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Bro. TREVOR ALLAN
(RUGBY UNION GREAT)

The North Shore mourned the passing of arguably its greatest ever footballer on 27th January 2007.

Trevor Allan, OAM, who represented Gordon, N.S.W. and Australia with distinction before ending his playing days with the North Sydney Rugby League Club, died peacefully at his Turramurra home at the age of 80.

Highly respected sports broadcaster Gordon Bray, a fellow North Shore resident who knew Trevor Allan for nearly 40 years, led the tributes following his death.

When he began his traineeship with the ABC in 1969, Allan was one of the station's expert commentators and just over a decade later, the two were teamed together when Bray started calling club rugby on television.

Bray described Allan as "a modest champion" who had "an astute and analytical rugby brain."

"He was someone you could look up to and someone you never heard a bad word about," Bray often said.

"You could name any all-time Australian side and he would be in it - he is one of the true legends of the game."

Allan's talent as an evasive and skilful three-quarter was evident from his early days at Willoughby Primary School and later at North Sydney Technical High School.

He captained the School's first XV during his final year and the team went through the Combined High Schools competition without a point being scored against them until the Grand Final when the opposing team kicked a penalty goal. After graduating from North Sydney Tech High in 1946, he was drafted into Gordon's first XV.

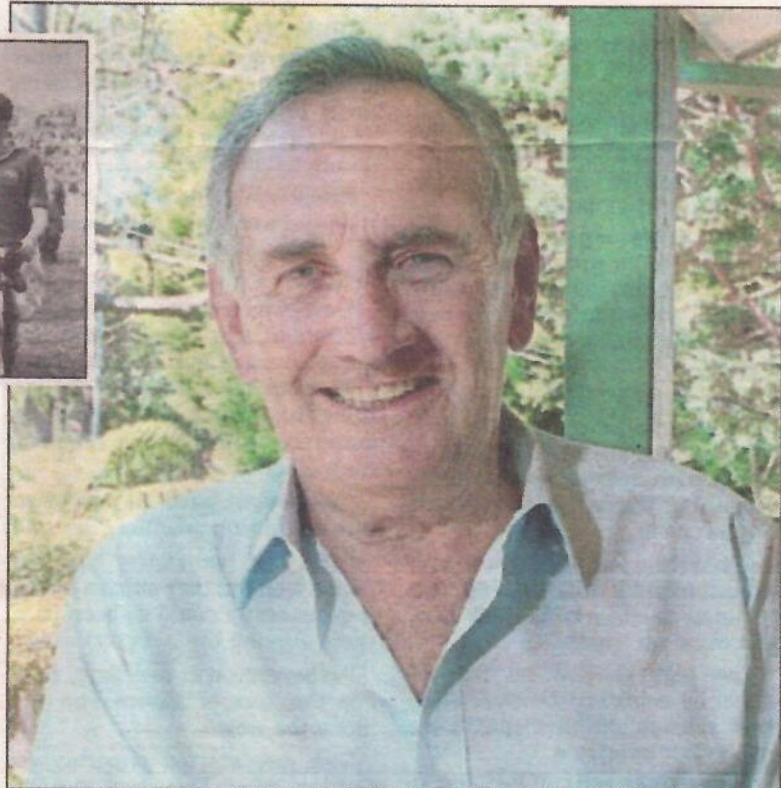


In his younger days . . . Wallaby captain Trevor Allan in 1949.

It took Allan just a dozen games in the top grade to earn his maiden Wallaby cap and he was made vice-captain for the 1947-48 tour of the British Isles.

It was on that trek that Allan became Australia's youngest captain at just 21 years of age and retained the leadership until he switched to rugby league with the English Club Leigh in late 1950.

Allan came home in 1956 to link with North Sydney, where he played three seasons as captain-coach before a knee injury forced him to hang up his boots.



It was ironic that Allan should end his career with the Bears because they had tried to lure him to the professional code when he was a teenager and he was reportedly keen to play league, only to be talked out of it by his father who was the coach of the Gordon first XV.

Trevor Allan's funeral was held at Northern Suburbs Crematorium. As a mark of respect, the NSW Waratahs wore black armbands in their opening Super 14 match of the season against the Lions in Johannesburg.

Former Gordon and Australian rugby great Trevor Allan, who died at the age of 80. Inset: A glorious moment celebrating the Bledisloe Cup victory in 1949.

Bro. Trevor Allan was initiated in Lodge Kuring-gai Lewis No. 499 on 19th July 1949 by the writer's father, Wor. Bro. Basil L.E. Davis who was the Wor. Master at the time.

He was passed to the Second Degree on 15th November 1949 and Raised a Master Mason on 10th January 1950.

His Master Mason's Certificate is No. 202731.

Bro. Trevor Allan Called Off on 20th September 1956.
