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Manly-Warringah District Cricket Club



NOTICE is hereby given that the NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MANLY - WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB will be held in the ASSEMBLY ROOM, MANLY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS on WEDNESDAY, 14th JULY, 1971, at 7.45 p.m.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.



BUSINESS

1. To receive the Ninety-third Annual Report of the General Committee, and the Honorary Treasurer's Balance Sheet.
2. Recommendation by the General Committee that Messrs. T. F. Brooks and P. I. Philpott be elected Honorary Life Members.
3. To elect Office-Bearers and General Committee for the ensuing year.
4. To transact any other business that may be brought forward in conformity with the Club's Constitution.

ALEX ANDERSON, *Honorary Secretary.*

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Please be kind enough to bring this report with you to the Annual Meeting. Only Financial Members will be eligible to vote.

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT — 1970-71

Gentlemen,

Unfortunately the 1970-71 season was one that was consistently marred by rain — rarely sufficient to wash a game out completely, but only too often sufficient to spoil what promised to be good even matches. Particularly disappointing was the last day wash-out of the Second Grade final, where we had set Balmain quite a formidable total to chase. As a result, Balmain being minor premiers were declared winners of the grade, and we extend our congratulations to them, together with our sincere thanks for their warm hospitality at Drummoyne Oval where the final was played.

Last year we had to congratulate Keith Fitzpatrick as Third Grade Captain on leading his team to premiership honours, and this year we are no less sincere in congratulating Keith on his Second Grade finishing Runners-up. Outstanding performances in the team itself are, of course recorded in the team report, but Brian Kinsey had a most outstanding season taking 34 wickets at an average of 12.1. We record this with particular pleasure as Brian is an outstanding team man and club worker. All in all Second Grade played good purposeful cricket in all departments, with fine fielding pivoting round the clean and efficient wicketkeeping of Ron Holmes.

As Ian Howell the First Grade Captain says in his report, this team faced a year of rebuilding following the loss of Peter Philpott, Mike Pawley, John Kasper and one or two others of the previous year's team. The result was a very unflattering second last, but we feel this was not a true result. Some matches were only narrowly lost, and often this was entirely due to lack of experience of a very young side under rainy conditions. If Jim Burke was again our outstanding batsman, then Phil Allum must be acknowledged as our outstanding young prospect, and improvement at his present rate must bring this very fine young strokemaker into calculations for representative honours. Whatever our lack of success this last year, our prospects for next are much brighter, for with the improvement so evident in our existing team towards the end of the season, it is going to be greatly augmented by the anticipated return of Terry Lee and Mike Pawley.

Third Grade, all things considered, had a good season, but the lack of consistency in the batting mentioned by their captain, Dick Woodfield, is the obvious weakness. Since this is evident also in the Fourth and Fifth Grades, perhaps the club coaches may be able to develop our batting potential more by emphasizing the mental at least as strongly as the technical facet of batting. Dick Woodfield's own performance in taking 40 wickets at an average of 10.7 was outstanding, and indeed it is obvious that it was bowling and fielding that accounted for this team finishing a creditable fourth in the competition.

The Fourth Grade and the two Fifth Grades, as in all clubs, suffer from constantly changing players, and as a result a captain's job is anything but easy — particularly as our own position is aggravated by a lack of seasoned grade players to give these teams solidity and guidance. It becomes more and more apparent that to give our young players the chance to develop their talents to the full, that they must play alongside more experienced players. Unfortunately we do not seem to be able to provide them at the moment.

The Poidevin-Gray and A. W. Green Shield teams had mixed success, although the former looked to be a very good side indeed. Both teams, however, were "young" in as much as most will be available next year. With regard to the Green Shield, cricket administration might well give consideration, in view of the extra year of schooling undertaken these days, to raising the age limit to 17 or 18. We feel that there could be quite a number of boys of this age, who, being at a loose end at this time of the year, are lost to cricket through lack of opportunity to play it.

This brings us to the vexed question of cricket in the State schools, and we are disturbed at a reported falling off throughout the Metropolitan area. Much of this is due to the lack of men entering the teaching profession, but it would be suicidal for cricket administration, or for that matter individual clubs, to sit back and do nothing about it. The N.S.W.C.A. is already active in this matter, and we should not only support them but also make our own drive to encourage cricket in all the schools in our district. Our close relationship with the M.W.C.A. should be used to develop a joint attack on this mutual lifeline to us both.

Unfortunately we were beaten in the first round of the Rothmans' Knockout this year. This competition is highly popular with both players and spectators alike, and members will be delighted to learn that there is every probability that its scope will be widened next year. Not the least of the many advantages of the Rothmans is the opportunity it gives the lower grade sides to see their own First Grade side in action and by doing so, firing their own ambitions. The Rothmans is a most interesting and pleasurable feature of the cricketing calendar.

While the Club did not feature in the 1970-71 awards, we must also extend our appreciation to the proprietors of *The Sydney Morning Herald* for the continuance of their incentive awards to the club that plays the brightest cricket and to the player of the year. In the previous season Peter Philpott won the individual award — we would be delighted this year if the team award came our way — and not necessarily for the financial gain alone.

We divided our coaching this year into two groups—one comprising the younger members of our two senior grades and a selected number of younger players in the 13-15 age group. The first attended Barry Knight's indoor nets in the city, and the second were coached on Sunday mornings by club coaches Ian Howell and Tom Spencer. These two were very ably assisted by Peter Harvey who volunteered his services each Sunday and Peter's club spirit is gratefully acknowledged. In fact the enthusiasm of both the coached and the coaches, together with the committee members who acted as time keepers and practise managers, is a credit to club spirit generally. Brian Taber the official N.S.W.C.A. coach visited us, studied the boys, discussed their cricket with them personally, and finally gave them a short address. He is a great acquisition to the Association.

Our social activities continue in a very happy vein. The Room at the Top was perhaps not as well patronized as in previous years, but some pretty rainy Saturdays may account for some of this. John Stephenson, the chairman of the social committee, and Pat, his wife, continued as the focal point of our off-field activities, and it is difficult to find words to express our appreciation of their contribution to the welfare of the club. Indeed, we are very happily endowed with many wives and mothers who are always prepared to put themselves out on our behalf and it was only because of this goodwill that we

were able to receive and billet the members of the New Zealand school-boys Cricket Club who visited Sydney last January. We had the privilege of entertaining the Mayor and Mayoress, Ald. and Mrs. David Hay to lunch at the Oval on this occasion, and we thank them for their interest.

Our annual dinner was held at the Balgowlah Golf Club and was exceptionally successful and well attended. Perhaps we should say here that the parents of younger members are particularly invited to attend — preferably but not necessarily with their sons. We will be glad to meet them and introduce them to the other parents and players.

While the Club is fortunately well able to withstand the loss sustained, our financial result is non-the-less disappointing. Spectator attendance was well down on previous seasons, mainly we feel, because of generally unpleasant summer conditions, and our expenditure on materials was very much higher than anticipated. To state the obvious, the incoming committee must take steps to arrest this downward turn in our finances.

Your permanent selectors, Max Howell, Tom Felton and Keith Fitzpartick worked extremely hard, with Max and Tom travelling long distances to make sure that all teams were under constant review. Ray Beard, practise captain and leader of the gear committee, was also an indispensable club member. People of their dedication are rare and not readily replaced and we offer them and all other members of the committee who worked loyally for the club throughout the year our sincere thanks.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Four of our players: Phil Allum, Graeme Beard, Jeff MacPherson and Paul Spraggs were chosen in Association sides this season. Phil represented three times and scored a brilliant 109 against the Combined City and Suburban XI, whilst Paul Spraggs also made the "ton" with an entertaining 104 not out against the Combined High Schools.

Two of our A. W. Green Shield players gained recognition by the Association Selectors, Stephen Weir for the Combined City 1st XI, and Tom Purcell, our very promising young wicket-keeper, played for City 2nds, both against combined country elevens. We congratulate our representatives, and look forward to their further successes.

FIRST GRADE

Captain, Ian Howell, reports

The loss of Peter Philpott, Mick Pawley, John Kasper and Peter Moore from last season's eleven was a heavy blow, but nevertheless provided opportunities for our promising younger players.

As expected the team finished well down the competition table, but the improvement shown in the second half of the season augurs well for the future of the club.

Batting performances were highlighted by the amazing consistency of Jim Burke, and to a slightly lesser extent Phil Allum. Jim undoubtedly is still the best grade batsman in Sydney. He scored 699 runs in only ten completed innings, and had he been available for all games would have most certainly bettered his First Grade Record aggregate of 899. Jim's vast experience, and his willingness to pass his knowledge on to others was a great help to me personally, and to all players in the club.

Phil Allum stamped himself as a player of the future. A brilliant century scored for the Metropolitan XI was the culmination of a great season. Undoubtedly Phil will be subjected to greater pressure next season, but he possesses such fine temperament and technique that he should continue his amazing success story and step up into representative cricket in 1971-72.

Paul Spraggs continued to be something of an enigma. Possessing as much, if not more natural talent than anybody else in the club, Paul again failed to be the dominant force that we all expect him to be. I am positive that if he were to adopt the same aggressive approach to his batting in first grade as he displays in seconds he would score many many runs.

John Weight forced his way into the side following good performances with the Seconds, and added solidity to the batting. John is a great team-man and was indisputably the best out-fielder in the side. He played several fine innings during the season, but none better than his magnificent unbeaten 58 against Gordon.

Graeme Beard adapted himself quite well in his first complete season of First Grade. Batting-wise, he was restricted by the high number of one-day fixtures, as on many occasions he was forced to bat under difficult conditions. Graeme's bowling progressed noticeably, and when he develops a ruthless approach to opposing batsmen he will then possess all the qualities of a top-class leg spinner.

Our bowling, for years the team's strong-point, suffered most through the retirement of "Percy" and the temporary transfer of Mick Pawley, and the position was aggravated by the untimely form lapses of our two key bowlers Ken Nichol and Tom Spencer.

Ken experienced a disappointing season. He suffered through missed chances in the first few matches, and this seemed to lead to a loss of confidence, resulting in subsequent loss of form. However, Ken showed his fine fighting qualities by bouncing back after being dropped to the Seconds, to end the season in First Grade with a best ever performance of 8 for 52. With his confidence restored, Ken will pose a major threat to opposing teams next season.

Similarly, Tom "The Lizard" Spencer, suffered a like fate. Tom is very much a confidence bowler, and because studies limited time for practice, his form fell away. With more time to devote to his game in the future Tom is a player on whom much will depend in our efforts to climb back up the ladder.

A young bowler who improved greatly during the season was Jeff MacPherson. Jeff is deceptively fast off the wicket and his bowling, especially against University, was hostile and well sustained. Jeff will continue to improve and if he can put on a little more weight during the winter months he should reap a harvest of wickets next season.

Paul Stephenson was unlucky to be troubled early with injuries. He had a difficult task regaining his place in the team, but once there he bowled beautifully. When Paul drops his pace slightly, and concentrates on movement through the air and off the wicket he is then a far better bowler. If he can get fully fit before next October, 1971-72 should be a big season for Paul.

Reg Hunt played in four games only and was unlucky not to have played in more, his double against Gordon in capturing 2 for 37 and then scoring 34 not out in an unfinished partnership with "Woodro" Weight was outstanding.

Ross Fairhall made a welcome re-appearance with the club and batted with customary aggression. He was a valuable change-bowler and his fielding, apart from occasional lapses, was brilliant.

Greg Wilson, Greg Harper, Ian Felton and Ian MacDonald all performed well and no doubt will benefit from the experience. Peter Harvey had a season in the "horrors", but he is too good a player not to fight his way back.

As usual the wicket-keeping of "Rolls" Elliott was first-class. He was starved for opportunities in many games but was ever alert to accept whatever chances came his way. At all times Mal provided encouragement to our bowlers.

Well, that just about sums it up. Every club has to go through a team-building stage as we did last season. Even allowing for this, losing is not pleasant. We have the players to fight our way back, but it will take a determined team effort. The return of Mick Pawley and Terry Lee will lift us tremendously and our young players should all show the benefit of last season's experience. However, we must develop a "win at all costs" approach to the game, an approach which has characterised the St. George teams over the years. On paper we should be equal to any team in the competition, but premierships are not won on paper. What is required is a real will to win and a hatred of being beaten. If we can produce this spirit then Manly-Warringah will be a major force in the forthcoming season.

FIRST GRADE BATTING 70/71

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Aggregate	Ave.
J. BURKE	12	2	116x	699	69.9
P. ALLUM	13	1	86	466	38.8
J. WEIGHT	11	2	58x	251	27.9
I. HOWELL	16	1	60	406	27.1
P. SPRAGGS	10	0	41	182	18.2
G. BEARD	15	4	36	183	16.7
R. FAIRHALL	8	0	28	130	16.3
M. ELLIOTT	10	3	27	77	11.0
T. SPENCER	9	5	10	39	9.8
P. STEPHENSON	6	1	11	35	7.0
K. NICHOL	6	3	8	21	7.0
G. HARPER	5	0	12	30	6.0
J. MacPHERSON	7	1	14	23	3.8

Also Batted: G. Wilson, 3 inns, 33 runs; R. Hunt, 4 inns, 69 runs; A. Frazer, 3 inns, 23 runs; P. Harvey, 2 inns, 11 runs; I. Felton, 1 inn, 0 runs.

FIRST GRADE BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
P. STEPHENSON	59.4	6	10	217	217.0
J. MacPHERSON	136.3	20	20	490	24.50
K. NICHOL	157.2	20	20	607	30.35
T. SPENCER	199.3	29	26	862	33.16
G. BEARD	98	10	11	477	43.36

Also Bowled: G. Harper 3-70; R. Fairhall 3-113; R. Hunt 3-143; G. Wilson 3-145; P. Spraggs 1-7; I. Howell 1-5; P. Allum 1-16; I. MacDonald 1-56.

J. BURKE 3/181 (after J. SKILLER'S NOTES) FROM NEWS PAPER

SECOND GRADE

Captain, Keith Fitzpatrick, reports

The Second Grade team had a most successful season, finishing the competition in second place to Balmain who were awarded the premiership when the final was washed out on the second day of the match. Throughout the season, the players showed a positive approach to the game and gave it everything they had irrespective of the position to the game. Basically the team was young in years and this, allied with the ability displayed, augurs well for the strength of the club in future years.

The fact that this was a TEAM of cricketers in the true sense, is supported by the fact that only two players scored more than 300 runs while only four others scored more than 200. These figures for a team which contested the final highlight the wonderful team spirit allied with outstanding bowling and fielding. That tired old cliché "catches win matches" was flogged to death by this team during the season. The fielding was of a very high standard and there wasn't a bad fieldsman in the team throughout the season.

At the start of the season, several players showed such good form it was obvious they would quickly gain promotion to the Firsts. Phil Allum continued his brilliant form displayed at the close of the 1969-70 season by scoring 54 and 119 in the first two matches. John Weight and Jeff MacPherson also performed well and all three were promoted after several matches. Brian Kinsey, Vice-Captain of the team, deserves special mention. His keenness and astute advice was invaluable to me, as Captain, and to the team generally. He took the bowling honours with the excellent figures of 34 wickets at 12.1 runs each and, when the occasion arose, proved he is the best wet wicket bowler in the club. His keenness in the field was also rewarded as he took the most number of catches (7), excluding those taken by the wicket-keeper.

Paul Spraggs won the batting average and aggregate and was a real match winner. He hit the ball very hard during his innings and his dynamic 105 against University included 5 sixers. Paul applied himself well when fielding and showed considerable improvement in this aspect of the game. Greg Harper and Neil Boden were the team's batting "sheet anchors". Both showed they bat better in a crisis and they steered the side out of trouble on numerous occasions. They showed continued improvement throughout the season and will surely play in a higher grade of cricket in years to come. They showed excellent temperament in the final against Balmain when Neil, who came in with the score 3-37, scored 33 while Greg batted almost throughout the entire innings to score 79 in 383 minutes.

Reg Hunt, the team's No. 1 leg spinner was the only player to qualify as an all-rounder. He finished with the good double of 24 wickets at 19.2 runs each and a batting average of 20.2. Reg showed great keenness throughout the season and deservedly gained promotion to the Firsts, even though that team already had two leg spinners. Ian Felton bowled most number of overs for the team and he and Reg were good foils for each other. He has an aggressive outlook when bowling and was probably the only off-spinner in the Second Grade competition who attacked the batsmen. He has a good variety when bowling and a lot can be expected from him in the future.

One of the most popular members of the club and an excellent team man was our wicket-keeper, "Gentleman" Ron Holmes. This was Ron's second year with the club and he has improved each year. His general soundness, and at times brilliance, did much to sustain the team's high standard in the field. The bowlers owe him a vote of thanks as he took 26 catches during the season, five in one innings.

Paul Stephenson had rather a mixed season as he moved between Seconds and Firsts. He fitted in well with the team and always gave a wholehearted effort. His figures of 6-49 against Bankstown proved to be a match-winning effort and his bowling average of 14.4 runs per wicket is a good indication of how well he bowled. As a batsman, Paul had a poor season, but once he starts to hit the ball again he will develop into a handy batsman. Although his playing programme was interrupted on several occasions, Alan Frazer performed consistently. His batting showed a marked improvement this season as he started to hit down the line. Always an aggressively bat, Alan climaxed this season with an excellent 51 scored in the final. He hit Kel Wright of Balmain out of the attack when that bowler in his first over with the second new ball had figures of 3-24 from 14 overs. For a player of his calibre, Kevin Davidson had a disappointing season. In patches he produced his excellent batting form of the previous season without really getting going. However, I feel that this year was a transition period for Kevin as a lower grade player, and that he will show his true form next season. His bowling opportunities were limited but he made the most of them and gained the only hat-trick for the team against University, 3-18 from 8 overs. Ian MacDonald is another player who didn't produce the form he has shown in previous seasons. Ian's start to the season was not good and this affected his confidence when bowling. However, his batting improved considerably and in future seasons he will be expected to perform as an all-rounder. John Hunt was promoted to the side half way through the season. He bowled accurately and gave good support to his brother Reg and Ian Felton. Although it is unfortunate for John that he and Reg are such similar types of bowlers, it is the club's good fortune to have two leg spinners of such high calibre. Ken Nichol had brief appearances with the team and acquitted himself well before returning to First Grade. Other players who made brief appearances were Steve Green, Peter Harvey, Ross Fairhall and Steve Allum. All were enthusiastic and tried hard.

The thanks of the team go to John Stephenson and Rolf Kinsey for their work as scorers and to the ladies at "Room at the Top" who provided the afternoon teas. I would like to thank the players for the support they gave me throughout the season and I trust that they enjoyed the games as much as I did.

SECOND GRADE BATTING

	<i>Innings</i>	<i>N.O.</i>	<i>H.S.</i>	<i>Aggregate</i>	<i>Ave.</i>
P. SPRAGGS	7	1	105	324	54.0
G. HARPER	10	2	79	274	34.2
N. BODEN	8	1	87	237	33.8
A. FRAZER	8	0	87	237	29.6
F. TURNER	8	0	47	181	22.6
K. FITZPATRICK	15	1	97	312	20.8
R. HUNT	11	2	36	182	20.2
K. DAVIDSON	17	1	76	296	18.5
I. MACDONALD	6	1	28	91	18.2
I. FELTON	10	2	30	69	8.6
R. HOLMES	13	3	23	66	6.6
B. KINSEY	10	5	10	27	5.4
P. STEPHENSON	7	1	7	18	3.0

Also Batted: P. Allum 2-173; J. Weight 4-144; J. MacPherson 3-48; P. Harvey 5-46; J. Hunt 5-44; K. Nichol 3-20; R. Fairhall 2-5.

SECOND GRADE BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
B. KINSEY	134.2	21	34	412	12.1
P. STEPHENSON	69	11	17	245	14.4
R. HUNT	123.2	10	24	462	19.2
I. FELTON	149.4	17	24	531	22.1

Also Bowled: S. Green 4-26; K. Nichol 6-84; J. MacPherson 6-91; K. Davidson 6-107; J. Hunt 10-191; G. Harper 2-62 I. Macdonald 3-213.

THIRD GRADE

Captain, Dick Woodfield, reports

Although this team finished in a creditable fourth position in the competition it rarely gave the impression that it could hold that position with any degree of comfort, let alone do better. There were some outstanding individual performances, which often resulted in very convincing wins, but generally we either just scraped home or just lost in fairly low-scoring games. It seemed that after the elevation of Neil Boden and Alan Frazer, we had no batsmen who could be relied upon to take an attack by the scruff of the neck and put us in a certain winning position. There were occasional flashes of brilliance from Phil Russell, Greg Wilson, and later in the season, Ross Fairhall and Jeff Barratt, but if some of the more experienced players had shown more application the story could have been quite different.

The bowling, in some respects, suffered from the same faults as the batting, but in this case the problems arose more from lack of experience on the part of the younger players. John Hunt, while he was with the team, never stopped trying and met with considerable early success and thoroughly deserved his promotion. Steve Green, after a somewhat shaky and erratic start, produced some really good performances, particularly against St. George under very difficult circumstances. Greg Wilson became an established opening bowler and could do very well in this role in the future and towards the end Jeff Barratt caused a few surprises with late movement and bounce.

Fielding and wicket-keeping were inconsistent throughout the season. The services of Steve Allum behind the stumps against his will were very much appreciated and Wayne Florentine was improving with every match until football commitments removed his no longer flapping shirt from the scene. Tom Purcell took over for the last few matches and looks to be a very good prospect for the future. Steve Green took eight catches, most of them off his captain's bowling, and Steve Allum was always first-class in the fielding department with Greg Wilson and Phil Russell not too far behind. Most of the young players could learn a lot from Steve Allum's example.

There is no doubt that we have a lot of talented young players who will have benefited from their experience in Third Grade this season, but more signs of concentration and application, particularly in the batting of some of the more senior players, would have helped them even more. With an average of only about 18 runs per wicket against us, we could manage only 15 ourselves; this just was not good enough. Let us all look forward to a better season in 1971-72.

THIRD GRADE BATTING

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Aggregate	Ave.
N. BODEN	6	1	98	282	56.4
P. RUSSELL	11	1	77x	216	21.6
S. ALLUM	16	3	45x	277	21.3
K. TURNER	13	1	44	221	19.2
G. WILSON	14	0	53	256	18.3
P. HARVEY	8	0	40	120	15.0
J. HUNT	8	0	34	111	13.9
N. HOWE	15	0	34	190	12.7
S. GREEN	12	5	17	72	10.3
J. NICHOL	8	1	21	67	9.6
W. FLORENTINE	7	2	12	35	7.0
R. WOODFIELD	11	2	13	48	5.3

Also Batted: A. Frazer 3-79 J. Crum 2-18; P. Stabback 6-47; D. Booth 2-4; I. MacDonald 6-85; M. McEachern 1-0; D. Felton 4-17; G. McLarn 4-10; P. Davidson 4-18; J. Barrett 4-81; T. Purcell 4-37; R. Fairhall 4-76.

THIRD GRADE BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
R. WOODFIELD	134	28	40	429	10.7
S. GREEN	142	31	34	509	15.0
J. NICHOL	67	10	12	228	19.0
G. WILSON	60	16	9	173	19.2
P. STABBACK	54	5	9	204	22.7
J. HUNT	111	14	16	396	24.7
N. HOWELL	41	3	7	183	26.1

Also Bowled: K. Turner 2-11, R. Fairhall 4-10, P. Harvey 1-5, P. Davidson 1-33, N. Boden 2-18, P. Russell 1-9, I. MacDonald 5-170, M. McEachern 1-72, D. Felton 1-56, J. Barratt 4-103.

FOURTH GRADE

By John Gall, Captain

When one allows for the number of players through the grades missing from the previous season, it is not really surprising that the results of our grade were disappointing. The side was almost completely new, and untried. In addition the personnel of the team that started the season bore no resemblance to that which completed the season, a total of 31 players having appeared in the team.

We won only two games and drew two others, but lost several narrowly. On quite a few occasions games were lost through inexperience; more specifically, our batsmen's inability to graft their runs and bowlers not bowling to one side of the field.

Perusal of the averages highlights the poor batting which resulted in the bowlers having the opportunity to bowl only approximately half the number of overs bowled in previous seasons.

Fielding was generally competent, and on several occasions the team was complimented on this aspect of the game by both opposition and umpires.

Players such as Phil Russell, Don Felton, Peter Davidson and Graeme McLarn matured during the season, and earned their promotion to third grade. Graham Dudley showed good potential, particularly in two fine innings of 64 and 60, but was unable to get going when promoted. After good early season form Graham, unfortunately, suffered an illness which caused him to miss four matches at a vital stage. With more practice he has the ability to play in higher grades next season.

Denis Booth also played several games in the thirds, but without success. Steve Erichsen opened the bowling with good results early in the season, but was forced to undergo a shoulder operation after round 5 and did not bowl again. He also made his presence felt with some hard-hitting knocks and returned to play two games late in the season to help us out.

Perhaps the most pleasing aspect of the season was the considerable promise shown by new youngsters such as Steven Marshall, Steve Byers, David Packer, Ian Hendy and Peter Vernon, all of whom played the last few games in Fourths. It surely must augur well for the club's future when it is realised that on many occasions we fielded a team with six players 16 years of age or under.

I look forward to seeing a big improvement in the performances of all team members next season. I extend my thanks to all players who appeared in the team for their support during the season.

FOURTH GRADE BATTING

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Aggregate	Ave.
G. DUDLEY	13	1	64	268	22.33
D. FELTON	13	1	48	214	17.83
S. MARSHALL	7	1	44	101	16.83
D. BOOTH	14	1	33x	206	15.84
S. ERICHSEN	12	0	50	181	15.08
P. DAVIDSON	13	2	48	140	12.72
J. HAYSOM	7	0	34	89	12.70
J. CRUM	15	0	35	187	12.47
J. RAYMENT	16	1	34	188	11.75
G. McLARN	8	1	26	79	11.28
D. RAYMENT	9	1	27	87	10.70
D. PACKER	10	1	7	32	3.55
J. GALL	15	4	9	35	2.33

Also Batted: P. Russell 4-143; S. Byers 4-39; K. Turner 1-30; C. Butt 7-26; K. Sekulich 3-25; D. Shaw 3-21; M. McEachern 3-16; P. Vernon 4-15; S. Swan 5-12; I. McDonald 2-11; S. Weir 1-10; I. Hendy 4-4; C. Thompson 2-4; P. Stroud 1-1; D. Hammond 1-0; B. Henry 1-0; R. Sullivan 1-0; P. Radnidge 1-0.

FOURTH GRADE BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
D. PACKER	48	4	14	154	11.00
G. McLARN	61	3	18	257	14.27
J. GALL	109	16	25	409	16.36
S. ERICHSEN	53	4	10	248	24.80
D. FELTON	85	6	13	346	26.61

Also Bowled: C. Butt 7-204; M. McEachern 6-105; J. Barrett 5-45; P. Davidson 4-144; P. Vernon 5-67; D. Booth 3-77; S. Byers 2-47; J. Crum 2-90; D. Hammond 1-8; D. Shaw 1-18; P. Stroud 1-23; J. Haysom 1-50; G. Dudley 1-64; B. Henry 0-9; J. McDonald 0-22; J. Rayment 0-26; B. Weir 0-34; C. Thompson 0-43.

FIFTH GRADE "A" REPORT

Manager, Roy Heath, Reports

The two Fifth Grade sides had the honour of being the two youngest sides in the Competition.

sides in the competition. It was, therefore, to be expected that victories were few and far between due to their obvious lack of experience. However, A's gave of their best and to their credit never gave up trying. In addition, no less than 27 players played for the team throughout the season. Due to lack of experience batting generally was disappointing

throughout with too many individual performances without support. However, both David Rayment and David Packer produced some commendable batting performances, especially in the exciting "tie" against the runners-up, Sutherland. Ian Hendy was another who improved as the season progressed. Ian also shows great promise as a wicket-keeper. Kevin Sekulich showed patches of the concentration needed to become a good opening batsman and then when given a slightly helpful wicket produced a couple of excellent off-spin bowling displays.

The bowling, in conjunction with some fine fielding, produced some good performances throughout the season, as evidenced by the fact that only two teams managed to score over 200 runs. Many times the opposition were in dire trouble with five wickets down for a very low score—however, were "let off the hook" only by lack of experience.

Bowlers who show considerable promise are fast-medium David Packer, David Hammond, Roland Hough, Stephen Heath, David Hough and Peter Vernon, whilst in the spin department Bruce Henry, together with Colin Thompson and Stephen Weir turned in some good individual figures.

Given the opportunities to obtain the necessary experience, more than half the young lads playing with the A's this year will undoubtedly form the backbone of Manly's teams for many years to come. This will be especially so if similar coaching classes as those conducted by Ian Howell and Tom Spencer on Sunday mornings can be continued in the future.

In conclusion, a special vote of thanks must go to our scorer and tea provider, Mrs. Heath, who did an excellent job and did not miss a match.

FIFTH GRADE "A" BATTING

	<i>Innings</i>	<i>N.O.</i>	<i>H.S.</i>	<i>Aggregate</i>	<i>Ave.</i>
D. RAYMENT	11	0	77	214	18.5
M. WALLER	9	2	41	95	13.6
D. PACKER	10	1	59	130	13.3
K. SEKULICH	12	0	61	154	12.8
I. HENDY	10	1	30	100	11.1
I. THOMSON	18	0	47	149	8.3
C. THOMPSON	17	1	26	106	6.6
S. HEATH	18	1	11x	54	6.6
R. HEATH	20	1	22	102	5.4
D. HOUGH	8	0	17	40	5.0
B. HENRY	11	5	9	27	4.5
I. MACDONALD	18	1	18	70	4.1
R. HOUGH	11	4	13x	25	3.5

Also Batted: M. Le Page; D. Sneddon (Jnr.); P. Davidson; P. Vernon; R. Sullivan; J. Rayment; J. Barrett; J. Logan; S. Weir; P. Churchill; D. Hammond.

FIFTH GRADE "A" BOWLING

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Average</i>
P. VERNON	50	11	13	136	10.5
B. HENRY	49	2	16	218	13.6
K. SEKULICH	23	3	5	78	15.6
C. THOMPSON	43	1	9	176	19.6
R. HOUGH	60	11	12	235	19.6
S. HEATH	72	6	15	304	20.3
D. PACKER	45	6	7	144	20.6
D. HOUGH	29	5	4	101	25.2
I. MACDONALD	27	4	5	128	25.6
D. HAMMOND	77	16	9	230	26.2

Also Bowled: M. Le Page, I. Thomson, P. Davidson, R. Heath, J. Barrett, S. Weir.

FIFTH GRADE "B"

No less than 36 players appeared in the ranks of this grade, the majority of whom were in the 14-15 year age group. Dave Sneddon, who captained the side, found himself with a different team each match, only some five players staying with the team for the whole season.

The figures below are, on the face of it, very poor, but when we realise that these very young and inexperienced lads were each and every match facing up to quite experienced adult teams on wickets, which on many occasions were affected by rain, we should be quite proud that the team battled through, remained as a team to the end of the season, and what is more, took its long run of defeats in the best spirit.

In these circumstances we do not apologise for the poorness of the performances, simply because they were not poor, they were in fact very good.

We are grateful to Dave Sneddon, who volunteered to look after the team, and to Chris Guinn who joined the club late in the season and gave him valuable assistance.

FIFTH GRADE "B" BATTING

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Aggregate	Ave.
S. MARSHALL	8	0	38	108	13.5
D. SNEDDON (Jnr.)	14	5	32	127	13.1
P. STROUD	19	2	28	158	9.2
R. SULLIVAN	17	3	23	107	7.6
S. BYERS	15	3	19	78	6.5
C. GUINN	7	0	14	44	6.2
K. HUNTER	10	0	33	62	6.2
J. DAWSON	19	0	18	103	5.3
P. CLAY	18	0	11	67	3.7

Also Batted: P. Russell 5-130, I. Hendy 4-7, W. Florentine 3-49, M. Waller 6-49, M. Marshall 5-44, N. Christenson 2-12, D. Turner 2-0, D. Sneddon 6-29, C. Bennett 2-23.

FIFTH GRADE "B" BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
P. STROUD	80	14	19	267	14.0
D. SNEDDON (Snr.)	30	0	8	133	16.6
P. CLAY	43	2	12	208	17.3
P. RUSSELL	41	5	8	149	18.6
J. DAWSON	115	14	21	464	22.0
S. BYERS	59	6	6	222	37.0

Also Bowled: K. Sekulich 3-14, A. O'Brien 1-33, R. Sullivan 3-179, S. Swan 6-29, J. Finn 1-4, I. Hendy 2-9, D. Turner 1-31, M. McEachern 2-57, N. Christenson 0-13, J. Haysom 5-59, D. Hough 0-4, R. Wilson 1-32, W. Goddard 2-43, C. Guinn 0-22, D. Packer 1-26, S. Swan (Snr.) 0-3.

POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD

By Graeme Beard (Captain)

The 1970-71 season saw Manly finish 4th in the Northern Division with 3 wins, 3 losses and 1 draw.

The team played attractive and exciting cricket, scoring 1,449 runs in 1,189 minutes.

The three losses were extremely close, with Manly going down to Sydney (eventual Premiers) by one wicket, Mosman by 8 runs, and failing to secure the last Balmain wicket which would have given us an outright win.

The batting was generally strong, with opener Kevin Davidson showing fine form to score a forceful century, whilst compiling 288 runs. Kevin also held several good catches. Paul Spraggs, Phil Allum and Graeme Beard also turned in some good innings.

The opening attack of Paul Stephenson and Steve Green was often hostile though lacking direction, and the spinners bore the brunt of the attack. Ian Felton, Graeme Beard and Ian MacDonald frequently bowled with considerable hostility and this was typified by Ian Felton's 4-49 from 16 overs against a strong Northern District line-up to enable the team to win a good victory.

The standard of fielding was spasmodic, ranging from very good to mediocre. However, the fielding of Neil Boden, Allan Frazer and Phil Russell was always of a high standard. Greg Harper did a great job as wicket-keeper, snaring 8 catches and 2 stumpings including 4 good catches against Mosman.

The team was fortunate to have the services of Mrs. Harper and Mr. Stephenson as scorers, and Keith Fitzpatrick and Dick Woodfield as managers.

POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD BATTING

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Aggregate	Ave.
K. DAVIDSON	8	0	102	288	36.0
G. BEARD	8	1	68	247	35.3
P. ALLUM	8	0	58	202	25.3
P. SPRAGGS	8	0	50	200	25.0
G. HARPER	7	3	40x	91	22.8
A. FRAZER	4	0	65	91	22.8
P. STEPHENSON	7	2	39	95	19.0

Also Batted: G. Wilson 2-33, N. Boden 7-60, P. Russell 5-40, I. MacDonald 1-23, I. Felton 1-12, S. Greene 0-3.

POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
I. MACDONALD	56.3	9	13	197	15.1
G. BEARD	78.5	15	18	299	16.6
I. FELTON	79.1	9	12	267	22.3
S. GREENE	35	7	5	125	25.0
P. STEPHENSON	61	6	9	273	30.3

Also Bowled: K. Davidson 1-18, N. Boden 0-16, P. Russell 0-11, G. Wilson 2-76.

A. W. GREEN SHIELD

Report by John Packer, Manager

This year's representative team acquitted itself very well indeed. Comprising largely of last season's Under 14 Harold Moore Champions, they completed the series with two wins and a draw, finishing in the middle of the League table; and with a little luck in a couple of close games this position could easily have been improved on.

The highlight of the season was the very exciting game at Mosman Oval where in a temperature in excess of 90° and later in the day a threatening thunderstorm, the team dismissed Mosman for 235 then proceeded to knock up the necessary runs for victory in 170 minutes. Beating the clock by 45 minutes and the thunderstorm by 5 minutes!

Sam Mesite scored a magnificent 110 runs with 16 fours and a sixer. He was ably supported by Mark Stedman (37) and Steve Weir (28). Outstanding individual batting efforts were: Sam Mesite 110, 59, 53; Mark Stedman 74, 78; Steve Weir (Scot's College) 79, 34; David Packer 43 not out, 42 not out.

Outstanding individual bowling efforts: Steve Weir 5-66, 4-26; Rob Sullivan 4-30, 2-25; David Packer 3-27, 2.35; Col Thompson 5-57, 3-20.

Representative honours: Steve Weir selected for Combined City Firsts v. Country Firsts, climaxing a successful season; Tom Purcell whose wicket-keeping throughout the series was of very high standard, was selected for Combined City II v. Country II.

At the completion of the competition the Mosman C.C. staged a Green Shield Knock-out Double Wicket Competition at Mosman. David Packer and Sam Mesite were selected to represent the club with Ian Hendy selected as our best fieldsman. David and Sam did very well to reach the finals before going down to Northern Districts — Ian making the final in the fielding team. This was a very well organised competition and the type of cricket played was a delight to watch.

On closing this report our appreciation must go to Ian Howell and Tom Spencer of the Grade team for the time and effort that they put in coaching the boys, who will, we hope, have gained enough experience to win this competition next year.

A. W. GREEN SHIELD BATTING

	<i>Innings</i>	<i>N.O.</i>	<i>H.S.</i>	<i>Aggregate</i>	<i>Ave.</i>
S. MESITE	8	1	110	269	38.3
S. WEIR	6	0	79	203	33.5
M. STEDMAN	8	0	78	223	27.7
D. PACKER	7	2	43x	121	24.2
S. BYERS	8	1	38	103	14.5
N. ROSE	6	2	11	56	14.0
T. PURCELL	8	1	20	93	13.2

Also Batted: J. Dawson 5-30, P. Stroud 6-27, C. Thompson 3-13, I. Hendy 6-19, P. Clay 1-5, P. Rolf 1-0, D. Hough 3-0.

A. W. GREEN SHIELD BOWLING

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Average</i>
R. SULLIVAN	16	2	7	56	8.0
C. THOMPSON	30	4	9	117	13.0
S. WEIR	51	11	12	199	16.7
N. ROSE	41	7	7	132	18.6
D. PACKER	72	8	12	257	21.5
S. BYERS	54	13	5	130	26.0

Also Bowled: D. Hough 0-57, J. Dawson 0-27, M. Stedman 1-123, S. Mesite 0-34, P. Clay 0-13, P. Stroud 0-34, I. Hendy 0-8

"C2" GRADE

This team competed in the hard-wicket competition conducted by the Manly-Warringah Cricket Association, and was again managed by Mike Murfin, a dedicated cricket enthusiast. Both our club and the local Cricket Association owe a great deal to Mike for his devotion to the cricket youth of the district over a number of years. He has, by his selfless efforts brought home to Manly, through the lads he has coached, the Harold Moore (Under 14) Shield two years in succession, and in so doing has developed in many young cricketers ability and a sense of team spirit which they possibly would not otherwise have had.

Mike Murfin Reports —

This young team did indeed have a wonderful season. All the boys were under 14 years of age, but against teams in the all age bracket only missed taking out the C2 competition by one point and in fact were leading the competition until the last game when rain spoiled their chances of dismissing Balgowlah Rugby Union team cheaply enough to win on a first innings. Perhaps it is not yet known but these boys also represented Manly-Warringah in the Moore Shield Inter-district competition, playing sometimes brilliant cricket to take out this Shield for the second year running.

Great credit is due to the boys for their keenness and devotion to the game, for although they must have been weary from playing in the Saturday Morning Boys' Competition not one boy in 14 matches refused to turn out again in the afternoon.

Their ability is reflected in some outstanding results — out of 14 matches they won 7 outright, beating such teams as the Manly-Warr. Leagues Club outright twice and Seaforth Baptists outright in one day. These two teams came third and fourth in the competition.

It is very difficult to pick out any particular boy as being outstanding. Their strength was in being a team, always someone came good at the right time. Their fielding was excellent as was the bowling and particularly the wicket-keeping. If there was a weakness it was in the batting. Still, considering half the balls they received whistled past their heads this is not surprising. The batting average and aggregate was taken out by Rod McNeil with 351 runs at an average of 29.2.

The bowling aggregate went to young M. Murfin with 45 wickets at an average of 8.93. The bowling average to R. McNeil with 44 wickets at 6.34. R. Smith took 39 wickets at 9.513, M. McQuire 36 at 10.36 and G. Horton 16 at 17.25. In all, 208 wickets were taken at a cost of 2,105 runs.

We lost 162 wickets for 2,140 runs, 6 boys scored over 200 runs in the season—these being R. McNeil, R. Smith, S. Bennett, J. Riddle, M. McQuire and M. Murfin. One had to admire the opening pair of J. Riddle and R. Smith for the brave way they stood up to the new ball.

Two boys stood out amongst a team of very good fielders, these were Greg Simpson, first slip; and Brett Fisher, short mid-on. These two boys took some "impossible" catches.

Greg Hill and Peter Warning, both very correct batsmen, will improve as they get bigger and stronger. Perhaps the most outstanding boy in the team was J. Riddle, our opening batsman/wicket-keeper. John, a quiet unassuming boy, had 14 stumpings and 17 catches and was involved in four run outs. He only failed twice as an opening bat.

Many thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Warning for their help with the scoring and umpiring and a special thanks to all the parents who so strongly supported this wonderful crowd of boys.

"C2" GRADE BATTING

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Aggregate	Ave.
R. McNEIL	17	5	97	351	29.2
M. MURFIN (Snr.)	14	3	47x	187	17.0
R. SMITH	17	1	29	263	15.8
S. BENNETT	16	0	32	202	12.6
M. McGUIRE	17	2	31x	188	12.5
J. RIDDLE	19	2	28	202	11.8
M. MURFIN (Jnr.)	14	2	30x	138	11.5
G. SIMPSON	13	1	25	87	7.2
P. WARNING	12	2	30	71	7.1
B. FISHER	10	4	17x	36	6.5
G. HORTON	14	2	17	55	4.5
G. HILL	13	0	35	59	4.5

"C2" GRADE BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
R. McNEIL	82	0	44	279	6.34
M. MURFIN (Jnr.)	96	0	45	402	8.93
R. SMITH	96	0	39	371	9.51
M. McGUIRE	114	0	36	373	10.36
G. HORTON	75	0	16	276	17.25

CITY AND SUBURBAN

Captain, H. Frazer, Reports

The team had a very enjoyable season, playing 20 games—winning 8 and losing 12. The batting was disappointing at times, and the team varied in strength week from week owing to business commitments of players.

Mike Hancock took the batting average with 19, his best knock being 52 not out. Peter Driver, the most runs with 189, including the most entertaining innings of the season of 83 (60 of which he scored in three overs). These two were ably supported by Phil Newman, Lin Cameron, Bob Paxton, Clive and Tony Russell.

Evergreen Bill Hoy took most wickets with 42, supported by myself, Lin Cameron and Tony Smith. Wicket-keeping was in the capable hands of Cliff Watson, Bob Paxton and Dick Bathgate. The out-fielding of Andy Thorburn, both on the ground and in the air, was outstanding; whilst close-in Len Roach and Tony Smith shared the honours. Taken over the year the fielding was an improvement on previous seasons.

I wish to record my thanks to the players, and Committee for their support during the year.

CITY AND SUBURBAN BATTING

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Aggregate	Ave.
M. HANCOCK	8	1	52	133	19.0
P. DRIVER	15	1	83	189	15.75
L. RUSSELL	6	1	29	73	14.6
P. NEWMAN	13	1	48	180	12.00
L. CAMERON	12	3	38	105	11.44
B. PAXTON	8	0	30	92	11.00
H. FRAZER	16	2	27	154	11.00
C. RUSSELL	11	1	24	104	10.4
A. THORBURN	16	2	39	101	7.22
D. BATHGATE	16	0	21	87	5.43
N. BOUVENG	16	0	18	81	5.01
A. SMITH	12	0	55	14	4.33
W. HOY	16	4	7	37	3.09
L. ROACHE	16	3	7	35	2.7
C. WATSON	11	2	6	21	2.28

CITY AND SUBURBAN BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
W. HOY	111	3	42	474	11.11
H. FRAZER	134	13	36	400	11.11
P. DRIVER	110	10	28	412	14.46
L. CAMERON	59	0	14	305	21.85
A. SMITH	45	0	6	215	35.99

Also Bowled: P. Newman 5-50, A. Cameron 4-23.

GROUNDS

MANLY OVAL

In complete contrast with the previous season, wickets were well grassed from very early in the season. This was a tribute to the groundsman, Merv. Paynter, who worked very hard to get the wickets to this standard and then to maintain them throughout the season. Consequently, both batsman and bowler were given every incentive to produce attractive cricket. The outfield was again in immaculate condition.

L. M. GRAHAM RESERVE

This ground was beautifully grassed during the entire season and the wickets, though still inclined towards slowness and lack of life, showed improvement and increased grass coverage. Our thanks go to groundsman Frank McEwen, whose co-operation was much appreciated.

WELDON PARK

The improvement in the wicket area and the outfield noticeable at the end of the previous season continued. Despite this, the wickets still showed the need for consolidation by the use of a heavy roller. The dressing sheds which were completed prior to the commencement of the season, were a great improvement and contributed to an enjoyable season for the Club's younger players. Our thanks go to the Warringah Shire Council for the provision of this amenity.

PRACTICE WICKETS

The completion of the complex at L. M. Graham Reserve enabled a significant step forward in the club's practice arrangements. The area was used for pre-season practice and throughout the season for coaching and practice and proved a great success.

PUBLICITY

The club enjoyed another season of outstanding coverage, both in reporting and the action shots pictured in the *Manly Daily*, and we are indeed grateful to the proprietors of the *Daily* for the space they devote to sport generally, and cricket in particular, in their very widely circulated paper.

Maurice Murray, as expected, gave us of his best, and no club could wish for more. We can only say thank you Maurice for your dedication to our game, and look forward to your continued support in keeping our activities before the public of Manly-Warringah.

SUCCESSFUL CLUBS

We offer our heartiest congratulations to the following clubs for winning their respective competitions.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, FIRST and THIRD GRADE	ST. GEORGE
SECOND GRADE	BALMAIN
FOURTH GRADE	GORDON
FIFTH GRADE	GORDON
POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD	SYDNEY
A. W. GREEN SHIELD	SUTHERLAND

SOCIAL REPORT

It is pleasing to report that the social activities of the club during the year were generally well patronised, and in total netted approximately \$425.00 to club funds.

The functions consisted of a Beef and Burgundy night held at the home of our Social Committee Chairman, John Stephenson and his good lady, Pat; a barbecue and dance and a social night, both held at the "Room at the Top"; and the final event of the season, the annual dinner dance at the Balgowlah Golf Club.

We had as a guest at the social night, Mr. Mike Webb of broadcasting station 2SM, and he contributed greatly to the success of the evening. Our sincere thanks are extended to Mike for his kindness.

The attendance at the dinner dance was the best for many years, and its success was essentially due to the untiring efforts and excellent organisation of our Honorary Secretary, Alex Anderson.

The "post mortem" gatherings each Saturday night at the Oval continued to provide a wonderful opportunity for the members of our various teams and supporters to fraternise and at the same time entertain their visitors from other clubs.

The Balgowlah Lions Club again gave us the opportunity of participating in its Melbourne Cup Sweep and we are very grateful to its members. One thing which continued to be very evident was the wonderful assistance given the committee by the ladies who arranged the catering for all our social functions, with the exception of the dinner dance and who provided and assisted in serving the afternoon teas at the matches. May we say, "God Bless the Ladies", and offer our sincere thanks.

Finally, our gratitude is extended to all members of the club who gave of their time and energy on Saturday evenings at the "Room at the Top", with a special thank you to Ray Beard and Tom Felton for their great work as "Chefs in Chief" at the barbecue.

The club expresses appreciation to the social committee which consisted of John Stephenson (chairman), Ray Beard, Ian Howell, Brian Kinsey, Mal Elliott, Peter Harvey and Ken Nichol.

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

This year the club showed an overall loss and the following sets out our results for the past three seasons.

	1970-71	1969-70	1968-69
Social Activities (Profit)	374	549	70
General Activities (Loss)	597	189	79
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Loss/Profit	223	360 (Profit)	9
Transfer Centenary Fund	50	50	50
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Overall Result Loss/Profit	173 (Loss)	410 (Profit)	41 (Profit)

These figures set out clearly how dependent the club is for its welfare on a profitable year from our Social Committee. The Income and Expenditure A/c sets out comparison with last year's figures and it will be seen that the main cause of our poor result is the very high cost of materials and repairs.

The following sets out our Expenditure over the past three years and shows the high cost to the club of balls.

	1970-71	1969-70	1968-69
Balls	670	564	520
Bats, Pads, etc.	536	223	394
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Strict control over income and expenditure is necessary with the ever-rising cost of our game. It will be seen from the Accounts that our Commonwealth Savings Bonds matured and our money is now invested at a satisfactory rate of interest. The Grant from the N.S.W.C.A. was a more than welcome addition to our finances.

— R. H. Kinsey, *Honorary Treasurer.*

GENERAL COMMITTEE

The meetings of your Committee were well attended throughout the season and members can be assured that the business of their club was fully discussed and competently handled at all times. There were ten meetings with the following attendances:— A. Anderson 10, R. Beard 9, L. Carter 7, B. Cook 3, T. Felton 9, K. Fitzpatrick 5, R. Harvey 6, M. Hayman 4, J. Hodgson 7, I. Howell 5, M. Howell 7, B. Kinsey 5, R. Kinsey 5, G. Lowe 1, M. Pawley 4, P. Philpott 3, S. Sismey 8, L. Soman 4, T. Spencer 6, J. Stephenson 6.

We were pleased to have K. Frazer and W. Hoy (delegates City and Suburban team), M. Murray (Publicity Officer) and B. Cook (delegate M.W.C.A.) in attendance at some of the meetings.

The club was again fortunate to have the use of the premises of the Manly Rugby Union Club for committee meetings and we record our appreciation of this privilege.

CONDOLENCES

E. G. MacMILLAN

The N.S.W.C.A. and indeed cricket in Australia suffered a sad loss on the death of Mr. E. G. MacMillan, the President. "Scouty", as he was affectionately known throughout the cricketing world, was an ornament to the game personally and a great administrator. His record speaks for itself.

He was delegate for Glebe from 1930-1939, and for Glebe and later the Sydney Club from 1946-66. He had two terms on the Country Committee of the Association, and was its chairman from 1947-1951 when he was elected to the Association's Executive. He became chairman of this in 1959 until in 1966 he was elected President. During this time of service "Scouty" was also this State's delegate to the Australian Board of Control from 1952 until 1966, and he was chairman of the Board from 1963-66. Life-membership of the Association was conferred on him in 1939.

In his latter years Mr. MacMillan came to live in our district, and the club was delighted to have the opportunity of electing him as one of our Vice-Presidents. He was a frequent spectator at the oval with Mrs. MacMillan, to whom with her family, we offer our sincere sympathy. He will be missed in the game.

SYDNEY WALLACE

Followers of Manly cricket during the mid-twenties and early thirties will well remember the exuberant personality of Syd. Wallace. One of our leading players of this era, Syd. was a wicket-keeper batsman, although it will be for his very forceful lefthand batting that he will be best recalled. We offer our sympathy to his relatives.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

MANLY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

To the Mayor, the Aldermen and Officers our sincere appreciation for the unfailing courtesy and co-operation extended to the club. This season we have enjoyed the benefits of a splendid practice complex at L. M. Graham Reserve erected with the financial co-operation of Council.

We are also grateful for Council's expression of civic pride in declining to allow advertising around the perimeter of our very fine oval.

WARRINGAH SHIRE COUNCIL

To the President Councillors and Officers we are also grateful. Whilst Weldon Park is not yet a Brookvale Oval, it is improving season by season, and Council's efforts are indeed appreciated. Our appeal to Council for a groundsman to be in attendance on match days was readily agreed to for next season and this will further improve the standard of wickets in the future.

N.S.W. CRICKET ASSOCIATION

To our senior body for kindly considerations, both monetary and otherwise during the season, and particularly to the Secretary, Mr. Alan Barnes, and his two very co-operative assistants, Messrs. Bob Radford and John Clough, for their ready assistance and courtesy extended to our club officials at all times.

N.S.W. UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION

For the services given to this fine game and its participants we express our sincere gratitude. The demeanour of the umpires has again contributed largely to the pleasant and enjoyable cricket experienced by our players throughout the season, and we extend our most cordial thanks for their share in promoting and developing the game in N.S.W.

Finally, to our Vice-Presidents, Associate Members for their financial assistance and attendance at matches; and to our Honorary Auditor, Mr. J. G. W. Vallance, for his valued support over the years.

— *J. F. Hodgson, President.*

Alex Anderson, Hon. Secretary.

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1971

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
1969-70		1969-70	
\$	\$	\$	\$
201	Sundry Creditors	1,217	Equipment, Caps, Badges and Guff
158	Club Centenary Fund	106	Links at cost
			614
1,729	ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		Sundry Debtors
400	Balance 30th April, 1970	700	COMMONWEALTH BONDS
189	Transfer ex creditors	500	General Account
	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income	200	Social Account
			Ground Account
1,940		1,400	
1,330	ACCUMULATION ACC. (Social Fund)		
549	Balance 30th April, 1970		Australian Guarantee Corporation De-
	Add Excess Income over Expenditure		benture
			2,700
1,879			BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES
170	PROFESSIONAL COACHING FUND	195	General Account
64	Balance 30th April, 1970	1,353	Savings Account
	Less Excess Expenditure over Income	158	Centenary Fund Account
			211
234			
24	1970 Annual Dinner—	1,706	Petty Cash on Hand
	Advance Bookings	7	1971 Annual Meeting—Hire of Hall
			10
\$4,436		\$4,436	
			\$3,996

R. KINSEY, *Honorary Treasurer.*

I report that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet and accompanying Income and Expenditure Account of Manly-Warringah District Cricket Club are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Club's affairs at at 30th April, 1971, and the results of the Club for the year ended that date, the accounting and other records examined by me have, in my opinion, been properly kept.

23rd June, 1971

J. R. G. VALLANCE, *Hon. Auditor.*

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB — INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDED 30/4/1971

1969-70	EXPENDITURE	1969-70	INCOME	
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
50	Club Centenary Fund	407	Knockout Competition	1
787	Materials and Repairs	529	Subscriptions Members and Associates	410
223	Printing, Stationery and Advertising	146	Donations	255
17	Insurance	554	Playing Fees, less Ground Rental	661
127	Postage and Telephones	61	Interest Received	94
95	Donations and Presentations		Contributions — Cricketers Club and	
120	Miscellaneous Expenses	30	Manly Rugby Union Club	45
	MANLY OVAL—	6	Net Surplus on Sale of Caps	6
324	Gross Takings		Net Surplus on Sale of Badges and	
58	Less Gatekeepers Wages and Scorers	23	Cuff Links	13
350	Less Oval Rental			
		29	Miscellaneous Income	19
84	Excess Expenditure over Income	73	N.S.W.C.A. Grant	—
	Contribution to Manly Council against		Surplus Expenditure over Income trans-	200
400	cost of nets at Graham Reserve		ferred to Accumulation Account	597
115	Life Members' Badges and Ties	189		
\$2,018		\$2,018		\$2,282

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

SOCIAL FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30/4/1971

1969-70		1969-70	
\$	\$	\$	\$
	EXPENDITURE		INCOME
	Balance of Income over Expenditure—		Net Income from various activities
	transferred to Social Fund Accumula-	492	Interest
	tion Account	57	
549	374		
\$549	\$374	\$549	\$374

MANLY-WARRINGAH DIST. CRICKET CLUB — PROFESSIONAL COACHING ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDED 30/4/1971

1969-70		1969-70	
\$	\$	\$	\$
	EXPENDITURE		INCOME
	Payments		Donations
156	Excess Income over Expenditure trans-	50	Reimbursement by N.S.W.C.A.
64	ferred to Balance Sheet	170	Reimbursement by Players
		—	Excess Expenditure over Income Trans-
			ferred to Balance Sheet
\$220		\$220	95
	\$324		\$324

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

Club Records

COMPETITION MATCHES

First Grade

Highest Individual Score L. W. Gwynne, 175 n.o. (1926-27)
Highest Aggregate J. W. Burke, 899 (1968-69)
Highest Average J. Burke, 80.75 (1947-48)
Most Wickets in Season J. Randell, 78 (1909-10)

Second Grade

Highest Individual Score H. Williams, 201 n.o. (1913-14)
Highest Aggregate N. Travers, 585 (1964-65)
Highest Average H. Williams, 70.00 (1913-14)
Most Wickets in Season W. Bassett, 60 (1937-38)

Third Grade

Highest Individual Score G. W. Lowe, 210 n.o. (1930-31)
Highest Aggregate G. W. Lowe, 937 (1930-31)
Highest Average R. Farnell, 84.33 (1920-21)
Most Wickets in Season F. Brand, 79 (1922-23)

Fourth Grade

Highest Individual Score J. Gurd, 202 (1953-54)
Highest Aggregate T. Lee, 470 (1956-57)
Highest Average T. Lee, 36-15 (1956-57)
Most Wickets in Season W. H. Bassett, 97 (1936-37)

Poidevin-Gray Shield

Highest Individual Score T. Parsonage, 178 (1930-31)
Highest Aggregate I. Howell, 396 (1965-66)
Highest Average I. Howell, 198 (1965-66)
Most Wickets in Season P. Philpott, 38 (1950-51)

A. W. Green Shield

Highest Individual Score N. Coltman, 147 (1964-65)
Highest Aggregate N. Coltman, 395 (1964-65)
Highest Average R. Bright, 141.00 (1951-52)
Most Wickets in Season J. Barnes, 41 (1956-57)

