



Cpl. Walter John Price



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club: A Grade 1914

Cricket Club: 1911/12 – 1914/15 (A & B Grade)

Captain B Grade (1914/15)

Degree – BA (1914)

Background

Coinciding with the Centenary of Anzacs our incentive behind the series of biographical publications is the Adelaide University Football and Cricket Club's desire to honour our players who served in the Great War (1914 - 1918). These brave men put on hold their academic, professional and sporting careers for King and Country in the name of peace and freedom. The AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Committee is endeavouring to identify every one of our players who served and prepare life stories on all. This is to ensure their sacrifices and further contributions to society will be recognised by future generations.

On Anzac Day 2015, the Centenary of the Gallipoli landing, a memorial plaque was unveiled on the Adelaide University Oval Pavilion and this was followed by the erection of a picket fence between the pavilion and the scoreboard with each picket bearing a plaque with the name of an AUFC/AUCC player who served.

The following documentation relates to the life of Walter John Price. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

The AIF Project

<https://aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=245919>



Walter John PRICE

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|-----------------------------|---|
| Regimental number | 3167 |
| Place of birth | North Melbourne Victoria |
| Religion | Church of England |
| Occupation | Tutor |
| Address | The Rectory, Norwood, South Australia |
| Marital status | Single |
| Age at embarkation | 22 |
| Next of kin | Father, Rev F J Price, The Rectory, Norwood, South Australia |
| Enlistment date | 8 June 1915 |
| Rank on enlistment | Private |
| Unit name | 10th Battalion, 9th Reinforcement |
| AWM Embarkation Roll number | 23/27/3 |
| Embarkation details | Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A15 <i>Star of England</i> on 21 September 1915 |
| Rank from Nominal Roll | Private |
| Unit from Nominal Roll | 10th Battalion |
| Fate | Returned to Australia 9 September 1916 |
| Date of death | 23 February 1947 |
| Place of burial | Kew Cemetery |

Service Record

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8023316>

A 6049 10th Battrn.

RETURN TO AUSTRALIA
Per
For

16 AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 3167 Name PRICE, Walter John
Unit 9th Bde. 10th Infly
Joined on Pay and service from June 4/15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... 1. Walter John Price

2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... 2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of North Melbourne in the County of Victoria

3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... 3. N.B.

4. What is your age? ... 4. 22 1/2 Yrs

5. What is your trade or calling? ... 5. Tutor

6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... 6. No

7. Are you married? ... 7. No

8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... 8. Father (Rev. F. J. Price, The Rectory Norwood Sth Australia)

9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... 9. No

10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... 10. No

11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... 11. 2 1/2 Yrs School Cadets 2nd. Salisbury Rifle Club 1 Yr.

12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... 12. Yes

13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... 13. No

14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service? ... 14. Yes

15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... 15. Yes

3. Walter John Price do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date 4-6-15

Walter Price.
Signature of person enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

Biography

Early Life

Walter John Price was born in 1893, the eldest son of the Rev. Frederick Joseph Price and Ada Mary Lunt. Walter's father was an Anglican minister in Victoria at the time of Walter's birth. The family moved to Perth when Walter was young. His father then obtained a transfer to Adelaide in June 1910, so 'his family will be able to receive that University education which he so much desires they shall get and at the same time, be under the paternal roof.'

Schooling

Walter attended Perth High School but sat for the Adelaide University Public Examinations. He passed Junior Examinations in 1906 and 1908 and Senior Examinations in 1909. While at Perth High School, Walter was a member of the Cadet Corp.

January 1910 - Perth High School Cadet Corp



Walker, 865 Hay-street

OFFICERS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL CADET CORPS.

Standing—Captain J. M. Jenkins, Corporal Dickson, Lieutenant A. B. Montgomery, Lieutenant D. R. McLarty, Lance-corporal Riley, Corporal Price, Colour-sergeant Jenkins. Sitting—Sergeant Mitchell, Sergeant McMillan, Sergeant Riley. Reclining—Corporal Browning, Corporal Hester.

W.J. Price – Standing – Second from Right

Following the move to Adelaide, Walter then attended St Peter's College (SPSC), Adelaide from July 1910. When at SPSC, Walter passed his Higher Public Examinations. He also played cricket for SPSC in the SACA B Grade competition.

University

Walter commenced studying for a Bachelor of Arts degree at Adelaide University in 1911. While a student, he was the honorary treasurer of the Adelaide University Arts Association and he was on the 1914 committee that organised the annual procession and concert. In December 1914, Walter gained his Bachelor of Arts in Classics.

University Sport

Athletics

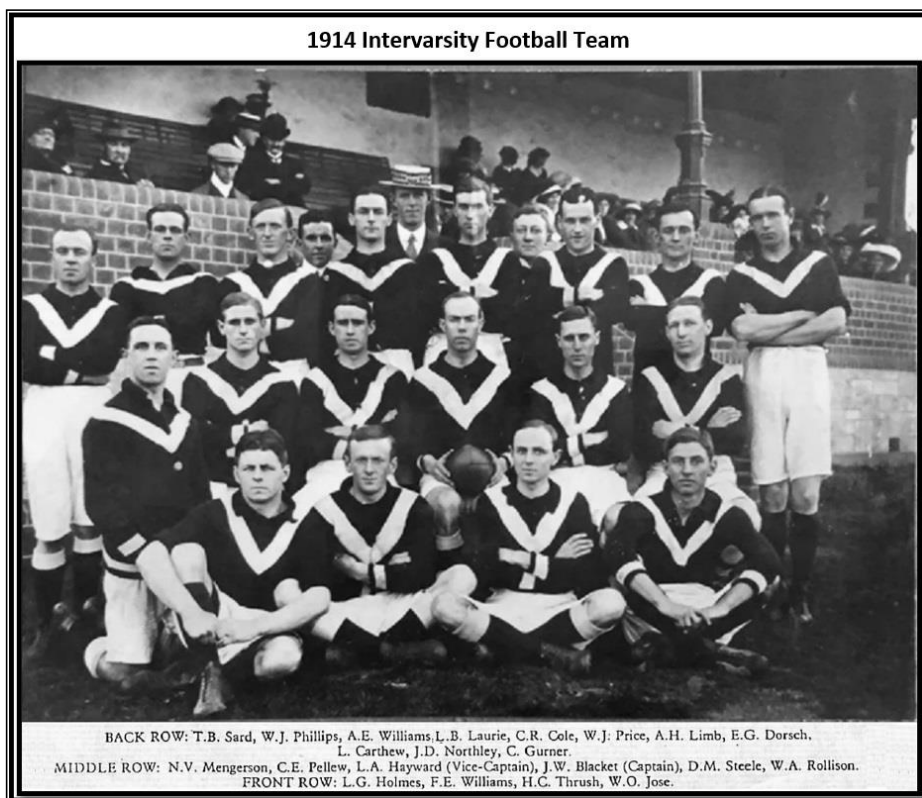
Walter competed in the Adelaide University Sports in 1911 and 1912. He came first or second in the Mile Walking Race in 1912 (newspaper reports differ on his position in the race).



W.J. Price – No 85 at Right if he won the race.

Football

Walter played A Grade football for Adelaide University in 1914.



W.J Price –Back Row -Sixth from Left – In Boater Hat

Cricket

Walter played cricket for Adelaide University from the 1911/12 to 1914/15 seasons, playing seven A Grade games. He played in the B Grade in 1911/12 and then a mix of A and B Grades in the seasons that followed. Probably his finest A Grade innings for the Club was in the 1912/13 season in a loss to Glenelg when he opened and carried his bat for 47 not out. Playing in the Glenelg team was Jack Crawford, the former English Test cricketer who had come to South Australia to play for the State. An outstanding pace bowler, he took eight wickets, but was not able to get Walter out. Crawford also had been appointed a sports master at SPSC so would have known Walter.

| GLENELG. | | | | |
|---|------|----|----|----|
| First innings 300 | | | | |
| Second Innings. | | | | |
| F. T. Hack, c. Willmore, b. Taylor | 6 | | | |
| T. M. Waddy, c. Price, b. Taylor | 2 | | | |
| C. Kenneally, c. Pavia, b. Wilton | 22 | | | |
| W. O. Cooper, run out | 0 | | | |
| D. Wallington, b. Taylor | 10 | | | |
| J. N. Crawford, c. Goode, b. Wilton | 25 | | | |
| H. G. Peake, st. Blacket, b. Willmore .. | 30 | | | |
| K. H. Quist, not out | 11 | | | |
| J. Laycock, not out | 12 | | | |
| Byes | 4 | | | |
| Total (for seven wickets) | 123 | | | |
| Bowling. | | | | |
| | O. | M. | W. | R. |
| C. R. Davies | 8 | 3 | 0 | 11 |
| R. T. Taylor | 10 | 0 | 3 | 51 |
| A. C. Wilton | 6 | 0 | 2 | 31 |
| H. B. Willmore | 0 | 0 | 1 | 20 |
| UNIVERSITY. | | | | |
| First Innings. | | | | |
| W. J. Price, not out | 47 | | | |
| I. E. Ashby, b. Crawford | 0 | | | |
| C. Richards, b. Crawford | 0 | | | |
| H. C. Thrush, c. sub., b. Crawford | 3 | | | |
| J. Blacket, c. sub., b. Laycock | 0 | | | |
| A. C. Wilton, b. Crawford | 20 | | | |
| H. B. Willmore, c. and b. Crawford | 16 | | | |
| C. R. Davies, b. Hack | 12 | | | |
| K. Goode, c. and b. Crawford | 1 | | | |
| R. T. Taylor, b. Crawford | 8 | | | |
| R. R. Pavia, b. Crawford | 4 | | | |
| Byes | 9 | | | |
| Total | 126 | | | |
| Bowling. | | | | |
| | O. | M. | W. | R. |
| J. N. Crawford | 15.3 | 2 | 8 | 53 |
| W. O. Cooper | 5 | 1 | 0 | 14 |
| J. Laycock | 2 | 0 | 1 | 19 |
| F. T. Hack | 8 | 1 | 1 | 31 |

A natural leader, Walter captained the B Grade in his final season with the Club, however in January 1915 when four of the A Grade team were unavailable because of Sheffield Shield commitments (A. G. Moyes, D. M. Steele, C. E. Pellew and H. B. Willmore), he was called on to captain the A Grade team against East Torrens. Walter's statistics for the 1912/13 B Grade and 1914/15 A Grade season are below.

| The Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923) | | | | | |
|--|------|-----|------|------|------|
| Fri 11 Apr 1913 / Page 1 | | | | | |
| Season's Averages. | | | | | |
| ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY B. | | | | | |
| —Batting.— | | | | | |
| | Inn. | R. | H.S. | N.O. | Avg. |
| H. H. Swift | 4 | 107 | 57* | 1 | 35.6 |
| C. R. Cole | 4 | 68 | 47* | 2 | 34.0 |
| A. M. Moulden | 13 | 334 | 132 | 2 | 30.5 |
| A. V. Davenport | 6 | 112 | 45 | 1 | 29.4 |
| M. Badger | 8 | 148 | 67 | — | 18.3 |
| R. R. Pavia | 12 | 201 | 73* | 1 | 17.7 |
| A. Limb | 3 | 52 | 24 | — | 17.3 |
| E. P. Howard | 14 | 216 | 46 | 1 | 16.6 |
| W. J. Price | 10 | 164 | 59 | — | 16.4 |
| L. Hurley | 8 | 97 | 58* | 2 | 16.2 |
| G. S. Marshall | 7 | 103 | 44 | — | 14.7 |
| C. Richards | 5 | 70 | 50 | — | 14.0 |
| F. Timcke | 6 | 40 | 28 | 2 | 10.0 |
| J. C. P. Strachan | 4 | 29 | 16 | 1 | 9.6 |
| S. S. Mills | 7 | 67 | 44 | — | 9.5 |
| P. C. A. Fornachon | 8 | 71 | 33 | 1 | 8.8 |
| F. H. Beare | 8 | 52 | 22 | 2 | 8.7 |
| —Bowling.— | | | | | |
| | O. | R. | W. | Avg. | |
| R. R. Pavia | 92 | 369 | 30 | 12.3 | |
| G. S. Marshall | 26 | 123 | 10 | 12.3 | |
| Ashby | 25 | 94 | 7 | 13.4 | |
| E. P. Howard | 100 | 435 | 31 | 15.6 | |
| A. M. Moulden | 50 | 241 | 13 | 18.5 | |
| P. C. A. Fornachon | 47 | 349 | 18 | 19.4 | |
| L. Hurley | 34 | 171 | 7 | 24.4 | |
| Also bowled—Brice, 2 for 57; Richards, 3 for 56. | | | | | |

B-Grade 1912/13 Season

| Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931) / Sat 10 Apr 1915 / Page 17 | | | | | |
|---|-------|------|-----|------|-------|
| UNIVERSITY. | | | | | |
| The undergraduates' team suffers great disadvantages. There are times—during the vacation—when it is almost impossible to get a good eleven, and on other occasions the University can put a great side into the field. One would have thought, however, that with the talent at the command of this club it would have been keenly contesting the premiership. Some of the students played magnificently, at times, but in not a few instances the players lost through over-confidence and carelessness. University fell from fifth to sixth place. | | | | | |
| UNIVERSITY. | | | | | |
| —Batting (24).— | | | | | |
| | Inn. | N.O. | R. | H.S. | Avg. |
| D. M. Steele | 8 | 1 | 375 | 104 | 63.57 |
| A. G. Moyes | 10 | — | 446 | 140 | 44.00 |
| C. E. Pellew | 13 | 2 | 402 | 94 | 36.54 |
| H. B. Willmore | 11 | 1 | 284 | 74 | 26.40 |
| H. L. Rayner | 4 | 1 | 62 | 22* | 20.96 |
| C. Richards | 4 | 2 | 87 | 20* | 18.50 |
| A. Limb | 13 | — | 217 | 64 | 16.69 |
| I. B. Jose | 7 | 3 | 83 | 26 | 16.00 |
| B. T. Taylor | 8 | 1 | 115 | 41* | 16.42 |
| E. M. Weatherill | 13 | — | 64 | 26 | 10.23 |
| J. K. Nicholls | 8 | 4 | 29 | 9* | 10.00 |
| L. A. Mander | 8 | 1 | 38 | 10* | 8.50 |
| O. V. Beamer | 4 | — | 32 | 13 | 8.00 |
| W. J. Price | 8 | — | 39 | 23 | 7.50 |
| H. C. Thrush | 4 | — | 24 | 21 | 6.00 |
| J. D. Northey | 10 | — | 31 | 17 | 3.10 |
| K. N. Steele | 4 | — | 10 | 4 | 2.50 |
| Also batted:—E. P. Howard, 17, 4; E. T. Davies, 5, 0; F. H. Beare, 0*, 11*; L. J. Hurley, 0; R. G. Horwood, 4, 1; H. T. Edwards, 0, 0. | | | | | |
| —Bowling (15).— | | | | | |
| | O. | M. | R. | W. | Avg. |
| I. B. Jose | 63.3 | 8 | 248 | 24 | 10.12 |
| H. B. Willmore | 124.1 | 19 | 441 | 33 | 13.86 |
| K. N. Steele | 61.3 | 10 | 289 | 18 | 16.05 |
| A. G. Moyes | 113.3 | 26 | 353 | 16 | 19.61 |
| C. E. Pellew | 62.4 | 15 | 167 | 7 | 22.85 |
| Also bowled:—J. K. Nicholls, 150, 8m. 30r. 1w.; E. M. Weatherill, 50, 2m. 31r. 0w.; W. J. Price, 18.300, 1m. 100r. 5w.; E. P. Howard, 14.50, 1m. 70r. 5w.; F. H. Beare, 50, 0m. 35r. 0w.; L. A. Mander, 30, 8m. 12r. 1w.; H. L. Rayner, 90, 0m. 33r. 0w.; L. Hurley, 30, 0m. 13r. 0w.; R. G. Horwood, 30, 2m. 51r. 1w. | | | | | |

A-Grade 1914/15 Season

World War I

Walter was working as a tutor at St Peter's College when he enlisted on the 8th of June 1915. He was 22½ years old and his father was listed as his next-of-kin. Walter had been a Senior Cadet for two years and a member of the Salisbury Rifle Club for a year. Walter was 6'2", 157 lbs, with a fair complexion, grey eyes and fair hair. Walter had enlisted as a Private (SN 3167) in the 10th Infantry, but by the 16th of July 1916, he was an acting Sergeant.

He embarked on the 21st of September 1915 onboard the *HMAT A48 Seang Bee* and joined his battalion on the 25th of November 1915. Walter was appointed a Lance Corporal on 6th of December 1915 and promoted to Corporal on 1st of March 1916. He joined the British Expeditionary Forces at Alexandria, Egypt on the 27th of March 1916 and then travelled to Marseilles, France on the 3rd of April 1916. Walter was wounded (gunshot wound to left knee) in France on the 25th of July 1916 and invalided to England on the 29th of July 1916 and admitted to the 3rd Western Hospital at Newport.

The Rev. F. J. Price, rector of St. Bartholomew's, Norwood, has been officially notified that his elder son, Corporal Walter J. Price, has been wounded in France. Mr. Price's youngest son, who went all through the Gallipoli campaign, is still in Egypt.

He was repatriated to Australia onboard the hospital ship *HMAT A61 Kanowna* on the 9th of September 1916. He was placed on the Supplementary List of NCO's on the 25th of October 1916 for three months, sick and wounded. Back in Australia, Walter returned to duty on the 21st of December 1916 within the 4th Military District (SA and Broken Hill) and was discharged on the 17th of October 1917.

Walter was present when the house and grounds at Austral House were handed over to the RSL for five years and he was on the committee which organised the Returned Soldiers' Sports in 1918. Walter was also an official at the St Peter's College Sports in 1918.

Career & Family Life

Before May 1918, Walter had returned to the teaching staff at St Peter's College as a resident master. He was appointed a provisional Lieutenant in the Commonwealth Military Cadet Corps.

In May 1919 Walter accepted a position at Trinity Grammar School, Victoria.

Mr. Walter J. Price, B.A. (son of the vicar of St. Bartholomew's, Norwood), who has been on the resident staff of St. Peter's College since his discharge from the military forces, has resigned his post at that institution in order to follow his profession at Trinity Grammar School, Kew, Victoria. Mr. Price, who enlisted in 1914, took a good degree in classics at the University of Adelaide, and his future work will consist largely in teaching those subjects. He is a fine cricketer; and he has been in charge of the cadets at the college for some time.

Walter married Winifred Violet Woods in 1919.

In November 1922, Walter attended the Associated Grammar Schools Sports.



W.J. Price – Second from Left

Walter was with the Trinity Grammar School boys when they travelled to the South East of South Australia in 1924 and to Tasmania in 1926.

Education by Travel.

VISIT OF TRINITY COLLEGE BOYS.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for entertaining the 40 boys from Trinity College, Kew, Victoria, who will arrive here on Friday, August 29, met yesterday and drew up the following programme:—

Saturday.—A motor trip through Yahl, O.B. Flat, and Moorak, and a visit to the various factories. In the afternoon the visitors will be engaged in a football match with the local High School boys.

Sunday morning.—A church parade will be held at Christ Church, and in the afternoon a walking trip will be arranged around the lakes.

Monday.—No arrangements are being made, as the members of the party might care to make some plans of their own for the day, but that evening the three-act comedy, "Her Husband's Wife," will be staged in the new Institute Hall, the total proceeds of which are being devoted to the Dingley Dell restoration fund.

Tuesday morning will be spent by visiting Mount Gambier to give the boys some idea of station life, and Mr. R. C. Hayman is arranging to get some sheep in and have them shorn. The party will then be taken on to Port MacDonnell, where it is proposed to have dinner and to visit the beauty spots in that locality, including Dingley Dell, where afternoon tea will be provided by the Dingley Dell restoration committee.

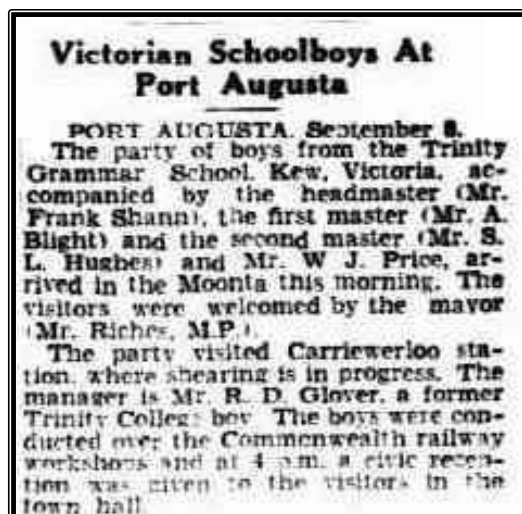
The party will leave Mount Gambier for Hamilton on Wednesday morning by the train leaving at 7.30 a.m.

Hospitality is being provided for the party by local residents, and the committee would like to be advised of any owners who would place their cars at their disposal for the trips arranged for Saturday and Tuesday.

The head master, Mr. Frank Shann, M.A., will be in charge, and will be accompanied by Mr. S. L. Hughes, B.Sc., sports master, Mr. W. J. Price, B.A., and Mr. G. F. Adeney, B.A.

Walter and Winifred lived at 366 Carlisle St, St Kilda (1924), 10 Dickens St, St Kilda (1925) and 2 Mozart St, St Kilda (1927) before moving to 230 Cotham Road, Kew by 1931.

Walter travelled with the Trinity Grammar School boys again in 1936 when they visited Roseworthy Agricultural College, and Port Lincoln, Moonta and Port Augusta in South Australia.



Walter was still at Trinity Grammar School in 1941 and in addition to other duties he had been Sports Master and cricket coach at the school. Notably, Walter coached Len Darling the future Australian Test Cricketer.

In 1937 Walter was elected to represent the Central Ward of the City of Kew, as a councillor and in 1940 and 1941 Walter was elected the Mayor of the City of Kew.



November 1940



Mrs and Mr W.J Price at Left

In June 1941 Walter was pictured with Mr Robert Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia on the Prime Minister's return from a world tour.



W.J Price – At Right

Walter was an active member of the RSL and President of the Kew Sub Branch. Walter and Winifred attended the RSL Ball at Hawthorn in 1941 and the RSL Ball at Kew in 1946.

Walter was also a member of the council of the Swinburne Technical College and a member of the council of the Rockingham Red Cross Convalescent Home. He was a member of the Kew Bowling Club and the Trinity College Old Grammarians' Masonic Lodge and a past President of the Victorian Branch of the St Peter's College Old Boys Association.

Death

Walter John Price passed away at his residence "Omro", 230 Cotham Road, Kew on the 23rd of February 1947, aged only 54. He left a widow, Winifred. Walter was buried at the Boroondara Cemetery.

OBITUARY

Cr. W. J. PRICE

Cr. Walter John Price, of Kew, died suddenly yesterday morning, aged 55. The late Cr. Price, who was mayor of Kew in 1940, took a leading part in a wide range of community activities in the district. He was president of the Kew sub-branch of the R.S.L., a member of the council of Swinburne Technical College and a member of the council of Rockingham Red Cross Convalescent Home. He was also a member of Kew Bowling Club and a member of the Old Trinity Grammarians' Masonic Lodge.

The late Cr. Price, who was for many years a senior master at Trinity Grammar School, was born in Adelaide, educated at St. Peter's College, and studied at Adelaide University. He leaves a widow.

The funeral will take place at Boroondara cemetery this afternoon after a service at Holy Trinity Church, Kew.

OBITUARY

Death of Trinity Grammar Master

Cr Walter John Price, BA, senior classical master at Trinity Grammar School and a member of the Kew Council for many years, died at his home, 230 Cotham rd., Kew, yesterday after a short illness. He was 55.

Cr Price, who was president of the Kew sub-branch of the RSL and was Mayor of Kew in 1940, was the elder son of Rev F. J. Price, of Woodville Park, SA, and was educated at St Peter's and Adelaide University. He had been on the teaching staff at Trinity Grammar for 26 years, and served in the 1914-18 war with the 10th Battalion, AIF. He was a member of the Swinburne Technical College Council and Rockingham Red Cross Convalescent Home, and a Past Master in the Old Trinity Grammarians' Masonic Lodge. He is survived by a widow.

The funeral will leave for Boroondara Cemetery, after a service at Holy Trinity Church, Kew, at 3pm tomorrow.

Winifred moved to 123 Pera Street, North Balwyn by April 1950. She died in 1965 aged 72 at Plenty (20kms north of the Melbourne CBD).

Profile Compiled by: Beth Filmer AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Committee

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