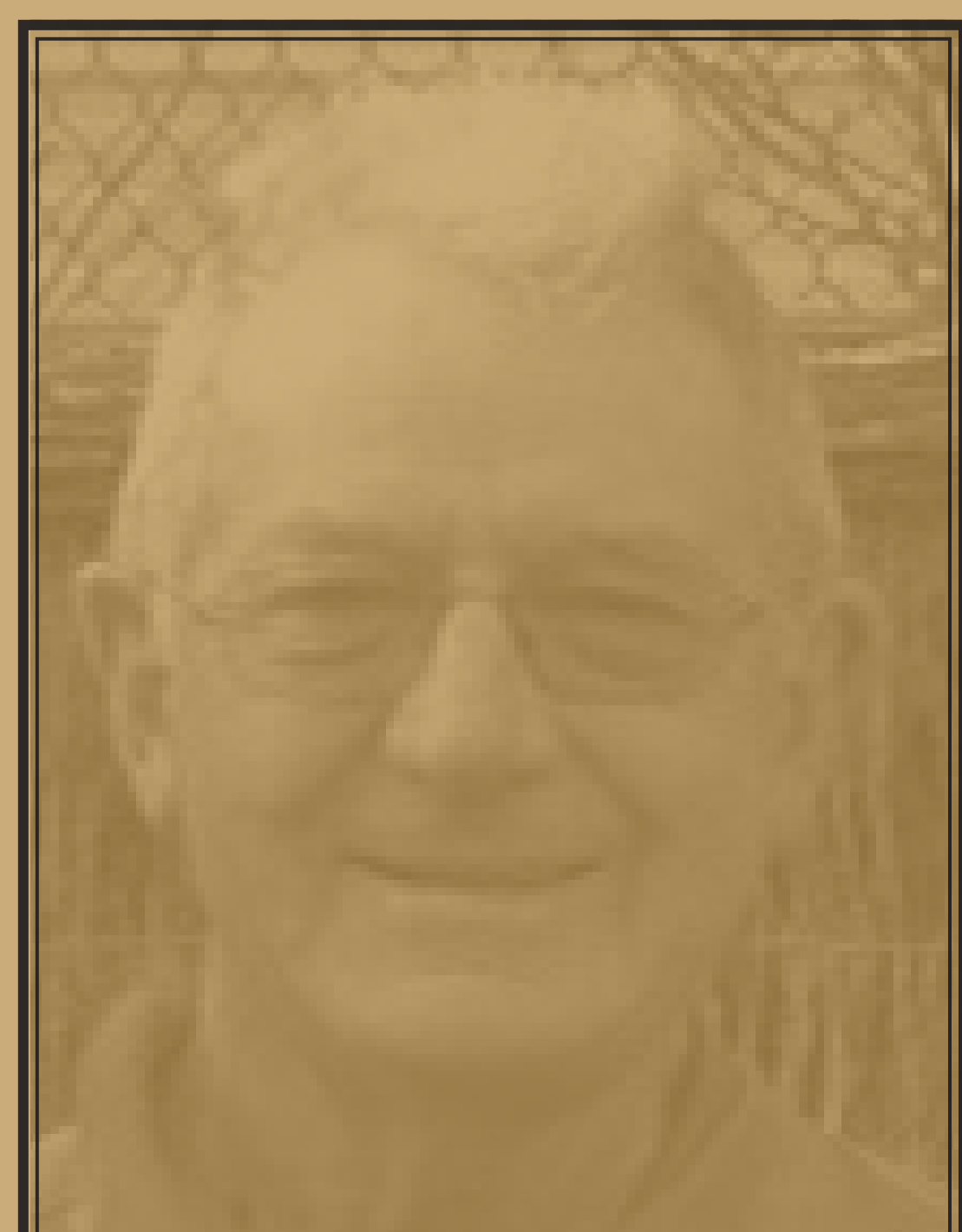


Peter Freitag

Peter Freitag coached Subs to premierships in 1982, 1983, and 1984, and also later coached our juniors/minkey. His international playing and coaching achievements include representing England/Great Britain from 1971 to 1978 and playing in three World Cups. Peter was assistant coach of the Australian women's hockey team at the Seoul (won gold) and Barcelona Olympics, and Champions Trophies. Peter's sons – Rob (juniors) and Simon (up to Classic League) - and grandson Tom (juniors) all played for Subs. After 40 years of coaching hockey (and teaching) Peter recently retired from Scotch College.

Peta Berry

Peta Berry played in the first women's team at the renamed Subiaco Hockey Club, one of the first ever women to play at our club. She was recruited by Chris Carrie. Peta also became the first female president within the club, a role she held a couple of times. She played in the first female turf team with Anna Hawkins and Melita Whately (the club's first female Vice President) and was coached by Melita's mother Dot. Peta still plays for our metro women's after many long years service to Subiaco, Riverside and now Suburban Lions.



Bevan Lawrence

Bevan Lawrence started playing hockey aged 13, and has represented WA as a junior, senior, and veteran. Bevan's hockey achievements as a volunteer and player include founding the junior club for Riverside Lions, and building the junior and women's programmes at Suburban Lions. He has been President and continues on the current committee today. He has an extensive playing and coaching career at top levels, and held roles on the Shenton Turf board and Hockey WA council.