

SUTHERLAND SHIRE CRICKET ASSOCIATION

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Season 1956/57

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ASSOCIATION OFFICE BEARERS 1947-57

<u>Season</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
1947-48	R.E. Luxford	L. Ticehurst	C.L. Wiseman
1948-49	R.E. Luxford	L. Ticehurst	C.L. Wiseman
1949-50	R.E. Luxford	L. Ticehurst	C.L. Wiseman
1950-51	R.E. Luxford	J. O'Neill	C.L. Wiseman
1951-52	R. King	R.E. Luxford	J. McClymont
1952-53	R. King	R.E. Luxford	J. McClymont
1953-54	J. McClymont	R.E. Luxford	G. Bray & J.W. Fraser
1954-55	R.E. Luxford	D. Bray	J.W. Fraser
1955-56	E.H. Robinson	D. Bray	J.R. Corkish
1956-57	E.H. Robinson	D. Bray	R.E. Luxford

HONORARY SECRETARIES OF AFFILIATED CLUBS 1956-57

1. Caringbah	N. Ziems, 234 Willarong Rd., Caringbah
2. Council Employees	A. McLennan, 11 Balfour Ave., Caringbah
3. Cronulla	R. King, 5 Oxford St., Sutherland
4. Evoca	J. Moodie, 58 Acacia Rd., Sutherland
5. Gymea Bay	G. Bray, 39 Arcadia Ave., Gymea Bay
6. Heathcote	K. Cole, 32 Grevillea Grove, Heathcote
7. Miranda Rangers	R. Fletcher, 56 Attunga Rd., Yowie Bay
8. Miranda R.S.L.	K. Treadwell, 110 Karimbla Rd., Miranda
9. North Cronulla	T. Keppie, 41 Karimbla Rd., Miranda
10. Oyster Bay	L. Leslie, 66 Como Rd., Oyster Bay
11. St. Patrick's	J. Woodhouse, 122 Flora Rd., Sutherland
12. School of Arts	T. Skillcorn, 10 Blvde West, Sutherland
13. Southern United	A. Hammond, 8 Oliver Rd., Heathcote
14. Woolooware Umpires League	J. Schomberg, 43 Chapman St., Gymea A. Brown, 45 Clements Pde., Sutherland

MANAGERS OF "C" GRADE TEAMS 1956-57

1. Caringbah Methodists	J. Fripp, 32 Telopea Ave., Caringbah
2. Evoca	J. Moodie, 58 Acacia Rd., Sutherland
3. Miranda Rosella's	A. Tredennick, 77 Wandella Rd., Miranda
4. Miranda Rovers	S. Astle, 18 Gibb St., Miranda
5. St. Patrick's	D. Brookes, 15 Robertson St., Sutherland
6. Southern United	M. Cooper, 189 Gymea Bay Rd., Gymea Bay

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in Sutherland School of Arts Hall on Thursday, 4th July 1957 commencing at 8.00 p.m. prompt.

Business:

- a. Receiving of apologies for non-attendance
- b. Presentation of team and individual trophies
- c. Confirmation of minutes of previous Annual Meeting
- d. Presentation of Executive Committee Annual Report and the Financial Statement and Balance Sheet
- e. Receiving the entries of teams
- f. Acceptance of notices for alterations to constitution
- g. Accept nominations for life membership
- h. Election of Office Bearers and two delegates to N.S.W. Junior Cricket Union
- j. Election of six Honorary Vice Presidents and two Honorary Auditors
- k. General Business

The Adjourned General Meeting will be held in Sutherland Scouts' Hall on Monday, 15th July from 8.00 p.m. prompt.

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Executive Committee I present for your approval and adoption the Tenth Annual Report of the Sutherland Shire Cricket Association for the 1956-57 season.

MEMBERSHIP

The season just concluded saw a great increase in the number of registered members, the total number being over one hundred from the previous season. There was also an increase in the number of affiliated teams. Including "C" Grade, thirty teams participated in our competitions. It is gratifying to be able to conduct a "C" Grade Competition once again after a lapse of several years.

COMPETITIONS

Twenty-four teams affiliated in the senior competitions, an increase of three from the 1955-56 season. Northern United did not affiliate and Gynea Bay, Evoca, Oyster Bay and School of Arts entered additional teams. The Gynea Bay and School of Arts Clubs each entered three teams. The grading of teams presented difficulties to the Executive and some heated debates took place. Teams were finally graded, eight "A" Grade, eight "B.1." Grade and eight "B.2." Grade. The standard of cricket generally was an improvement this season, particularly in the "B.1." Grade.

The "C" Grade Competition did not get under way until December and it was only possible to conduct a restricted competition. Six teams took part in this competition and the age limit was limited to boys fifteen and under. Rules and regulations were relaxed in order to get the teams in action, the only stipulations being that the teams each have an adult manager and boys did not exceed the specified age. Our thanks are extended to the managers of the teams who gave their time for the boys, and it was only through their efforts that it was possible to hold a "C" Grade Competition. One of the main difficulties was insufficient supply of gear, and several appeals were made to all clubs for donations of any cricketing material. The response was very poor and this to my mind is a deplorable situation. To all those clubs who donated gear and balls the Executive extend sincere thanks. The President personally donated six new balls and the Miranda R.S.L. Club presented a cash donation of £6. For the benefit of the next elected Executive it is placed on record that there is a resolution on the books that the Executive make a substantial cash donation towards any future "C" Grade Competition.

The Executive extend heartiest congratulations to the premier teams, in particular Gynea Bay who completed the double, and Miranda Rosellas who were undefeated in the "C" Grade.

The final points scores are as follows:

<u>"A" Grade</u>		<u>"B.1." Grade</u>		<u>"B.2." Grade</u>	
Miranda R.S.L.	58	Gynea Bay	66	Gynea Bay United	56
Woolcove	48	Southern United	62	St. Patrick's	52
St. Patrick's	48	Caringbah	60	Southern United	52
School of Arts	45	Oyster Bay	44	North Cronulla	48
North Cronulla	39	Council Employees	38	Gynea Bay	48
Evoca	36	School of Arts	32	Miranda R.S.L.	42
Miranda Rangers	36	Heathcote	30	School of Arts	20
Cronulla	28	Evoca	6	Oyster Bay	18

The points score for the "C" Grade are not complete and it is not possible to publish details.

The premier team in each grade was a fine example of what team work can achieve. Not one of these teams possessed one really outstanding player and it was only by each player pulling his weight for the team that enabled them to win competitions.

In the Miranda R.S.L. team there was not one player with a batting average of over 30 and yet there were only two players who had averages less than 20.

In the "B.1." Grade Gynea Bay had a keen struggle to reach the top after being runners up to Evoca last season. This grade produced some very fine cricket, particularly by the leading teams and no one could predict who would eventually head the competition even up to the conclusion of the first day's play in the last match of the season.

A remarkable situation developed in the "B.2." Grade in the final round. Gynea Bay United had to follow on against Oyster Bay and with the second last ball on the last day of play the final Oyster Bay wicket fell, so enabling Gynea Bay United to emerge as victors of the match and the competition.

INDIVIDUAL TROPHY WINNERS

BATTING AVERAGE

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Inns.</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Ave</u>
A	J. McClymont	Woolooware	14	2	529	44
B.1.	D. Jones	Oyster Bay	15	3	537	44.75
B.2.	J. Hamblin	St. Patrick's	21	3	552	30.6

BATTING AGGREGATE

A	J. Cavanagh	St. Patrick's	601
B.1.	J. Ferguson	Southern United	546
B.2.	P. Worsley	Oyster Bay	590

BOWLING AVERAGE

			<u>Overs</u>	<u>Mdns</u>	<u>Wkts</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
A	C. Fielder	Cronulla	116	13	53	571	10.7
B.1	D. Chapman	Gynea Bay	106	22	44	371	7.57
B.2	B. Leach	St. Patrick's	71	13	40	249	6.2

BOWLING AGGREGATE

A	C. Fielder	Cronulla	53
A	H. Townsend	Woolooware	53
B.1	S. Philip	Council Employees	81
B.2	J. Hamblin	St. Patrick's	101

ALL ROUNDERS

			<u>Wkts</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Points</u>
A	V. Dwyer	St. Patrick's	48	552	103.2
B.1	S. Philip	Council Employees	81	377	118.7
B.2	J. Hamblin	St. Patrick's	101	552	156.2

WICKET KEEPERS

A	J. Dransfield	Miranda R.S.L.	9 catches	9 stumpings
A	H. Galbraith	Woolooware	14 "	4 "
B.1.	N. Ziems	Caringbah	25 "	4 "
B.2.	V. Judge	North Cronulla	14 "	8 "

BEST-KEPT SCOREBOOKS

A	School of Arts	Mrs. C. Broughton
B.1.	Oyster Bay	Mrs. L. Leslie
B.2.	St. Patrick's	Miss A. Deane

All told there are 23 individual awards and the trophies for these will be presented at the Annual General Meeting to be held in Sutherland School of Arts Hall on Thursday 4th July. The practice of presenting the trophies at the Annual Meeting was adopted the previous season and was very successful in so far as the majority of trophy winners were in attendance. The Phil. Robbins Memorial Trophy and Odeon Theatre Shield for the "A" Grade Premiers and the C.J. Monro Shield for the B.1. Premiers will also be presented. The Captains of these teams are requested to be in attendance to receive the respective trophy on behalf of their team. Unfortunately there is not a shield or trophy for the B.2. Grade Competition.

It will be noted that joint awards have been made for the "A" Grade Bowling Aggregate and Wicket Keepers Award. Some very fine performances indeed were recorded and the talents displayed by 17 years old John Hamblin of St. Patrick's "B.2." was most meritorious. John had a remarkable season winning three awards and breaking two records for the Association. John is the first player to take 100 or more wickets in a season since the Association was inaugurated ten years ago. He also took ten wickets in an innings against Gynea Bay United for only 14 runs. Both these feats are of an extraordinary nature and it may easily be another ten years before a similar performance is recorded. To you, John, the Executive extend heartiest congratulations upon your accomplishments and may you go on to greater achievements.

I feel that special mention must also be made with regard to Oyster Bay's Scorebook, without casting any reflection upon the Best-Kept Scorebook in the "A" and "B.2." Grades. Mrs. Leslie who looked after the Oyster Bay scorebook can well feel proud of her work. Her book was the best ever for many years and every detail called for was entered neatly and legibly. I understand that Mrs. Leslie forsook going away on her annual holidays in order (to use her own words "that no one else would mess her book up").

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

Some interesting figures and details have been forwarded from the majority of clubs and on the Executive's behalf I have endeavoured to compile a comprehensive list.

The highest innings score was made by St. Patrick's "A" team who totalled 402 v. Cronulla. Vince Dwyer, a member of this team, had an individual score of 183 in this innings and set a new record for the highest individual score. The previous best was 178 n.o. by Doug. de Witt for School of Arts last season.

Sixteen players reached the century or over, and Jimmy Dransfield that stalwart from Miranda R.S.L. repeated the performance just to show the first one wasn't a fluke. John Keppie, 17 year old player for North Cronulla was outstanding in the "B.2." Grade.

		<u>"A" Grade</u>			
V. Dwyer	St. Patrick's	183	v.	Cronulla	
B. Blanchard	Evoca	115	v.	Miranda Rangers	
J. Dransfield	Miranda R.S.L.	114	v.	Woolooware	
J. McClymont	Woolooware	109x	v.	Miranda Rangers	
E. Bosley	Miranda R.S.L.	105	v.	Miranda Rangers	
J. Cavanagh	St. Patrick's	103	v.	Miranda Rangers	
A. Marks	School of Arts	103x	v.	Miranda R.S.L.	
J. Dransfield	Miranda R.S.L.	102	v.	Cronulla	
K. Broughton	School of Arts	101	v.	Miranda Rangers	
		<u>"B.1." Grade</u>			
D. Jones	Oyster Bay	143	v.	Council Employees	
J. Ferguson	Southern United	136	v.	Heathcote	
V. Burns	Heathcote	106	v.	School of Arts	
B. Austin	Gynea Bay	106	v.	Heathcote	
A. Keep	Synea Bay	104	v.	School of Arts	
L. Ziems	Caringbah	100	v.	Evoca	
		<u>"B.2." Grade</u>			
J. Keppie	North Cronulla	101	v.	School of Arts	

SEVEN WICKETS OR MORE IN AN INNINGS"A" GRADE

V. Ridge	St. Patrick's	9-40	v	Cronulla
C. Fielder	Cronulla	8-57	v	Woolooware
C. Fielder	Cronulla	7-15	v	Miranda Rangers
F. Jackson	School of Arts	7-19	v	Cronulla
V. Dwyer	St. Patrick's	7-23	v	Evoca
H. Townsend	Woolooware	7-44	v	Evoca
C. Fielder	Cronulla	7-52	v	Miranda Rangers
S. Hodge	Miranda R.S.L.	7-82	v	Miranda Rangers

"B.1." GRADE

S. Philip	Council Employees	8-23	v	Evoca
D. Chapman	Gynea Bay	8-38	v	Oyster Bay
S. Philip	Council Employees	8-58	v	Southern United
R. Turner	Caringbah	7-13	v	Evoca
D. Jones	Oyster Bay	7-20	v	Evoca
R. Turner	Caringbah	7-25	v	Council Employees
L. Leslie	Oyster Bay	7-27	v	Heathcote
V. Sweeney	Oyster Bay	7-31	v	School of Arts
W. Lang	Evoca	7-40	v	Caringbah
L. Leslie	Oyster Bay	7-41	v	Southern United
G. Beames	Southern United	7-42	v	Evoca
S. Philip	Council Employees	7-60	v	Oyster Bay

"B.2." GRADE

J. Hamblin	St. Patrick's	10-14	v	Gynea Bay United
G. Cranston	Gynea Bay United	8-49	v	Gynea Bay
J. Hamblin	St. Patrick's	7-17	v	Southern United
J. Fraser	Gynea Bay	7-19	v	Oyster Bay
J. Thompson	North Cronulla	7-23	v	Miranda R.S.L.
J. Hamblin	St. Patrick's	7-27	v	School of Arts
J. Hamblin	St. Patrick's	7-39	v	Gynea Bay
J. Keppie	North Cronulla	7-42	v	School of Arts

Mention has already been made of the ten wicket feat of J. Hamblin, and another bowling performance of an extraordinary class was the four wickets from consecutive deliveries by Johnny Fraser of Gynea Bay "B.2" against Oyster Bay. This is the first recording of such a performance, creating another record. Had Fraser not blowed a "No ball" with his fifth delivery he would have had the satisfaction of taking five wickets with consecutive deliveries for he knocked the stumps over with his fifth bowl.

HAT-TRICKS"A" GRADE

K. Wallis	Evoca	v	Woolooware
K. Griffin	North Cronulla	v	Cronulla
A. Eagles	School of Arts	v	Miranda Rangers

"B.1." GRADE

S. Philip	Council Employees	v	Caringbah
L. Kirk	School of Arts	v	Oyster Bay
J. Morgan	Oyster Bay	v	Heathcote

"B.2." GRADE

J. Fraser	Gynea Bay	v	Oyster Bay
L. Milson	Gynea Bay	v	Oyster Bay
G. Mapstone	Miranda R.S.L.	v	Gynea Bay
K. Ponder	Gynea Bay United	v	Oyster Bay
R. Courtney	North Cronulla	v	Southern United
K. Hirst	Southern United	v	North Cronulla

Alf Davis, Miranda R.S.L. "B.2." bowled what must be a record number of overs in a season with 245 to his name. Dale Geddy of Heathcote came second with 216 and Steel Philip, Council Employees close behind with 211.

The Miranda R.S.L. keeper, Bob Hopwood had a field day against North Cronulla when he had three batsmen stumped from four consecutive deliveries.

The North Cronulla "B.2." team had a lean season with regard to winning the toss. Out of 14 matches their skipper was successful on only two occasions.

This Association can probably claim to have a member with the longest playing record of any player in the Sydney area. I refer to Jim Every at present a member of the Oyster Bay Club and 76 years old. Jim turned out regularly during the season as he has done since 1920. Before playing cricket in the Shire he played competition cricket in another district for over 20 years. It was only five years ago that Jim took out the bowling aggregate in the "B" Grade with 66 wickets. In his day he was one of the best bowlers the Shire has produced, and what a wealth of cricket knowledge he must have. Many members have often remarked that he has forgotten more than many of us will ever learn.

He has also been Secretary of the Association and was for many years a member of the Executive Committee. During debate he was always forthright and did not pull any punches when he rose to speak. At the Annual Meeting this year nominations for Honorary Life Membership will be accepted, this being the tenth year since the inauguration of the Association. It will be well for all delegates to bear in mind Jim Every when this business is brought up. Indeed there are several men who have worked hard for the Association over the last ten years and richly deserve the honour of Honorary Life Membership.

INTER-ASSOCIATION COMPETITIONS

One team was entered in each of the three Inter-Association Competitions, namely Martin, Daily Telegraph, and C.S. Watson Shield.

Our Martin Shield Team was the most successful, and almost reached the semi-final. Bill Wakely, who once again was team manager has produced a full report which is set out below.

The 1956-57 Martin Shield Team under the captaincy of Jim Dransfield played four matches, winning two on the first innings and losing two on the first innings. Our wins were against South Sydney and Bankstown, our losses against Woollahra and Parramatta.

In defeating Bankstown, which was the strongest team, our boys put up their best performance. This match showed what team work can do.

The fourth match against Parramatta was the vital match, the winners becoming finalists. After a very interesting match Parramatta passed our score with the last two batsmen at the wickets.

Our batting over all was very patchy, only J. Dransfield, N. Donchoe and J. Marston batting consistently. All our bowlers performed very well with L. Leslie the find of the season. The fielding was first class with M. Cooper outstanding. This was the best fielding side in all matches.

For the first time in five seasons I can mention umpires without shuddering. In all matches the umpiring was very satisfactory and our thanks go to the Moore Park and St. George Umpires Associations for their co-operation in all our games.

In conclusion I would ask all players to make themselves available for Shield Teams for the 1957-58 season, so that our strongest teams may be selected.

Signed W. Wakely
(Manager)

Bill Wakely also compiled a detailed report of every player's performances and the outstanding ones are published for perusal, together with details of scores in each match.

BATTING

	<u>Ins.</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Agg.</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
J. Cavanagh	2	0	91	91	45.1
J. Marston	5	1	66x	105	26.25
J. Dransfield	5	0	45	121	24.2
N. Donohoe	5	0	54	111	22.2
V. Ridge	3	0	34	59	19.66

BOWLING

	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Mdns</u>	<u>Wkts</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Ave</u>
L. Leslie	12	0	6	52	8.66
E. Hodge	7.7	0	4	54	13.5
N. Donohoe	40.7	4	8	125	15.62
J. Marston	53	1	13	206	15.84

MATCH SCORES

Versus South Sydney, Sutherland Shire 223, J. Cavanagh 91
N. Donohoe 54 Defeated South Sydney 99 J. Marston 5-27 N. Donohoe
4-35. South Sydney 2nd. innings 9-102 J. Marston 6-34 M. Singh 3-6

Versus Woollahra, Sutherland Shire 1st. innings 101, M. Singh 30
J. Dransfield 28. 2nd innings 188, J. Marston 66 N.O.
J. Dransfield 30 N. Donohoe 19, lost to Woollahra 7 closed for 143,
S. Hodge 4-54, D. Quigley 2-23

Versus Bankstown, Sutherland Shire 162, J. Dransfield 45, E. Bosley
29 N.C. J. Marston 25, defeated Bankstown 147, J. Marston 4-74,
N. Donohoe 3-24, V. Ridge 2-33, D. Quigley 1-13

Versus Parramatta, Sutherland Shire 117, V. Ridge 34, N. Donohoe 19,
J. Dransfield 16, D. Paynter 14, lost to Parramatta 132, L. Leslie
6-47, V. Ridge 2-18.

Best partnership 127, J. Cavanagh 91, N. Donohoe 54 v South Sydney
Best bowling, J. Marston 5-27 and 6-34 v South Sydney

Runs for 791 for 50 wickets, average per wicket 15.8
Runs against 623 for 46 wickets, average per wicket 13.54

DAILY TELEGRAPH SHIELD

The Daily Telegraph Shield Team also played four matches, winning
one on the first innings, and losing the remainder outright.

BATTING

	<u>Inns</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Agg.</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
M. Silva	8	1	39	102	14.57
L. Kirk	8	0	44	111	13.87
M. French	8	1	34	96	13.71
J. Hamblin	8	2	22	79	13.16

BOWLING

	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Mdns</u>	<u>Wkts</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Ave</u>
J. Keppie	9	0	4	55	13.75
D. Cannon	16	1	5	78	15.66

Runs for 697 for 76 wickets, average per wicket 9.17
Runs against 870 for 40 wickets, average per wicket 21.75

It will be noted that this team was not very successful, due mainly to our strongest players not making themselves available. It appears most peculiar when players do not make themselves available, when the opportunity arises to play representative cricket. The Inter Association Matches produce a good class of cricket and is one of the stepping stones towards greater horizons in the cricketing world. Players should feel that it is an honour to represent his Association and the Executive appeal to all eligible members to make themselves available for selection and participate in the trial matches that are arranged specially for the representative matches.

C.S. WATSON SHIELD

The C.S. Watson Shield Team had a very lean time and did not win a match. The Executive Committee are of the opinion that the failure of this team was due to the dearth of players under the age of sixteen. Junior Union rules specify that players must not exceed the age of sixteen, and there is some wisdom (as expressed by some delegates at Council Meetings of the Association) in the advisability or otherwise of entering a team in this competition. In addition there is the difficulty of obtaining a junior kit when our funds do not permit the purchase of one. On the other hand our players are gaining valuable experience which stands them in good stead in later years.

It has been mooted by the St. George Association to organise an Inter Association Competition for players under the age of fourteen. The Executive feel that this is an excellent idea and is dealt with in full, elsewhere in this report.

It is regretted that details of performances of C.S. Watson players are not to hand. This is due to the C.S. Watson scorebook not being returned.

In conclusion our congratulations are extended to the winning teams in the Inter Association Competitions. Our thanks are conveyed to those clubs and individuals who made available the gear for the three teams, the team managers who went along with the teams and tried to keep things moving harmoniously.

UMPIRES

The Umpires League was much stronger numerically this season and it was possible to appoint one umpire to each ground every Saturday afternoon with one or two exceptions. One contentious point with the umpires was the late start to matches, and this bad practice was almost overcome this season. The majority of matches commenced on time.

There were several complaints brought before the Executive regarding bad decisions by some umpires, and the solution to this problem would appear to be the strict observance of appointing a member of the Executive to the Umpires' Examination Board, thus ensuring that umpires are fully qualified to officiate at matches. In all fairness to the Umpires League it should be stated that they repeatedly requested that a member of the Executive attend their meetings which were held fairly regularly.

Sutherland Council rejected the Association's tender of £65 for the use of the grounds but eventually accepted a compromising figure of £75 which was £15 less than the amount paid the previous season. This is a step in the right direction, but is considered far in excess, taking into consideration the bad condition of the majority of the grounds.

A wicket has now been laid on the Jannali ground and it will be possible to use this ground in the 1957-58 season. It is hoped that a wicket will be laid at Breen Park, Caringbah, in the not too distant future. With two extra wickets available it will be possible to field 28 teams every Saturday afternoon. There has been a certain amount of correspondence between the Association and Sutherland Council requesting that a wicket be laid at Breen Park at the earliest opportunity. This matter should be repeatedly brought before Council's notice as it is felt to be a matter of the utmost importance, in the interest of the Association.

The efforts of Sutherland Council in providing an additional wicket at Jannali are appreciated and thanks recorded.

MATS

The mat position is not too secure at the present time and at least three new mats will have to be purchased in readiness for next season. Some of the mats are in a very bad condition, and extensive repairs will have to be carried out before these will be in reasonable playing condition. Neil Davis has again offered to attempt to repair the mats and he is hopeful that he will be able to complete the job.

N.S.W. JUNIOR CRICKET UNION

Our affairs with the Junior Union became somewhat confused during the season, due mainly to irregular attendance by our delegates to the Union's Council Meetings.

Several notices of motion were forwarded to the Union by the Association relating to alterations to M.C.C. Laws. We were advised by the Union that it was not permissible to have our own competition by law when they interfered with M.C.C. Laws. The notices of motion submitted by the Association were repeatedly stood over by the Union pending representation from this Association at the Union's Council Meetings. When these notices of motion were finally dealt with our delegates advised that in the opinion of the majority of councillors at the Junior Union there was no objection to any Association having local rules if they so desired.

An invitation has been extended to any member or members of the Executive Committee of the Union to attend our Annual Meeting in July, and it may be possible then to obtain a true perspective of the situation if someone with a thorough knowledge will speak on the subject.

As previously mentioned the St. George Association have put forward a proposal to the Junior Union to hold an Inter Association Competition for boys under the age of fourteen. The Junior Union circularised all associations seeking their views on the matter before adopting, or rejecting the proposal.

There are many advantages to such a competition. Firstly the boys would gain valuable experience before entering the C.S. Watson Competition, and the competition could be played on hard wickets, each Association nominating its home ground. Furthermore there would be no need to play the matches during the Christmas period, and on public holidays.

The St. George Association have indicated that several sports-minded persons in the St. George area would be only too willing to donate a suitable trophy or shield to be competed for by all teams, and to be known as the Junior Cup or Shield, or whatever name decided upon by the Junior Union.

In the case of this Association the scheme would fit perfectly with our own "C" Grade Competition due to the fact that the age limit was restricted to boys under 15. We have indicated to the Junior Union our willingness to compete in the proposed competition pending verification by our Council Meeting.

INJURED PLAYERS

A heavy crop of injuries to players strained the insurance fund, and payments made exceeded the amount paid in premiums. Fortunately the fund has accumulated over a number of seasons and all claims were met. The premium which is included in the registration fee is very small considering the benefits available, and it may well be worth consideration to increase this fee and so prevent a heavy drain on the insurance fund.

MELBOURNE CUP GUESSING COMPETITION

The Melbourne Cup Guessing Competition again netted a profit of approximately £50 and the Association is indebted to Ken Murphy who printed the tickets free of charge once again. It was decided by the Executive Committee to use the profit from the competition to purchase caps for all players who appeared in the representative matches. It may appear that only a few gained the benefits from the work put in by many in selling the tickets but at least our teams took the field in uniform dress and received many remarks of appraisal from everyone.

The profit should have been much greater and members will have to bear in mind that any sport is a costly business and sooner or later a levy will have to be struck to meet all commitments if funds cannot be raised by any other means.

The first prize of £20 was won by Miss L. Kirk with ticket number 249. Les Kirk, our Hon. Recorder, held ticket number 250 which drew the second prize of £10. The third prize of £5 was won by J. Doyle of 26 Oswell Street, Rockdale with ticket number 571.

TROPHY FUND SCHEME

This scheme met with very little support and was almost a failure. The Executive decided to abandon the scheme midway through the season when it became apparent that it was not going to be the success it was hoped to be. It should not be too difficult to raise £400 with such a scheme during the season, whereas the monetary gain was only approximately £60. The cost of team and individual trophies was in the region of £90 leaving £30 to be drawn from the general fund.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

A total of nine Council Meetings were held throughout the season and only two delegates attended all meetings, namely R. French and W. Wakely from the School of Arts Club. Three Clubs were represented at all meetings - Gynea Bay, St. Patrick's and School of Arts. Full attendance particulars are as follows:

Caringbah	8	N. Ziems	8	L. Ziems	8	L. Noble	4
Council Employees	5	S. Philip	5	A. McLennan	4	R. North	1
Cronulla	7	R. King	7				
Evoca	5	J. Moodie	4	K. Wallis	4	P. Mathews	2
Heathcote	8	K. Cole	8	E. Hammond	1		
Gynea Bay	9	R. Evans	7	G. Bray	7	J. Farrow	6
		B. Colbourne	6	E. King	2	R. Weston	2
		J. Levy	2	K. Ponder	1		

Miranda Rangers	7	G. Williamson	5	D. Griffith	4
Miranda R.S.L.	8	A. Tredenick	3	N. Davis	1
North Cronulla	8	Treadwell	7	J. Corkish	5
Oyster Bay	8	C. Cook	6	R. Yardley	5
St. Patrick's	9	D. McLachlan	2	K. Carlson	2
School of Arts	9	G. Hannon	8	V. Sweeney	6
Southern United	8	V. Ridge	8	V. Dwyer	6
Woolooware	3	D. Dee	1	J. Woodhouse	2
Umpires League	2	R. French	9	W. Wakely	9
"C" Grade: possible	4	A. Marks	4	J. Dwyer	2
St. Patrick's	1	A. Schwarzel	1	M. Perry	1
Miranda Rovers	2	F. Gilbert	7	J. Breadner	1
		M. Cooper	1	D. Watchorn	1
		J. Schomberg	3	D. Townsend	1
		A. Brown	1	J. Barclay	1
		D. Brookes	1	W. Ayres	1
		G. Astle	2		

Attendance by Office Bearers at the Council Meetings were: D. Bray 9 J. Fraser 9 R. Luxford 9 L. Leslie 9 E. Robinson 8 H. O'Connell 7 L. Kirk 7. The total number of possible attendances at the Council Meetings was 538. The actual attendances were 277 which is slightly less than 50%. Caringbah Club showed the best attendances with a percentage of over 90.

Twenty-two meetings of the Executive Committee were held and were very well attended. Several members were present at all meetings and details are as follows:

E. Robinson	22	R. French	22	K. Cole	18
R. Luxford	22	J. Fraser	21	L. Kirk	16
W. Wakely	22	H. O'Connell	20	A. Brown	9
D. Bray	22	L. Leslie	20		

These attendance figures represent an actual attendance of over 90%

CONCLUSION

On behalf of the Executive Committee I would like to thank Jimmy Dransfield former President of Miranda R.S.L. for the kind invitation he extended to the Committee to attend a "Games Night" in the R.S.L. Club Rooms. The evening was very successful, both socially and competitively. The gesture in inviting the whole of the Executive established a precedent and was greatly appreciated by all.

To Len Leslie, Hon. Secretary of the Oyster Bay Club, we also record sincere thanks for his invitation to the Executive to be present at the 1st. Annual Presentation Dance of the Oyster Bay Club. A most enjoyable evening, and we would have liked to have seen an award made to Len Leslie in appreciation of the work he is doing for the Oyster Bay Club.

From a cricketing angle the season has been very successful, but the majority of players are content to turn up for their afternoon's cricket and leave all the organising to one or two members of each team. This throws a heavy burden upon the individual who is prepared to sacrifice some of his spare time in the interests of the game.

It is regretted that the Annual Report is not presented in booklet form this year, but it was considered by majority vote that the expense was not warranted.

I would like to thank everyone who has assisted me during my term of office and convey special thanks to Len Leslie, my assistant, who had his first experience this season as a member of the Executive. He has endeavoured to lighten my duties to the full extent.

Also to "Robbie" our stout-hearted President who has helped me at every opportunity. Every meeting night he has picked me up in his car and returned me home at the conclusion of each meeting, a gesture for which I am greatly appreciative. He has also undertaken to carry out many duties he could easily have avoided and we have had numerous memorable experiences working together in what we consider the best interests of the Association.

Finally I would like to wish the Association every success in the future and look forward to the commencement of next season.

D. BRAY
Honorary Secretary.

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NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF THE ASSOCIATION 1947-57

<u>Season</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Members Registered</u>
1947-48	24	Figures unavailable
1948-49	37	586
1949-50	27	464
1950-51	17	315
1951-52	16	285
1952-53	15	272
1953-54	22	370
1954-55	20	380
1955-56	21	390
1956-57	30	498

NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF EACH AFFILIATED CLUB 1956-57

<u>Club</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Registered Members</u>	<u>Last Season</u>
Caringbah	1	B.1	18	20
Council Employees	1	B.1	26	22
Cronulla	1	A	16	16
Evoca	2	A & B.1	42	21
			One team	
			last season	
Cynea Bay	3	B.1 & B.2	50	38
			Two teams	
			last season	
Heathcote	1	B.1	21	21
Miranda Rangers	1	A	17	16
Miranda R.S.L.	2	A & B.2	32	31
North Cronulla	2	A & B.2	35	41
Oyster Bay	2	B.1 & B.2	35	18
			One team	
			last season	
St. Patrick's	2	A & B.2	37	37
School of Arts	3	A, B.1 & B.2	48	38
			Two teams	
			last season	
Southern United	2	B.1 & B.2	39	33
Woolocware	1		15	19

The respective figures for each grade are as follows:
 A. Grade: eight teams 122 members, last season eight teams 125 members
 B.1 Grade: eight teams 149 members, last season seven teams 131 "
 B.2 Grade: eight teams 160 members, last season six teams 134 members.

A total number of 67 members were registered in the C Grade.

