

Middle Harbour District Cricket Club

OFFICE BEARERS 1916-1917.

Patron:

BRIGADIER-GENERAL G. D'L. RYRIE, M.H.R.

President:

Dr. D. THOMAS.

Vice-Presidents:

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*Deceased.

Honorary Life Members:

C. H. HAYES, Esq., R. PITT, Esq., C. A. LAURENCE, Esq., W. S. MITCHELL, Esq.

Life Members:

Dr. D. THOMAS, Dr. L. WATSON HARVEY, Dr. G. R. P. HALL, Messrs. F. W. WEBB, C.M.G., GEO. MILLER, I.S.O., G. H. GORDON, C. J. CARROLL, F. P. MORRIS, P. H. O'BRIEN, A. SMIDMORE, T. J. UNDERWOOD, E. E. HASSELL, D. I. WATT, S. R. WALFORD, W. H. HANNAM, G. A. MOORE, R. J. WILD, C. DE KANTZOW, C. F. W. LLOYD.

Hon. Secretary:

R. A. OXLADE.

Hon. Assistant Secretary:

E. P. WOOLCOTT.

Hon. Treasurer:

C. B-COCHRANE.

General Committee:

F. B. ANDERSON, E. BULL, F. TRACY, C. CAMPBELL, G. DUNLOP, J. FREEMAN, T. RUSSELL, R. STRANGE, J. H. MACKINLAY.

Selection Committee:

A Team—R. A. OXLADE, F. B. ANDERSON, E. P. WOOLCOTT.
B Team—G. DUNLOP, C. B-COCHRANE, F. TRACY.
C Team—J. FREEMAN, A LITTLE, G. RYAN.

Ground Committee:

R. A. OXLADE, E. P. WOOLCOTT, C. B-COCHRANE.

Hon. Auditors:

A. LEARMONTH, R. A. MUSGRAVE.

Delegates to N.S.W. Cricket Association:

R. A. OXLADE, C. B-COCHRANE.

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

To be submitted for adoption at the 13th Annual Meeting to be held at Manly, on Thursday, 26th July, 1917, at 8 p.m.

To the members of the Middle Harbour District Cricket Club:—
GENTLEMEN,—

The Committee have much pleasure in presenting for your consideration the Thirteenth Annual Report.

During last season no Competition Cricket was played. The policy of the New South Wales Cricket Association was to do nothing which might hinder recruiting, consequently the only cricket arranged by it, though divided into different grades, was that of a friendly nature, in which no premiership was involved. As in the previous season your Club was only able to place two teams in the field owing to the large number of its players on active service, and the difficulty in obtaining new members in the district through the same cause. The policy your Committee adopted as far as possible in the selection of its teams was the encouragement of junior players under military age and married men.

THE FIRST ELEVEN.—Most of the players in this team were veterans, and though not so active as younger men, it is pleasing to record that the programme of matches was carried out with the same enthusiasm and good sportsmanship which has always been displayed by your representatives on the cricket field. The team played eleven matches, winning one, drawing two and losing eight. In several of the matches the margin of defeat was narrow.

The best batting averages were obtained by Messrs. D. A. Gee and F. Dunn. Both these players batted most consistently throughout the season, and are to be congratulated upon their efforts.

In bowling F. Ames, who was playing his first season in First Grade, has easily the best record, and his performances were distinctly good. W. T. J. Finneran, K. Walton, and D. A. Gee also rendered able assistance in this department.

F. B. Anderson (who captained the side throughout the season) again kept wickets very ably.

THE SECOND ELEVEN.—The players on this side consisted of colts and veterans; some of the former give promise of making fine players in the future. The sporting traditions of your Club were also worthily upheld by this team. The side played twelve matches, of which four were won and eight lost.

The batting average was won by G. Gillham, a colt, who batted very brilliantly and stylishly. Messrs. A. Little, T. Davis, C. B. Cochrane and F. L. Tracy all played consistently. To A. Little belongs the honor of scoring the only century for either team during the season.

R. Baker (one of last season's schoolboys coached at the Sydney Cricket Ground) was first in the bowling. Messrs. W. Johnson, C. B. Cochrane and F. L. Tracy had to bear the brunt of the bowling, however, and the two former each put up some brilliant efforts.

The fielding of the side was rather patchy. R. Freeman showed very great improvement in wicketkeeping, and towards the latter part of the season was shaping very well.

Owing to the fact that the season's cricket was non-competitive as regards the premiership, your Committee again decided not to publish averages, as such could not be recognised as competition figures, it being the practice of the Club only to record averages obtained in grade competition fixtures.

SCHOOL CRICKET, as in former seasons, your Club placed its practice wickets and nets at the disposal of the local schoolboys free of charge during the season, and this privilege was fully availed of by the boys.

ROLL OF HONOUR.—Your Committee is proud to record that in addition to the fifty-seven members' names that have already appeared in the Annual Reports, the following additional members—R. Thom, R. Pope, E. Wilkinson, A. M. Lowe, Arthur Lord, T. Stoney, T. Davis, G. Ryan, C. Mitchell, M. Faunce, A. Bull, are now on Active Service, making in all a total of sixty-eight.

Since the last Report your Committee regret to announce that Cecil Elrington died from wounds; and many others have been wounded, some seriously, including J. Randell. From reports most of the wounded have now recovered, and are again on duty at the Front.

One of your members in the person of Lieutenant J. P. Hill (who holds the record of being the only player to score a century in each innings in Third Grade Cricket) has won the Military Cross, and we tender him our heartiest congratulations on being the first member in your Club to attain this distinction. We also congratulate our Patron, Brigadier-General G. D'L. Ryrie, who is still at the Front, on his re-election, unopposed, to the House of Representatives. Our congratulations are also extended to A. Ogilvy (Mick) upon obtaining the D.C.M.

OBITUARY.—It is with great regret that the deaths of Mr. E. Badmington, Mr. J. P. Wright and Mr. Harris D. L. Woods are announced.

The late Mr. Badmington was the oldest Vice-President of the Club, and up to within the last year or two, when he was precluded through advancing years, always displayed the keenest interest in the Club's welfare.

The late Mr. J. P. Wright was not only a life member and good friend of the Club, but also identified with many of the other sporting bodies in the District.

The late Mr. Harris D. L. Woods at the time of his death was one of your Club's Vice-Presidents and oldest members. Harris Woods' associations with the Club date back almost to the foundation of the old Manly Club, which is now merged into the present Club, and he was during most of his long and active career in the cricket arena associated with your Club. Harris was a true sport in every sense of the word, a keen fighter and honorable opponent, and, above all, a good loser. He was always amongst the first to assist and encourage a young player, and even after he had retired from active cricket, still displayed the same keenness in the doings of the colts. In his death not only does your Club sustain a great loss, but practically all the sporting bodies and charitable institutions in the District will miss him from amongst them.

To the relatives of these gentlemen the Committee on your behalf extends its sincerest sympathy, and desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by them.

GENERAL REMARKS.—Your Committee note with pleasure that the Council has at last had the picket fence enclosing the oval re-painted, which makes a very great improvement indeed in the general appearance of the ground.

T. Criddle, the caretaker of the oval, again carried out his work in a satisfactory manner. During the season, owing to the mowing machine being away for repairs, the grass on the oval could not be cut for a considerable time, and had the Manly Golf Club not come to our assistance, and lent us one of their best machines, at least two matches would have been spoilt. Your Committee desire to express to the Manly Golf Club its appreciation for the assistance thus given.

AFTERNOON TEA.—Afternoon Tea was dispensed as usual under the care of Mesdames E. P. Woolcott, Anderson, Cochrane, and Miss D. Lough, and was much appreciated. The thanks of the Committee are extended to these ladies for their kindness and attention.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.—Owing to the cricket being non-competitive, it was not necessary for the General Committee to meet as frequently as in former seasons, nevertheless at all the Committee Meetings there was a full attendance of Members.

DELEGATES.—Messrs. R. A. Oxlade and C. B. Cochrane, your Delegates to the New South Wales Cricket Association, were regular in their attendance. Mr. Oxlade was again elected to the Executive of the Association, as well as to the Board of Control, and Mr. Cochrane was re-elected to the Grade Committee.

FINANCE.—Taking into consideration the condition of affairs in the cricket world, your Committee considers that the Treasurer's statement is most satisfactory. There is a credit balance of £13/7/3, which is, entirely due to the able manner in which the Hon. Treasurer has looked after the Club's material and funds.

The thanks of the Committee are due to Mr. D. Hogan, Town Clerk of Manly, for the unvarying courtesy extended to the Club Officials at all times, to the Vice-Presidents, Scorers, Mr. J. Milet, and Officials of the Club for their support, to Mr. E. Lincoln, of the "Manly Daily," for his notices of the Club's doings during the season.

Signed for and on behalf of the Committee,

F. LE ROY-TRACY, Chairman.

R. A. OXLADE, Hon. Secretary.

N.B.—Only Paid-up Members will be qualified to vote at the meeting.

MIDDLE HARBOR CRICKET CLUB.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1916-17.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.				
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance from 1915-16	8	6	6	Ground Expenses—			
Subs. and Donations	27	16	0	Rent	1	0	0
Arrears of Subs.	2	17	6	Score Board	2	5	0
Lockers	0	5	0	Insurance and Sundries	0	7	10
				Bonus to Caretaker	0	10	0
				Material and Repairs	11	12	6
				Printing and Stationery	1	8	9
				N.S.W. C.A. Soldiers' Fund	1	1	0
				Ground and Umpires' Fees	1	7	6
				Afternoon Tea	3	3	10
				Bank Charges	0	10	0
				Postage and Telegrams	1	7	10
				Advertising and Room Rent	0	17	6
				Porterage	0	6	0
				Expenditure	25	17	9
				Credit Balance	13	7	3
	£39	5	0		£39	5	0

We have audited the above Statement with the Treasurer's Books and the relative receipts and vouchers, and certify same to be in accordance therewith.

C. B-COCHRANE, Hon. Treasurer.
29th June, 1917.

ALEX. LEARMONTH,
R. A. MUSGRAVE,

Hon. Auditors.

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NOMINATIONS.

The following Nominations have been received for the undermentioned Offices during Season 1917-18:—

Hon. Secretary:
R. A. OXLADE.

Hon. Assistant Secretary:
E. P. WOOLCOTT.

Hon. Treasurer:
C. B-COCHRANE.

General Committee:
F. B. ANDERSON, F. TRACY, G. DUNLOP, T. RUSSELL, R. STRANGE, W. JOHNSON, D. A. GEE, C. CAMPBELL, A. LITTLE.

Selection Committee:
A Team—F. B. ANDERSON, R. STRANGE, R. A. OXLADE.
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Delegates N.S.W. Cricket Association:
R. A. OXLADE, C. B-COCHRANE.

Hon. Auditors:
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Balance forward	£ 100 0 0	£ 100 0 0
Subs and Donations	27 10 0	127 10 0
Balance of Subs	210 0 0	337 10 0
Locker	0 0 0	337 10 0
Bonus to Carpenter	0 10 0	347 10 0
Material and Repairs	11 10 0	358 10 0
Fencing and Stationery	1 8 0	360 0 0
N.S.W. C.A. Soldiers Fund	1 1 0	361 10 0
Ground and Cupboard Fees	1 7 0	363 0 0
Afternoon Tea	3 10 0	366 10 0
Bank Charges	0 10 0	367 0 0
Postage and Telegrams	1 7 10	368 7 10
Advertising and Room Hire	0 17 8	369 5 0
Porterage	0 0 0	369 5 0
Expenses	25 17 8	394 7 0
Balance forward	43 7 0	438 4 0
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ALEX. LEARMONTH
R. A. MUSGRAVE

Hon. Auditors
30th June 1917