



Newington Medal Recipient 2013

The Newington Medal recognises outstanding contributions, actions and achievements of Old Boys who have gone beyond the normal expectations.

This is the highest honour Newington can bestow on an Old Boy for meritorious and commendable achievement. The Medal acknowledges an Old Boy (both Australian and International residents) whose work, profession, skill, dedication, generosity and/or support has involved meritorious and commendable achievement in business, the professions, community service, industrial development, technology, human relations, education, cultural development, sport, international relations, the arts or philanthropy.

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Hubert (Harry) Bell started as a 12 year old boarder from Wee Waa in 1938. Son of an Old Boy, Hubert Bell (ON 1888), he participated in all aspects of school life but excelled in academic subjects. In the 1943 Leaving Certificate, Harry gained second place in the State for English. Upon leaving school, Harry enlisted for World War II and served with the 2/9 Commando Squadron of the 2/6 Cavalry Regiment in New Guinea for a total of 19 months. Harry later wrote of his time at Newington and his subsequent war service in a book entitled Wee Waa to Wewak. Upon discharge in 1947, Harry commenced law at The University of

Sydney and graduated with Honours. He was admitted to the Bar in 1952 and appointed a District Court Judge in 1974. Following retirement in 1997, he acted as a District Court judge for a further three years and served two six-month terms as an acting Judge of the Supreme Court. Throughout his post school life of nearly 70 years, Harry has maintained a close relationship with the College, keeping in contact with alumni, supporting events and being a significant contributor to the College archives. He is a founding member of the 70 Club, which he served as Vice President. Harry Bell is a man of many parts – scholar, poet, author, debater, boxer, soldier, lawyer, judge, husband, father and grandfather. He is a man that can well serve as a role model for all Newingtonians and a most worthy recipient of the Newington Medal.