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JOSEPH WALTERS

Joe is the youngest son of recently-retired Watchman, Joe Walters and works in the Transport and Yard Department.



He was born at Speers Point in December, 1941 and educated at Boolaroo and Cooks Hill High Schools. After leaving school he commenced work with D. Dellaca's Joinery Works and then later went to another local joinery firm, Smith's Joinery, of Boolaroo. In 1960 he went work for Australian Wire Rope Works and was with them for four years until joining us at Sulphide Corporation in October. 1964 Joe started here at the Fertilizer Plant and was a member of the No. 3 Mill team under Frank Rice. He was transferred to the Transport and Yard Department in 1968.

Joe is married and lives at Bell Street, Speers Point. His wife was formerly Patricia Mash, of Toukley. They have two children, Marc, aged four and Lee, 16 months.

Joe is a keen soccer supporter and presently is coach of Lake Macquarie Under 12 Years team. He also had a one year stint as coach of Toronto/ Awaba Third Grade team. Until an injury forced him to give the game away, Joe played first and reserve grades with Lake Macquarie and Cardiff Workers Club. He is also a golfer and plays off a handicap of 15 at Toronto Country Club. Like his father he is also a keen fisherman and particularly likes beach and fishing. Around rock Mooney is a favourite spot for this pastime.

JOHN ALLAN ROBSON

Born at Maryville, Newcastle, in June 1934, John lived in Swansea until he was married in 1956. He attended Swansea Public School and Central Junior Tech. High, where he obtained his Intermediate Certificate.

After finishing school John worked at a local garage until he was 16 years old then he went to Wallarah Colliery as a trapper and clipper. In 1951 he commenced work with the Dep't, of Main Roads as a timekeeper-storekeeper in the Northern Division, remaining with them until 1956 when he joined the Time Office staff at B.H.P. After being with B.H.P. for about nine years John resigned and commenced here as a timekeeper in February, 1965. He is now senior timekeeper.

John and his wife Kay (formerly Kay Fairhall, of Merewether) have lived at Windale since 1957. They have a son, Allan, aged 15 and a daughter Jeanne-Kay, who is 11. Many Sulphiders



have met John's charming wife during their stay at Newcastle Hospital, where she works on the Dietary Staff.

John is a real sportsman having played First Grade Soccer with Adamstown Rosebuds, Grade and City and Suburban Cricket. Tennis and Lawn Bowls. He also did some boxing as well as being an active member of Caves Beach Surf Lifesaving Club, John has represented Newcastle in three of these sports - as an amateur boxer, Junior Soccer and Lawn Bowls.

John's current sports are Bowls, with Swansea Workers No. 1 Pennants and Golf. But he also enjoys surfing with the children at Blacksmiths Beach.