

Justice Alan Victor Maxwell QC

July 1, 1922 – June 18, 1997

Alan Victor Maxwell (Victor) was born the son of Justice Victor Maxwell and Margaret Lawless on 1st July 1922. He went to school at Shore in Sydney where he demonstrated considerable athletic ability and held the Australian Junior records for the 100 and 200 yards hurdles.

He enlisted in the Australian Army in 1941 and between 1941 and 1945 served in WA, Cape York, Bougainville and New Britain and was promoted Major in 1944. At the end of the war he served as President of the War Crimes Tribunal in Rabaul.

In 1946 after leaving the army he enrolled in Sydney University Law School and graduated in 1949.

In 1950 he married Mora. In 1974 Victor was appointed to the bench and during his career presided over the Anita Cobby and Kalajzich trials.

Alan Victor Maxwell QC died after a long illness and is survived by wife Mora, children Victor, Edwina and Louise and their children.

Justice Maxwell QC resigned membership of the League of Ancient Mariners due to ill health on 9/2/1995.

This obituary is a shortened version of the Tribute given by His Excellency the Honourable Gordon Samuels QC, Governor of NSW.