

**Manly-Warringah District
Cricket Club**

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94th Annual Report
and
Balance Sheet

SEASON 1971-72

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

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MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

NOTICE is hereby given that the NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MANLY - WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB will be held in the ASSEMBLY ROOM, MANLY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS on WEDNESDAY, 19th JULY, 1972, at 7.45 p.m.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

BUSINESS:

1. To receive the Ninety-fourth Annual Report of the General Committee, and the Honorary Treasurer's Balance Sheet.
2. To elect Office-Bearers and General Committee for the ensuing year.
3. 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 — 1971-72

Gentlemen,

Your Management Committee has pleasure in presenting for your consideration and approval the 94th Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

Despite some inexplicable lapses, we have good reason to be satisfied with our First Grade team, although the overall performance of the Club was poor. Individual team reports by the respective captains are set out later, but it is obvious that as we had some players in Second and Third Grades with considerable first grade experience behind them, these teams should have finished much higher in their grades than 12th and 14th respectively, even allowing for the fact that as the season progressed they fielded players who were probably playing higher than their standards, at that time, warranted.

Fourth Grade was only able to finish 14th also, and with First Grade running 7th, our position in the Club Championship was a most unflattering and unsatisfactory 13th. With our two Fifth Grade sides lying 12th and 14th, our lower grades in particular, did not present a true picture of our playing strength. It is far better than these results show.

We believe that the position can and must be remedied. Players must become more "involved" in their cricket by attention to practice, and by cultivating a far greater determination to succeed, both as a team and as individuals. Administration can assist greatly in this by active interest and encouragement, particularly to young players feeling their way in the Grades. The incoming Committee may well consider the advisability of appointing an individual coach for each of the lower grade sides to work in conjunction with, and to assist the various captains. Whatever the decision, team strength must be restored, and players helped to capitalise on their abilities.

If we were not altogether satisfied with our overall performances, the Club is delighted to record our success in the Rothmans Knockout. This competition, successful from its inception some five years ago, has grown tremendously in popularity with both players and public. Almost every game leading to the finals was intensely exciting — our winning run in the semi-final coming from a ball which hit the wicket but left the bail wedged between two stumps. The final against St. George was less heart-stopping and was probably won for us by an extremely aggressive opening spell by our fast attack which pinned down and penetrated a strong St. George batting line up, eventually leaving our own batsmen a fairly easy target. This was achieved with commendable poise and determination. Congratulations to the team and to Terry Lee, the captain, who had a splendid season personally, both in Grade and in the Rothman's. It is a great pity for N.S.W. cricket that his vocation makes Terry unavailable for the State. Without any sacrifice of aggression, his batting is now sounder than it has ever been.

The Poidevin-Gray team was moderately successful in that it was runner-up in its division, but the Green Shield side did not really "click". Notwithstanding this, two players, D. Packer and S. Mesite, gained selection in the combined North Shore team — David Packer being its captain and David was also selected as vice-captain of the Combined Metropolitan Green Shield team. A fine effort by both boys.

The season itself was disappointingly wet and was further disrupted right from the beginning by the cancellation of the South African visit. The consequent necessity to vary the programme to accommodate the World XI tour brought considerable, but rather unjustified, criticism upon the N.S.W.C.A., and more particularly on its very hard-working Grades Committee. It becomes more and more apparent that an understandable desire by players to meet every other Club in the preliminary rounds, to have semi-finals and final, and yet to reduce the number of one day games, is just not practicable. Most desirable, and in fact essential, if Clubs are to follow a coaching programme, is the need to reduce the number of one-day games to an absolute minimum, which can only mean that every Club does not meet every other Club each season. We suggest should this happen, that the draw for the following season be arranged to include the Clubs so missed.

Your Committee in accord with all other Grade Clubs, fully supported the N.S.W.C.A. and the Australian Board of Control in its determination to bring the South African cricketers to Australia. That they failed was not due to any weakening of purpose but wholly and solely to the fact that the safety of the players and officials of both teams could not be guaranteed against organised violence. We deplore that it is now possible to use violence, or the threat of it, to determine what sporting teams are brought to Australia.

We also deplore that there are people who profess to reject violence themselves, but who are nevertheless prepared to aid and encourage it, even to the extent of keeping a vigil of silent menace outside the living quarters of a small band of visitors, thousands of miles from their home. This despicable, cowardly intimidation, it will be remembered, was a tactic employed by self-styled "peaceful demonstrators" against the South African Rugby footballers.

Since cricket is so much more vulnerable to disruption than football, and the nature of a cricket tour far wider spread, there was obviously no option but to abandon the tour — notwithstanding the fact that an overwhelming majority of the Australian public, whether cricket-minded or not, was firmly in favour of its taking place.

We congratulate the Board and the Association for their steadfast refusal to abandon the tour on any grounds other than the safety of those taking part. It is to be hoped that South Africa, along with all other cricketing nations with whom we are at peace, will again be invited to Australia to play cricket, and with no country presuming to meddle in the domestic affairs of another.

The Cricketers Club of N.S.W. again demonstrated its willingness to help the various Clubs, and in addition to its usual cash award, which went to Stephen Green and Tom Purcell, paid for coaching for two players at Barry Knight's Indoor School. The players selected for this were David Packer and Colin Thomson.

There is still no lack of people willing to assist Club administration, and in Ray Beard as Manager of our practices and Chairman of the Gear Committee, and John Stephenson as Chairman of the Social Committee and Secretary-Scorer of the First Grade, we are particularly well served.

The Selection Committee had a difficult season to manage, with many stops and starts and with a lack of consistent form to contend with in the lower grades. Both Mr. Tom Felton, the Chairman, and Mr. Max

Howell have announced that they do not intend to stand as permanent selectors next season, and this opportunity is taken to thank them both for their dedication and interest for the many years they have both served the Club as selectors. They will be very difficult to replace.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Graeme Beard, Jeff Macpherson, David Packer and young Sam Mesite all gained selection during the season. Graeme represented four times and scored a total of 208 runs at an average of 52 which coupled with the occasional wicket proved a very creditable performance. Jeff was selected on three occasions, but had the misfortune of striking two wet days of the three. In the one match played against Combined City and Suburban he bowled well to take 1 for 17.

Our promising young pace bowler David Packer had the single honour of being elected as captain of the North Harbour combined Green Shield team, and vice-captain of the City Firsts versus the Country Firsts, and again versus Newcastle Firsts. His five wickets averaged only 12 runs apiece and his performance throughout the series was outstanding. David in his school cricket also captained the Metropolitan Combined High Schools, taking five wickets for 4 runs against Newcastle, and 4 for 35 against the Combined Associated Schools. We look forward to further successes by this young player. Sam Mesite also represented in the North Side XI, but was unable to capitalise on his opportunity. Sam has great potential as a punishing batsman, and when he develops the ability to settle in and build his innings he will no doubt earn further recognition.

Our congratulations go to these players, as it does to Bob Jeffrey who thoroughly deserved his selection in the Australian Schoolboys XI which toured Ceylon during the season. Bob had a successful trip despite the misfortune of a stomach upset which sidelined him for a match or two.

FIRST GRADE

(CAPTAIN, TERRY LEE, REPORTS)

After a lapse of 14 years the Manly-Warringah First Grade team has returned to the winning list — the Rothmans Knockout Competition. It is fair comment that Manly played attractive attacking cricket throughout the series and, except for some anxious moments against North Sydney in the semi-final, won the five games in commanding fashion. This is an excellent competition, enjoyed by the players and popular with spectators who turned out in good numbers to watch Manly during the series.

A greatly improved performance was registered by Manly in the Grade Competition this season, and until two close losses in January the team was a likely semi-finalist. It may be noted that Manly beat both finalists during the rounds, the game against Gordon in particular being an exciting game of cricket.

The two losses in January to Bankstown and Sutherland mentioned above were primarily due to undisciplined batting after the bowlers had dismissed the opposition for modest totals. In fact this failure by the Manly batsmen during the Grade Competition to attain consistency probably was the main factor why Manly did not win the Belvedere Cup as well. Some sloppy fielding also contributed to this end.

If the Manly batsmen were not consistent then the Manly bowlers were the epitome of consistency. During the season only one team, Petersham, on the true Petersham Oval wicket, proved difficult for the Manly bowlers to dismiss. On looking back through the Annual Reports one can safely say that for quite some time Manly has not fielded such a well balanced and successful attack as that of the past season. The attack possessed excellent variety and penetration and never really allowed the opposition batsmen to settle down.

The attack was led by Jeff MacPherson with a personal tally of 41 wickets which included the great performance of 8-19 against Balmain at Drummoyne Oval. Jeff bowls mainly inswingers at a brisk pace and together with his new ball partner Paul Stephenson, rarely failed to do something with the ball in the air or off the wicket and rarely failed to remove the opening batsmen. Jeff is working on deliveries which will move away from the right-handed batsman and I hope on some more efficient disguise for his short ball. As this was only his second season in First Grade it was a sustained display of medium pace bowling and we will no doubt have pleasure in witnessing many more fine performances from him. One aspect of his cricket needs considerable effort—his fielding.

Paul Stephenson has the ability to move the ball away from right-handed batsmen and this coupled with his lively medium pace enabled him to take 32 wickets for the season. Again a fine performance for his second season in First Grade. Sometimes his "line" with the new ball was astray but generally his bowling with the old ball was tight and productive. His best bowling performance was his first five overs in the Rothman's final when he did not even take a wicket but laid the foundation for the team's win. Paul's fielding was generally sound but his batting disappointed this season.

Mike Pawley commenced the season in rousing fashion and his 6-11 against Mosman was a memorable piece of bowling. However, in the New Year the wickets favoured the faster bowlers and Mike was troubled by sore spinning fingers. Mike is the finest bowler of his type in the State and possibly in Australia and must be considered unfortunate not to be playing regular first-class cricket. Such is the lot of finger spinners in Australia. Towards the end of the season Mike batted with commendable spirit in several tight situations and at all times he set an excellent example in the field.

Our leg spinning was bound up with the long fingers of Tom Spencer, who, after languishing in the lower grades for the first six rounds, finished the season with 27 inexpensive wickets. Tom bowled impressively at all times and must receive recognition from the State selectors next season. He would be most effective on the harder first-class wickets. His fielding was first-class.

Ian Howell was our most consistent batsman scoring 574 runs in grade and a further 174 runs in the Rothman's competition by means of a sound technique, an improving and more confidently executed range of strokes and an excellent temperament for the opening role. His innings of 59 in the Rothman's final against St. George exemplified the foregoing qualities and was a delight to watch. Ian, along with Mal Elliott and Tom Spencer, will be making a private overseas cricket tour during our winter and I am sure that the constant cricket will further refine his batting capabilities.

With increased responsibilities this season Graeme Beard tightened his batting technique and produced many resolute innings in a season total of 403 runs. Graeme sweeps and drives powerfully but can be pinned down during which time he tends to forget about playing his shots. Graeme had a taste of minor representative cricket this year and it is hoped that this will spurr him into greater efforts in the future. During the season he picked up some excellent catches in slips, but has yet to attain reliability in this difficult position. This will come with further experience.

The batting find of the season was undoubtedly Kevin Davidson, a strongly built 20-year-old opening batsman, who scored 330 runs in 11 innings. Kevin obviously sees the ball very quickly and displayed excellent temperament. He drives and cuts stylishly and with further experience and slight modifications of his technique will develop into a top-class player. Unfortunately his fielding ability does not match his batting ability and this aspect of his cricket will require much work. Happily Kevin is aware of this and improvement was evident towards the close of the season.

After such a fine initial season in First Grade, Phil Allum was a disappointment in the first four games and was dropped to Seconds. However, he showed sufficient spirit to fight his way back to form and into First Grade for the last few games of the season to play sound innings against Balmain. I hope Phil consolidates his position with purpose this coming season.

Frank Turner, another young left-handed batsman joined the First Grade at the end of the season and hit 42 in his first appearance. He has a good range of strokes and is not afraid to play them.

And finally Jim Burke, probably playing his last season in First Grade at 42 years of age. While Jim has not had his usual prolific season probably because of lack of match play, he played some important innings in the Rothman's series and those who witnessed his 96 against Balmain will not forget his tenacity quickly. It is hoped that Jim will still play Second Grade and continue to pass onto the younger members of the Club his infective enthusiasm for and his immense knowledge of the game.

The wicketkeeping remained in the effective hands of Mal Elliott who picked up 19 catches and 3 stumpings during the grade season. Mal has some difficult bowlers to keep to but does so in a most tidy manner with a minimum of effort — surely the trademarks of a class keeper.

In summary, a successful and enjoyable year for the Manly First Grade. However, there is room for great improvement in our fielding and for more purpose in our batting. For a team with championship aspirations our catching was often disastrous although our ground fielding picked up through the year. I think it time that the whole Club devoted more consideration to fielding as it is a sad commentary on the general standard of this important aspect of cricket in our Club when young players can reach first grade deficient in many of the basic principles. Let us do something about it!

The management of the side and scoring was capably handled by John Stephenson with some assistance on occasions from Ray Beard and Pappy Lee. Our thanks and appreciation go to them.

FIRST GRADE BATTING 71/72

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
I. Howell	19	2	92	574	33.8
T. Lee	16	2	106x	436	31.14
J. Burke	10	2	96	249	31.12
K. Davidson	11	0	87	330	30.0
G. Beard	16	2	66	403	28.8
P. Allum	10	2	40	159	19.7
M. Pawley	13	3	36x	188	18.8
A. Frazer	11	2	53	135	15.0
M. Elliott	9	4	10x	41	8.2
T. Spencer	8	3	19	33	6.6
P. Stephenson	14	2	11	65	5.4
J. Macpherson	8	3	10	22	4.4

Also Batted: F. Turner 3-73, R. Jeffrey 3-47, N. Boden 3-29, R. Hunt 4-43.

FIRST GRADE BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
T. Spencer	115.3	14	27	430	15.9
P. Stephenson	151	26	32	511	16.0
J. Macpherson	187	36	41	673	16.41
M. Pawley	165.4	30	30	493	16.43
T. Lee	130.4	26	23	439	19.1

Also Bowled: R. Hunt 2-51, G. Beard 1-9, M. Elliott 1-28, J. Burke 1-31, R. Jeffrey 0-5, I. Howell 0-6, K. Davidson 0-5, P. Allum 0-9.

SECOND GRADE

(CAPTAIN, KEITH FITZPATRICK, REPORTS)

The Seconds started the season on a high note winning five out of six games but from the next 11 matches we managed only two wins. On occasions the team performed well, as evidenced by the fact that of the four teams in the semi-finals, we defeated three and drew with the other.

Although the team did not perform up to the standard expected, it was not for the want of trying. All players gave a 100 per cent. effort during the games and there were no "bundle droppers" when the chips were down. In retrospect, the major cause of the team's disappointing performance was poor fielding. More slips catches were missed than were held and even simple chances in the outfield were dropped consistently.

On only three occasions did the team get a reasonable start with an opening partnership of over 50 runs. This meant that the team was struggling right from the start and this placed undue pressure on the later batsmen.

Kevin Davidson started the season in fine style and won quick promotion to the Firsts. He made the most of his opportunity and should be a regular first grader for many years. Alan Fraser was also promoted to the first XI after a fine century against Cumberland in the second match. In his knock of 111 scored in 119 minutes, he hit 17 fours and one six.

A player who again confirmed what a great team man he is was Greg Harper. Greg was always willing to take on anything asked of him and he batted from opener down to number 5. Greg was forced to play the sheet anchor role on many occasions as the batting collapsed around him. In the last few games he started to play his strokes and showed what a good bat he is.

As well as finishing second in the batting averages, Neil Boden had the highest aggregate with 440 runs. A great tryer, Neil figured in an unfinished opening partnership of 192 against Balmain (Boden 108 not out, Harper 74 not out). Neil was the backbone of the batting and always gave of his best. A player who did not perform up to his capabilities was Rob Jeffrey. This was probably caused by the interrupted grade season which Rob had. He is such a good bat that I feel sure he will clinch a first grade spot before next season is over. Although he did not commence playing until well after the season had started, Frank Turner won promotion to First Grade. He is a dynamic player and showed that last season his concentration had improved and that his game had matured generally. Other batsmen who made valuable contributions during the season were Graham Macpherson and Laurie Stokoe. Both had limited opportunities but rose to the occasion when needed.

The Seconds were most fortunate to have a wicket keeper of the calibre of Ron Holmes. He concentrated well at all times and took some excellent catches (28 in all). "Farouk" is an outstanding team man and his attitude was an inspiration to his bowlers and fieldsmen.

Ken Nichol was the outstanding bowler throughout the season. Although he did not play in three matches he finished the season with 46 wickets at an average of 14 runs per wicket. He bowled with fire and determination and maintained his pace well. It was only rarely that he did not break through the opening batsmen and he averaged a wicket every three to four overs. The other fast bowling spot was shared by Brian Kinsey and Des Hartman. Brian started the season in Seconds and although he tried hard, he could not reproduce his fine form of previous seasons. Des Hartman won promotion from the thirds for the last five matches and bowled well to take 15 wickets.

Reg Hunt started the season in First Grade and with the excessive number of all day games, his bowling opportunities were limited. This lack of match practice early in the season affected his confidence and he was not able to find his true form when he returned to the Seconds. However, he got the team out of trouble on a number of occasions with his batting. After five matches Phil Allum came to the Seconds via First Grade. It took him several matches to strike form but it was good to see his determination rewarded when he returned to the Firsts. Ian Macdonald showed what a good player he is developing into with ball and bat. He bowled steadily and his best performance was 5-13 against Wests. However, his batting was the aspect which showed great improvement and in future seasons he will be expected to perform as an all rounder. It was unfortunate for Ian Felton that he had such an interrupted season due to injury. He gave of his best at all times and an enforced rest during the football season should benefit his cricket next season. Tom Spencer proved to be an enigma. He started the season in Seconds and although nobody could have tried harder, he could not find the form which had made him a regular First Grader for the past few seasons. Although dropped from Seconds to Thirds, Tom showed great spirit and fought his way back to become a regular First Grader.

Other players who contributed to the team were Steve Green, Phil Radnidge, Don Felton and Neil Howell. All should benefit from the experience gained in this grade.

SECOND GRADE BATTING

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
P. Allum	8	2	84	223	37.1
N. Boden	15	2	108x	440	33.8
I. Macdonald	17	3	71	289	20.6
R. Hunt	15	3	54	241	20.0
G. Harper	21	3	74x	355	19.7
K. Fitzpatrick	17	2	42	281	18.7
G. Macpherson	8	1	44	125	17.8
R. Jeffrey	9	0	49	152	16.8
R. Holmes	13	3	35	109	10.9
K. Nichol	11	4	42	42	6.0
I. Felton	8	2	10	34	5.6

Also Batted: F. Turner 5-179, A. Frazer 4-127, K. Davidson 6-132, L. Stokoe 5-77, C. Burke 3-29, B. Kinsey 7-42, D. Felton 3-33, D. Hartman 6-25.

SECOND GRADE BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
K. Nichol	158	14	46	646	14.0
D. Hartman	63	7	15	285	19.0
I. Macdonald	118	5	23	462	20.0
B. Kinsey	131	17	18	458	25.4
R. Hunt	125	7	21	538	25.6
I. Felton	53	1	9	277	30.7

Also Bowled: K. Davidson 5-64, G. Harper 8-121, R. Jeffrey 5-126, T. Spencer 4-192, P. Radnidge 2-14, K. Fitzpatrick 2-6, S. Green 1-31.

THIRD GRADE

(CAPTAIN, KEN TURNER, REPORTS)

It is a long time since the lower grades in the Club have been as weak as they were this year and the story of Third Grade which won five, lost nine and drew three, is the story of all.

Despite the lack of batting support required to place the team in a sound position, the bowlers performed very well. Des Hartman showed he has lost none of his skills and had an excellent spell in the Third Grade before he was promoted. Dick Pym had a reasonable season with the Club, but possibly did not cause the havoc to opposing sides we had hoped; the poor fielding did, however, largely contribute to this. Dave Packer emerged from Fourths with a large bag of wickets and once he settled in produced enough pace and fire to suggest he has a big future. Gareth Blades and Neil Howell provided the bulk of spin, Gareth made his presence felt and it was most unfortunate that he could not play a full season. Neil Howell improved with each match and by the end of the season was a capable leg-spinner.

At this sad stage fielding should be mentioned and I hope a few more now realise just how important this aspect of the game is, despite the little time devoted to it. To think that North Districts and Petersham contested the final and we had both at our mercy, yet due to poor fielding let them off the hook. The most harrowing example was the North Districts game, when we declared at 8-308 and then proceeded to drop at least ten catches to enable North Districts to pass us with only six wickets down. To expect the bowlers to hit the stumps every time or bowl for run-outs even with our fielding as it was is a possible solution but not an easy way to the first four.

Now the biggest crunch of all, our batting. Players were promoted without establishing themselves in Fourth Grade and three games were played on wickets of a poor standard (not rain-affected), two of these early in the season which hampered any batsmen who was either in form or seeking a large score to get the season under way.

It is apparent that one could blame the lack of opening stands by the ten different pairs of opening batsmen used during the season as only on two occasions did a partnership of 50 or more eventuate. However, even when given a start the remaining batsmen failed to consolidate. Generally, the batting requires a lot more dedication and application to the primary task of scoring runs.

The outstanding performance of the season was Laurie Stokoe's 176 not out against North Districts. Laurie has often looked as though he was capable of taking an attack apart and this time he did just that. It came as no surprise when he was promoted — one of the rare occasions of a player going up a grade with a score behind him. Of the

remaining batsmen, Neil Howell played some good innings, Graham Macpherson fluctuated between Seconds and Thirds, saving his best knock of 55 till last. Don Felton displayed plenty of power in his shots and improved as the season progressed. Peter Davidson, a willingness to hit every and any ball but he will have to tighten his technique if he hopes to succeed in higher grades. Sam Mesite was in the position of coming into Third Grade a little early, but by the end of the season was showing promise. Phil Radnidge displayed plenty of fight and had some good innings.

The wicket keeping was more than capably handled by Ross Hendy, who must have been one of the best keepers in the Third Grade competition. Tom Purcell stood in for Ross when baseball duties called.

It would not be fitting to conclude the season without thanking Judy Turner for taking care of the afternoon teas and Mrs. Howell for helping to supply the ingredients. Also John Packer our only supporter, even after seeing the team dismissed for an unbelievable 23 against Balmain, turned up week after week, possibly on the off-chance that the batting and fielding could only improve.

The original side started the season with a win and one bearing very little resemblance finished with two, but in between it was a very disappointing performance. Possibly with players being available for a full season and some of our former players turning out again we can look forward to a better season in 1972-73.

THIRD GRADE BATTING

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
L. Stokoe	7	1	176x	278	46.3
K. Turner	19	2	73x	418	24.5
P. Radnidge	6	0	52	143	23.8
T. Purcell	7	4	34	65	21.6
D. Packer	11	6	22	97	19.4
P. Davidson	16	0	74	295	18.4
G. Macpherson	12	0	55	216	18.0
N. Howell	16	1	47	260	17.3
D. Felton	11	0	48	154	14.0
S. Mesite	7	0	41	96	13.7
R. Hendy	12	1	51	115	10.4
G. Blades	6	1	20	51	10.2
C. Burke	6	0	22	54	9.0
D. Hartman	10	1	21x	62	6.8
J. Rayment	7	0	20	46	6.5
R. Pym	10	4	12	21	3.5

Also Batted: P. Churchill 1-5, R. Douglas 3-19, S. Erichson 1-0, I. Felton 4-48, G. Flowers 3-42, S. Green 3-9, P. Harvey 4-67, J. Haysom 1-4, I. Hendy 1-2, B. Henry 1-1, B. Kinsey 2-1, G. McLarn 2-4, T. Spencer 2-12, F. Turner 3-52, G. Wilson 4-35, P. Yates 2-79.

THIRD GRADE BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
I. Felton	32	5	8	111	13.87
D. Hartman	164.4	33	33	483	14.63
B. Kinsey	28.1	8	4	64	16.00
N. Howell	119	8	32	538	16.81
D. Packer	85	12	21	361	17.19
T. Spencer	39	6	5	94	18.80
S. Green	22	8	3	61	20.33
R. Pym	104.5	13	17	379	22.29
G. Blades	80	12	11	258	23.45
R. Douglas	42	7	6	160	26.66

Also Bowled: C. Burke 1-4, P. Davidson 1-8, D. Felton 1-52, J. Haysom 0-15, G. Macpherson 1-18, P. Radnidge 2-28, J. Rayment 2-51, L. Stokoe 0-27, R. Toolin 2-53, F. Turner 0-8, K. Turner 0-19, G. Wilson 3-35.

FOURTH GRADE

(CAPTAIN, DICK WOODFIELD, REPORTS)

This "team" had 39 players during the season and the average number of games played by each was 4.2. The captain played all 15 games, Mark Stedman 11, and no-one else made double figures. When these facts, together with four wicket keepers, twenty-six bowlers and a disrupted season are taken into account, the statistics below are hardly surprising. It is not possible to write a conventional type of report in these circumstances.

We have a large number of very promising young players; some of our more established of these did not perform as well as had been hoped but the real cause of failure was the complete absence of experienced older batsmen. Without this type of player the number of disastrous batting collapses which we had should be expected especially against the stronger teams.

I would like to thank all players for their support and loyalty and look forward to a much more stable and satisfying 1972-73 season.

FOURTH GRADE BATTING

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
S. Mesite	9	2	94x	204	29.1
S. Green	9	2	48x	125	17.9
T. Purcell	11	0	56	171	15.6
P. Stroud	13	3	58x	141	14.1
M. Stedman	14	0	31	156	11.1
G. McLarn	11	1	38	110	11.0
J. Barratt	9	0	18	69	7.7
D. Woodfield	18	6	20	73	6.1
G. Horton	9	3	14	27	4.5

Also Batted: K. Nichol 3-13, P. Yates 3-185, P. Davidson 4-74, D. Packer 7-29, B. Henry 3-6, K. Sekulich 5-13, C. Thompson 5-27, D. Felton 3-169, P. Radnidge 7-100, A. Ward 5-118, I. Hendy 4-61, M. Evans 1-0, P. Harvey 1-10, F. Turner 1-32, C. Burke 2-22, S. Erickson 8-59, R. Douglass 7-42, J. Rayment 3-66, I. MacDonald 2-7, D. Rayment 2-15, S. Swan 1-0, J. Dawson 2-0, G. Flowers 7-58, J. Logan 3-5, G. Wilson 2-11, R. Sullivan 3-15, P. Vernon 6-99, R. Pym 3-38, P. Churchill 3-33, J. Haysom 8-87.

FOURTH GRADE BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
D. Packer	89	19	30	295	9.8
S. Green	62	13	15	158	10.5
D. Woodfield	158	36	31	430	13.9
R. Douglass	57	8	14	233	16.6
G. McLarn	59	5	15	266	17.7

Also Bowled: P. Davidson 0-3, K. Nichol 0-29, B. Henry 0-32, C. Thompson 0-34, D. Rayment 0-14, K. Sekulich 2-24, P. Vernon 1-22, P. Churchill 0-23, D. Felton 2-133, P. Stroud 5-132, P. Radnidge 3-100, A. Ward 5-99, M. Stedman 3-27, S. Erickson 5-101, J. Rayment 1-51, R. Pym 8-81, G. Wilson 0-8, R. Sullivan 2-80, J. Haysom 3-33, J. Barratt 5-159, G. Horton 8-100.

FIFTH GRADE "A" REPORT

(CAPTAIN, BRUCE HENRY, REPORTS)

This was once again a fairly young side relative to the other teams in the competition. Despite this lack of experience, a constant changing of teams (with 30 players participating during the season), and on several occasions a shortage of players, the team managed to win four matches, including one outright, and held a first innings lead in another to be narrowly beaten outright. Team spirit, keenness, and a high standard of fielding were some of the factors which prevented the occasional disastrous loss from being repeated each week. The high point of the season was a convincing win over St. George who finished second in the competition.

The bowling was the strongest point of the team. No side scored over 200 runs against us and only three scored over 150 runs. Medium pace bowlers David Hough, Roland Hough, and Dave Perse shared the honours and rarely strayed from the mark in their consistently good performance. Bob Toolin showed considerable promise toward the end of the season with his leg breaks, while Bob Green bowled off-breaks very accurately but without luck. As mentioned above, the bowlers were supported by first-class fielding and all must be commended on their efforts.

In contrast to the consistent bowling, the batting was rather patchy. Good performances were given by John Rayment, Michael Evans, Colin Thompson, and John Haysom early in the season. John Rayment and John Haysom were then promoted to Fourth Grade for the remainder of the season, while Michael Evans was unavailable for this period. During the second half of the season Peter Churchill showed very consistent form, but on several occasions had a lapse of concentration in the 20's, which prevented his scores being much higher. Also in the latter part of the season, hard-hitting efforts by Dave Perse, Bob Toolin and Roland Hough were very useful. John Dawson improved his batting as the season progressed and as he gains more confidence should do considerably better.

The experience gained by all players this season and increased concentration in batting should ensure improved results next season. Thanks to all players for their support and keenness throughout the season.

FIFTH GRADE "A" BATTING

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
J. Rayment	13	1	59x	205	17.1
P. Churchill	12	1	24	149	13.5
C. Thompson	14	1	35	168	12.9
J. Haysom	10	1	26	104	11.6
J. Dawson	21	0	36	158	7.5
R. Toolin	11	3	21	58	7.3
D. Perse	14	2	19x	79	6.6
B. Henry	20	0	19	125	6.3
R. Hough	14	1	18	80	6.2
R. Green	21	2	23	108	5.7
P. Harris	13	2	14	50	4.6
S. Heath	17	4	8	32	2.5

Also Batted: B. Anderson 8-58, G. Anderson 1-24, P. Clay 2-5, K. Davidson 2-52, J. Dombrowskie 2-7, G. Dudley 2-15, M. Evans 7-165, G. Hayman 7-29, I. Hendy 3-29, D. Hough 8-38, I. McDonald 2-12, D. Rayment 3-43, K. Sekulich 2-10, S. Swan 2-21, P. Stroud 3-58, J. Thompson 7-19, A. Ward 4-42, M. Waller 2-0.

FIFTH GRADE "A" BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
D. Hough	77	7	25	238	9.5
R. Hough	115	20	25	263	10.5
R. Toolin	31	2	8	102	12.8
D. Perse	95	14	23	321	13.9
J. Haysom	26	9	4	56	14.0
P. Churchill	20	3	5	76	15.2
J. Rayment	38	9	6	106	17.7
C. Thompson	23	3	7	127	18.1
S. Heath	27	6	4	86	21.5
R. Green	38	4	5	117	23.4
B. Henry	45	6	7	182	26.0
J. Dawson	31	5	4	112	28.0

Also Bowled: B. Anderson 0-2, K. Davidson 1-14, J. Dombrowskie 1-15, P. Harris 1-8, G. Hayman 1-36, I. McDonald 1-49, K. Sekulich 3-28, P. Stroud 7-56, I. Thompson 0-18, A. Ward 6-41.

FIFTH GRADE "B"

(CAPTAIN, KEVIN SEKULICH, REPORTS)

The Fifth Grade "B" team had a disappointing season, with only one win to its credit. With 31 players passing through, the team was often disjointed and lacking in cohesion. The batting was devoid of discipline and technique and the bowling lacked aggressiveness and direction. Apart from some obvious reasons the performances were a reflection of two factors; mental approach and inexperience. As the season progressed and the visions of victory dimmed our batsmen became frustrated in their efforts to force a win and they began playing rash strokes, ending many promising innings. Many times our bowlers launched successful assaults on the early batting only to let the opposition off the hook by lack of killer instinct. The lack of experienced players did not allow the team, particularly the younger members, to show their undoubted talents. This above all, was the contributing factor to our downfall.

On the brighter side there were some outstanding individual performances. Jeff Barratt played some scintillating innings. His 81 against Sutherland being indicative of his positive, aggressive attitude. He was also one of the few bowlers to attack the batsmen. Peter Vernon was the batting find of the season, posting two 50's in his only three innings. Peter is a real "guts" batsman and should score heavily next season. Jeff Logan headed the batting aggregate for the season. Jeff's sharp eye allows him to play a wide range of attacking strokes. Consistency was a feature of his play. Greg Horton in his first season in grade showed a maturity not usually associated with one so young. His attacking bowling should be an example to older players.

Ian Hendy's wicket keeping set a high standard in the field. Ian's infectious will to win was clearly shown in many splendid fighting innings.

Iain Macdonald was the batting "sheet-anchor" of the team. Iain recorded the best double and with added confidence should have his best season ahead of him. Rob Sullivan learnt from experience the difficulties of a left-arm wrist spin bowler. Even at his early age Rob is well on the way to becoming proficient in this intriguing art. His fielding was always outstanding.

With added experience I look forward to seeing a big improvement in the performances of all team members next season.

FIFTH GRADE "B" BATTING

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
J. Barratt	6	0	81	132	22.0
I. Hendy	8	1	40	119	17.0
J. Logan	19	2	41	277	16.2
K. Sekulich	17	1	34	175	10.9
R. Sullivan	16	2	38	151	10.7
Iain Macdonald	21	2	31	186	9.7
G. Horton	15	2	33	117	9.0
S. Swan	22	0	43	151	6.8
M. Waller	7	1	15x	39	6.5
P. Clay	23	2	22	128	6.1
J. Dombrowskie	8	3	13	27	5.4
B. Anderson	8	0	11	37	4.6
R. Stanton	16	2	15	57	3.8

Also Batted: P. Radnidge 5-28, A. Bannerman 12-18, S. Erichsen 6-47, P. Russell 2-49, W. Arthur 1-0, R. Hough 2-0, J. Baker 2-9, P. Stroud 2-19, P. Vernon 3-114, S. Hodgkinson 2-2, J. Finn 6-3, P. Harris 3-15, B. Sekulich 1-1, N. Archer 3-46, G. Hayman 1-3, D. Hough 1-0, P. Clay 1-3.

FIFTH GRADE "B" BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
S. Erichsen	46	4	13	199	15.3
R. Sullivan	23	0	11	170	15.4
J. Barratt	62	7	15	253	16.8
G. Horton	43	4	8	155	19.3
R. Stanton	75	9	13	258	19.8
J. Dombrowskie	29	2	5	111	22.2
Iain Macdonald	81	7	15	358	23.8
K. Sekulich	36	4	5	143	28.6
P. Clay	24	1	3	109	36.3

Also Bowled: A. Bannerman 3-79, P. Radnidge 4-31, J. Logan 2-34, R. Hough 3-35, W. Arthur 0-23, J. Baker 2-15, P. Stroud 0-11, N. Archer 2-40, B. Sekulich 0-13, S. Hodgkinson 1-9.

POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD

(BY PHIL ALLUM, CAPTAIN)

This strong side was very unlucky in the 1971-72 season. Because of limited games we did not play Northern Districts (who were the eventual winners) but as a result of some good performances we managed to finish only two points behind them on second place in the Northern Division.

A defeat at the hands of North Sydney, where we were sent in on a wet wicket, and a washed out game against Mosman proved our downfall. The batting of the side was particularly strong. Much of our success in this department lay in the fact that we had Bob Jeffrey and Kevin Davidson as our opening pair. These two produced some fine partnerships and laid the foundations for the middle order batsmen.

Frank Turner again proved to be a big success in his usual aggressive manner. Anyone who saw his 103 not out in only 94 minutes against Balmain at Manly Oval would agree that it was one of the finest innings seen there for many years. Greg Harper, Phillip Allum, Neil Howell and Peter Davidson also turned in some solid performances with the bat.

Paul Stephenson was called upon to provide the backbone of the attack. This he did in great style but unfortunately Paul saved his best performance for the last game where he captured 5-33 with some very hostile bowling. He was ably supported by David Packer. Here is a young player who developed remarkably over the series, especially when you consider that he was bowling to experienced batsmen four years his senior. David also showed some potential with the bat.

Our spin attack was particularly strong with the inclusion of Ian Felton, Neil Howell and Ian MacDonald in the side. All these bowlers put in some splendid efforts but none better than Ian Felton's 4-58 against a strong Balmain line-up which helped us to gain a good victory.

The standard of the fielding after a slow start was of a very high standard with some good individual catches taken. Tom Purcell and Ian Hendy (for one match) did a fine job behind the stumps.

Recapping on the games our most noteworthy performance would have been against Sydney. We had the pleasure of beating them outright even though they had not lost a Poidevin-Gray Shield game in two years.

The team was fortunate in having the services of Mrs. Harper and Mr. Stephenson as scorers and Don Allum as manager. Finally, a special thanks to those mothers who kindly provided afternoon tea.

POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD BATTING

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
R. Jeffrey	4	0	100	159	39.7
P. Allum	6	1	58	189	37.8
F. Turner	5	1	103x	145	36.2
K. Davidson	6	0	66	205	34.1

Also Batted: D. Packer 3-36, G. Harper 4-42, N. Howell 3-20, P. Davidson 3-32, I. Macdonald 2-12, P. Stephenson 4-43, I. Felton 3-11, T. Purcell 2-10.

POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
I. Macdonald	48.5	15	10	139	13.9
P. Stephenson	63	5	13	237	18.23
I. Felton	54.2	9	11	201	18.27
D. Packer	33	7	5	127	25.4

Also Bowled: R. Jeffrey 3-44, N. Howell 2-51, K. Davidson 2-11.

A. W. GREEN SHIELD

(MANAGER, JOHN PACKER, REPORTS)

Squad: D. Packer (Captain), S. Mesite, M. Stedman, C. Thompson, J. Logan, P. Stroud, R. Sullivan, G. Horton, S. Heath, I. Hendy, P. Clay, (R. McNeil, M. McGuire, J. Riddle) all of Dee Why; R. Smith (Seaforth).

Due to the adverse weather conditions this season's competition was restricted to three games out of a possible seven originally to be played. In keeping with the weather and the wet wickets our performances were just as dismal — with such a strong team it was thought that we could win the competition but we lost two and won one match. The strength and experience of this team never at any stage dominated the proceedings. It was left to the new boys to show the way, three in particular stood out — Mike McGuire (fast bowler), Rod McNeil (right-hand batsman) and Greg Horton (medium bowler). They put up some very good performances, Mike's taking some beating — eight wickets for 40 runs off 19 overs against the competition leader North Sydney was an effort which won him the "Telegraph" cricketer of the week award.

Representative honours went to: David Packer, captain of the combined North Harbour team v. South Harbour at Petersham; vice-captain of the City First team v. Country First, S.C.G.; vice-captain of the City First team v. Newcastle at Newcastle. Sam Mesite, Combined North Harbour team v. South Harbour; City Seconds Squad v. Country Seconds.

Our three representatives in the Green Shield K.O. Competition held at Mosman were: D. Packer, M. Stedman and Rod McNeil. Unfortunately they were K.O.'d in the first round by Western Suburbs in a very exciting match.

In conclusion, I would like to thank, on behalf of myself and the boys, our coach Mick Pawley for the time and effort he devoted to the team, he did a tremendous amount of work for which we were very grateful.

A. W. GREEN SHIELD BATTING

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
R. Sullivan	2	1	39x	54	54.0
R. McNeil	3	0	51	92	30.6
C. Thompson	3	0	45	68	22.6
M. Maguire	2	0	38	38	19.0
J. Logan	3	0	30	47	15.6
M. Stedman	3	0	39	47	15.6

Also Batted: D. Packer 3-29, G. Horton 2-8, I. Hendy 1-13, J. Riddle 2-14, S. Mesite 3-16, P. Clay 1-5, P. Stroud 2-8, R. Smith 1-3, S. Heath 1-2.

A. W. GREEN SHIELD BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
M. Maguire	32	8	11	73	6.6
M. Stedman	29	5	8	89	11.1
G. Horton	34	11	6	84	14.0
D. Packer	28	6	3	88	29.0

Also Bowled: R. Sullivan 1-19, C. Thompson 1-44.

CITY AND SUBURBAN

(CAPTAIN, H. FRAZER, REPORTS)

The team played twenty matches for seven wins, one draw and twelve losses. A most enjoyable season was had. However, the batsmen failed to score sufficient runs to win and on other occasions the bowlers could not finish off the opposition.

In batting the aggregate and average was won by Mike Hancock 320 at 20 per innings and Bill Hoy took most wickets — 45 at 10.45. The most consistent fieldsman was Andy Thorborn, followed by evergreen Len Roache. The wicket keeping was in the capable hands of Cliff Watson, ably assisted by Mike Hancock. Andy Dessaix filled in when we were short and took the hat-trick (6-30) against the A.N.Z. Bank team at Graham Reserve. Batsmen to score over 50 runs per innings were: Alan Frazer 71 not out and 52 not out, Clive Russell 55, Mike Hancock 54 not out and 53. Bowlers to take more than five wickets per innings were W. Hoy 6-62, 5-25, 5-36, 5-36; P. Driver 5-46; H. Frazer 5-17; A. Dessaix 6-30.

I thank the Club members and committee for their support during the last season.

CITY AND SUBURBAN BATTING

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
M. Hancock	18	2	54x	320	20.0
C. Russell	13	1	55	224	18.6
P. Driver	8	0	30	108	11.7
P. Newman	17	0	39	189	10.8
L. Cameron	12	1	28x	116	10.5
A. Thorburn	10	0	19	97	9.7
N. Bouveng	20	0	25	192	9.6
H. Frazer	15	3	27	84	7.0
L. Roache	13	1	24	73	6.3
C. Watson	13	4	22	50	5.5
A. Cameron	8	1	13	32	4.6

Also Batted: A. Frazer 4-184, W. Hoy 13-13, J. Corrigan 8-15, G. Watson 8-32.

CITY AND SUBURBAN BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
W. Hoy	96	4	45	468	10.4
H. Frazer	128	22	33	462	14.0
A. Cameron	38	4	9	160	15.5
P. Driver	89	8	24	400	16.9
L. Cameron	42	0	9	240	26.6

Also Bowled: A. Dessaix 6-30, G. Watson 9-60, G. Trent 3-65, P. Newman 4-87.

CI GRADE

(REPORTED BY M. MURFIN, SNR.)

This team consisting of mostly young players under 16 started the season in fine style, winning all their games outright in the first round with the exception of that against St. Augustine's.

Unfortunately we were not able to maintain this high standard during the second round due mainly I think to not being able to field our strongest team each week and the effect of petty jealousies and dissent amongst some of the older players. A typical case of too many captains. However, I do think these boys are very good cricketers, and can only hope they will go on to play grade next season.

The team finished third in the competition with some very fine individual performances being recorded. D. Easterbrook topped the batting with 375 runs. He also took 66 wickets at an average of 9.3. B. McLean scored 321 runs and will score a lot more when he learns to hit the ball along the ground. N. Rose, Ross Smith and B. Fisher are all under 16 and all batted well to score over 200 runs each — Ross Smith hitting a beautiful 85 runs in the match against St. Augustine's when all the other batsmen had failed.

G. Luddel, M. Murfin, Jnr., Bob Helleyer, P. Smith and S. Murray all got runs and indeed towards the end of the season looked as good as the star batsmen.

Peter Smith is a very good wicket keeper, ending up with 25 catches and 13 stumpings. S. Murray, G. Luddel, B. Helleyer and R. Smith ably supported D. Easterbrooks pace bowling and in fact it is rather a pity to have so many good bowlers of the same type in the one team. These boys need and want a lot of work. I think a lot of the dissatisfaction later in the season amongst the boys came from the fact they were not getting enough bowling.

Michael Murfin, Jnr., the young leg spinner, again had a good season taking 55 wickets at an average of 10.4, including one hat-trick. This is good bowling by a 15 year old boy against all-age teams.

Special thanks must go to Mrs. McLean for scoring for us each week. She also provided the boys with soft drinks and oranges on most occasions. Cec Smith did a marvellous job as Treasurer, being our most faithful and sometimes only spectator.

CI GRADE BATTING

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Ave.
D. Easterbrook	18	2	104	375	23.2
B. Fisher	15	5	45	200	20.0
M. Murfin (Snr.)	18	6	44	229	19.0
B. McLean	20	2	49	321	17.8
N. Rose	21	2	51	295	15.5
R. Smith	18	1	85	247	14.5
G. Luddell	17	3	24	159	11.3
B. Helleyer	12	1	29	121	11.0
S. Murray	13	3	36	110	11.0
M. Murfin (Jnr.)	16	1	55	159	10.6
P. Smith	15	1	25	114	8.1
G. Owen	9	3	15	42	7.0

Also Batted: R. Scharkie 3-36.

CI GRADE BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Ave.
B. Helleyer	32	3	13	110	8.4
D. Easterbrook	182	26	66	618	9.3
M. Murfin (Jnr.)	99	3	55	572	10.4
S. Murray	114	12	34	515	15.0
G. Luddell	62	4	17	279	16.4
R. Smith	34	2	8	173	21.6
G. Owen	14	0	4	91	22.7

GROUNDS

Manly Oval — The pitches were grassed after the early rounds and, generally, played well throughout the season. However, it was disappointing that bare patches were evident at the wicket surrounds for long periods and that foreign growth such as crabgrass was allowed to remain. It is hoped that in the coming season prompt re-sprigging of these bare areas will be rigorously pursued. The condition of the outfield left nothing to be desired.

L. M. GRAHAM RESERVE — This ground continued to show improvement and was often the subject of favourable comment from visiting players. Though well grassed, the pitches tended to keep low and a heavy roller to consolidate the area and produce bounce and life is urgently required. The groundsman, Mr. Les McMillan, worked very hard to overcome this handicap and to him we extend our sincere thanks.

Weldon Park — This ground showed further improvement and the outfield is now well grassed. The wicket area, though beautifully covered with couch, still shows the need for consistent and regular heavy rolling. The ground, dressing sheds and surrounds are now a credit to the Warringah Shire Council.

Practice Facilities — The practice complex at L. M. Graham Reserve again proved to be a real boon to the Club and was used at every opportunity. The prompt co-operation of the Manly Municipal Council in making the area vandal-proof was very much appreciated.

PUBLICITY

It would be no exaggeration to say that the publicity enjoyed by our Club in the Manly-Warringah area would be the envy of most other clubs in the Metropolitan district, and probably in the whole country. Mr. Maurice Murray, with the wholehearted support of the "Manly Daily" has once again given us a season of inspired coverage, which with the splendid action shots appearing practically each and every day, has boosted the interest in our game and its activity on the Oval, and we are sure that but for our inability to control entry to the ground, this interest would have been reflected in our gate takings. We are indeed grateful to Maurice and to the Proprietors of the "Daily" for their continued support.

In the matter of publicity, too, we should not omit to mention the A.B.C., the commercial radio stations and the metropolitan Press who all contribute in this field.

With the completion of the fence on Sydney Road we look forward next season to reaping the benefit of such outstanding publicity.

SUCCESSFUL CLUBS

We offer our heartiest congratulations to the Club Champions, Balmain District Cricket Club, and to the following Clubs on their Premiership achievements:

FIRST GRADE	WESTERN SUBURBS
SECOND GRADE	ST. GEORGE
THIRD GRADE	NORTHERN DISTRICTS
FOURTH GRADE	BANKSTOWN-CANTERBURY
FIFTH GRADE	NORTHERN DISTRICTS "A"
POIDEVIN-GRAY SHIELD	WAVERLEY
A. W. GREEN SHIELD	PETERSHAM-MARRICKVILLE

Congratulations also to those clubs winning Encouragement Award Pennants in the first season of this innovation.

SOCIAL REPORT

The Club's social activities during the season again proved successful both from an entertainment and monetary point of view. They were a little more varied than previously and generally speaking catered for all associated with the Club.

At the instigation of Mick Pawley two Newcastle sides were invited to play matches against our Club on the 19th September, and at lunch were entertained by means of a barbecue at Grahams Reserve. There is no doubt our Newcastle friends thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality — credit is due to all those members who participated and helped to entertain. A special word of thanks to Brian Kinsey who acted as "Mine Host over the Hot Stove".

The major activities of a "mixed" nature were a Social Evening, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Stephenson on the 2nd September. A Barbecue and Social Evening at the Room at the Top on 4th January, and the Annual Dinner Dance at Long Reef Golf Club on 28th April, and all were very successful. The function at the Room at the Top was arranged to give members the opportunity of saying farewell to Bob Jeffrey prior to his departure for Ceylon with the Australian Schoolboys Cricket team, and there is no doubt Bob was very appreciative of the occasion.

The Annual Dinner Dance was an outstanding success, the venue, food and music was first-class, and the attendance very satisfactory. Again full credit is due to our Secretary Alex Anderson who personally organised this most enjoyable evening.

A new innovation during the season was a "Bucks Golf Day" held at Bungool Country Club, Cattai, on the 19th March and was a great success. Forty-five members of the club journeyed by bus, played 18 holes of golf, barbecued, and refreshed themselves. It was a wonderful opportunity for all ages to fraternise, and is a "must" for next season. The organisation of the day was handled by Peter Harvey to perfection, and sincere thanks are offered to him for a job very well done.

We again offer our gratitude to the Balgowlah Lions for the opportunity of participating in their Melbourne Cup Sweep. It produced excellent revenue for the Club.

As in the past years the "Room at the Top" provided an excellent venue to allow members of all teams to get together after the games and we are grateful to all those who assisted in dispensing the necessary food and refreshments.

Lastly, but by no means least, our very sincere thanks to the ladies of the Club who assisted with social functions, and who provided and served afternoon teas throughout the season. Members and supporters who followed the teams would agree wholeheartedly there is no better "spread" than Manly.

Social activities during the year netted approximately \$600.00 to Club funds.

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to report a very satisfactory overall result. Results for the past three seasons show:

	1971/72	1970/71	1969/70
Social Activities (Profit)	\$744	\$374	\$549
General Activities (Loss)	32	597	189
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	\$712 (Profit)	\$223 (Loss)	\$360(Prof)

The accompanying Income and Expenditure Accounts detail this year's earnings and expenses against last years. The dependence of the Club on profits from our Social Committee's activities is again clearly shown, because in spite of a surplus of \$376 from the Rothman's Knock-out competition we still were slightly in the Red on the Cricket side. No monies were paid out from the Professional Coaching Account.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Members of your Committee were most conscientious in attending meetings throughout the season and much fruitful discussion took place. Attendances at the nine meetings held were: A. Anderson 9, R. Beard 8, L. Carter 6, B. Cook 7, M. Elliot 2 (resigned 21/9/71), T. Felton 6, P. Harvey 7, J. Hodgson 9, R. Holmes 4, (appointed 21/9/71), I. Howell 6, M. Howell 6, B. Kinsey 5, R. Kinsey 8, K. Nichol 8, M. Pawley 5, S. Sismey 5, L. Soman 6, T. Spencer 6, J. Stephenson 5.

Mr. H. Frazer (delegate City and Suburban team) and Mr. M. Murray (Publicity Officer) also attended some of the meetings.

The Manly Rugby Union Club Ltd. again made its premises available for committee and selection meetings and our thanks are extended to that Club.

CONDOLENCES

It is with profound regret that we record the death of Mr. Sydney Smith, C.B.E., in April last at the age of 92.

His remarkable career in cricket administration began as a ten-year-old secretary of Annandale School Cricket Club. Playing cricket for Petersham Club he became its delegate to the New South Wales Cricket Association. For 60 years a member of the association, he became President in 1935, and relinquished that office in 1966. Many and varied were his activities in the furthering of this game of ours, and it is indeed sad that time marches on, and brooks no halting.

To his family we all extend our sincere sympathy.

THANKS AND APPECIATION

N.S.W. Cricket Association — As always, Mr. Alan Barnes, his two assistants Bob Radford and John Clough, have been unfailing in their courteous co-operation throughout the season under review, and your Secretary wishes to express his personal thanks to them and the Staff of the Association for their ready assistance.

N.S.W. Umpires Association — These gentlemen have once again played their part in making cricket the game it is, and indeed in appearance and demeanour set an example that all cricketers might well emulate. We thank them again for their dedication to our game.

Manly Municipal Council and Warringah Shire Council — We are again indebted to these bodies for their continued consideration of our needs, and we express our sincere thanks to all concerned — Aldermen, Councillors and the Staffs for their courteous assistance extended to us.

Many Thanks — To our Honorary Auditor, Mr. J. G. W. Vallance, for his valued help. To our Vice-Presidents and Associate Members for their support, and particularly to the ladies who have served us so well at afternoon teas, barbecues and functions throughout the season. Bless them!

For and on behalf of the Management Committee,

J. F. HODGSON, President.

ALEX ANDERSON, Hon. Secretary.

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1972

1970/71	LIABILITIES	1970/71	ASSETS	
\$	\$	\$		\$
50	Sundry Creditors		Equipment, Caps, Badges and Cuff Links at Cost	527
211	Club Centenary Fund	269	Australian Guarantee Corporation Debentures	2,700
	ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT:		BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES	
1,940	Balance 30th April, 1971	1,343	General Account	856
597	Less Excess Expenditure Over Income	32	Savings Account	123
			Centenary Fund Account	269
1,343		1,311		
	Accumulation Account (Social Fund)		Petty Cash on Hand	1,248
1,879	Balance 30th April, 1971	2,253	Annual Meeting — Hire of Hall prepaid	19
374	Add excess Income over Expenditure	744	Sundry Debtors	10
				212
2,253		2,997		
	PROFESSIONAL COACHING FUND			
234	Balance 30th April, 1971	139		
95	Less excess expenditure over Income	—		
139				
\$3,996		\$4,716		\$4,716

R. KINSEY, Honorary Treasurer.

I report that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet and Accompanying Income and Expenditure Account of the 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 as at the 30th April, 1972, 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.

20th JUNE, 1972.

J. G. W. VALLANCE, F.C.A., Hon. Auditor.

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB — INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDED 30/4/'72

1970/71		1970/71	
\$	EXPENDITURE	\$	INCOME
50	Club Centenary Fund	1	Knockout Competition
1,206	Materials and Repairs	410	Subscriptions, Members and Associates
240	Printing, Stationery and Advertising	255	Donations
25	Insurance	661	Playing fees less Ground rental
129	Postage and Telephones	94	Interest received
114	Donations and Presentations		Contributions — Cricketers Club and Manly Rugby
286	Miscellaneous Expenses	45	Union Club
	MANLY OVAL:	6	Net surplus on sale of caps
206	Gross Takings	13	Net surplus on Sale of Badges and Cuff Links
88	Less Gatekeepers Wages and Scorers	19	
350	Less Oval Rental		Miscellaneous Income
232	Excess Expenditure over Income	200	N.S.W.C.A. Grant
	Life Members' Badges	597	Surplus Expenditure over Income transferred to
			Accumulation Account
\$2,282		\$2,282	
			32
			\$2,211

MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB — SOCIAL FUND ACCOUNT for Year Ended 30th April, 1972

1970/71		1970/71	
\$	EXPENDITURE	\$	INCOME
	Cost of bus for Golf Day	304	Net Income from various activities
	Balance of Income over Expenditure transferred	70	Interest
	to Social Fund		
374	Accumulation Account		
\$374		\$374	
			\$810

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)

