



Brothers Rugby League Football Club was first formed in 1919. In 1936 under the direction of Father Eddie Concannon parish priest of Holy Name Parish, together with Jack Monaghan, it was decided to form Holy Name Sporting Club and, enter a Rugby Union team in the 1937 Toowoomba competition. The team was simply called 'Holy Name' after the parish. The colours were white jersey's with a black V and white shorts.

In 1938 Bishop Roper requested the name be changed to C.Y.M (Catholic Young Men) still wear the All White uniform. C.Y.M continued on in Rugby Union until 1941. In 1942 when the Toowoomba Rugby League went into recess, the Toowoomba amateur Rugby League was formed. An extract from the Toowoomba Chronicle on Friday 8th May 1942 read, "*A new senior team will be playing tomorrow.*"

It was the rugby union side from last season. This club at the recent meeting decided to disband from rugby union and, in order to preserve the team spirit to reform under the name of "All Whites" Father Michael was the main inspiration to the move. He became President and Jack McGaw became Secretary. Between them they set out forming the new All Whites Rugby League Club. Incidentally Father Michael made the move to Charleville where All Whites Rugby League Football Club was formed there.

Past Brothers Rugby League was disbanded in 1939 at the request of Bishop Basil Roper and was renamed "Charltons" Charltons eventually disbanded in 1941.

All Whites in its first year in 1942 were runners up in the premiership being defeated by Valleys 13 points to 6. Frank Brennan was the point's scorer for All Whites kicking 3 goals. It was also interesting to

note Frank Kearney who was later to become an All Whites stalwart, score a try to help in the defeat.

However in the following year 1943 the club won its first premiership, and went onto win 13 premierships in the next 20 years, a truly remarkable performance. The name Boshammer in the teams of every one of those victories. Kevin played in the last 11 and his father Herb was in the first 3. It was great to watch the combination of father and son in the front row of a Premiership and win.

The first Premiership winning team in 1943 was:

J Gaylor, J Sheehan, F Brennan, W Egan, H Menz, T Carpenter,
P O'Brien, R Gill, S Neilson, H Mogg, F Keefe, H Boshammer, J Hart

Tries were scored by

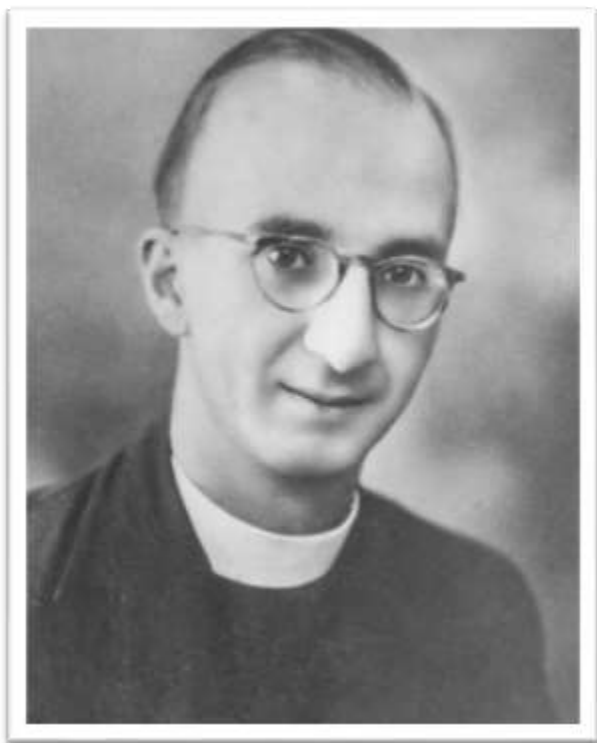
J Sheehan (2) F Keefe J Gaylor (1)

With J Gaylor (2 goals)

In 1951 the committee decided to arrange a meeting with Bishop Roper with the intentions of changing the name of All Whites to Brothers. However, after a lengthy discussion their request was refused. The club continued to play in the All White jerseys for some years only in later years saw a change to the blue and white stripe of Brothers. We have turned back the clock 60 years and returned to Brothers Toowoomba as of 2005. In keeping with Brothers tradition, we have also returned the traditional "butcher stripe" design, well recognised throughout the Brothers fraternity. Toowoomba Brothers have built a strong reputation in recent seasons since changing the name from All Whites. In the late 50's rugby league was running strong in Toowoomba that all four clubs, Valleys, Newtown, Souths and All Whites had reserve grade sides equaled their top grade sides. Each Sunday each Sunday these four first grade teams would play double headers at the athletic oval with crowds far exceeding today's attendance. The 'Glenholme' clubhouse was completed and officially opened in 1977.

Since 2005 we have appeared in each TRL First Grade Grand Final, and have been a dominant force in the competition.

Brothers Rugby League Football Club Inc is run solely on a dedicated team of volunteers. Currently in the local Toowoomba Rugby League competition we see sides from Under 19, Reserve & A Grade as well as an open women's side.



Father Michael



Jack McGaw