

W.E. (Bill) Elliott Singles Trophy

Bill Elliott was the General Secretary of the Victorian Railways Institute (VRI) in the years leading up to and during the 2nd World War. He was such a strong leader, that his nickname during this period was “Der Fehrueer”.

Bill was a very strong willed gentleman, who led a well developed team of Institute members, during a period of strong growth and membership in the Institute.

Jack McFarlane fondly remembers being sent on messages, as the lad messenger in the City office in Flinders Street, to take down or collect Collars for dry cleaning, or collect other shopping items for the staff and WE Elliott in the office. “Jackie, would you go and get...” The line would come from the office, and off Jack would go!

When it came time to award the first Singles Championship Trophy in the VRI Bowls Club, it was naturally named after one of the strong supporters of sport in the Institute, Bill Elliott.