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Foreword

My first introduction to this mighty club was as an opposition player in the late 1960's and even then when the club was in its infancy, it already had the respect of all who came in contact. What really struck me, were how many talented players the club had within their ranks and were trying out for representative honours. Parent involvement was second to none, taking on roles of coach, manager, and scorer. I am proud to say that little has changed in this regard, and in fact we are proud that 2nd & 3rd generations are returning to the club with their wider families.

When you read through our history, it gives you an insight into where we came from, our achievements (club and individual) and highlights some stalwarts of the club who are acknowledged as our early pioneers and recognises contributions throughout the years to ensure our longevity.

Our celebration this year of achieving the milestone of 50 years culminating in a luncheon, allows all players, officials, parents and friends who have had any association with our club, the opportunity to show their appreciation and reminisce about cricket in Engadine. We congratulate those named in our "All Time Best 16A Team & A1 Team" which will always create some debate and controversy.

If I can cast your minds back to 1959 when it all began. Australia was still dealing in pounds shilling and pence, Sir Robert Menzies was our Prime Minister, Ben Hur was voted best picture, and a young Elvis was rocketing up the charts with "A fool such as I".

In sporting terms, the St George Dragons were in their record breaking era of 11 Rugby League premierships, MacDougal won the Melbourne Cup and in cricketing terms, The Australian Team was lead by Richie Benaud in a home soil ashes series won by Australia 4-0 and no doubt a good environment to recruit new players at club level, which is still the case to-day.

The landscape of local cricket has changed in many ways highlighted by

- Introduction of six ball overs
- Cricket pitches covered in astro turf - leading to the demise of mats
- Protective gear introduced - Helmets etc
- U/8's introduced with soft ball and modified rules
- Limited Over Cricket and now moving into 20/20

But the biggest change for our club was when we acquired our own clubhouse and indoor training facility within the Anzac Oval Complex. A place to call home and meet, which houses our trophies, life members and premiership team photos and the honour board.

“50 Years of Cricket - A History of a community club and the people who make it” was the brainstorm of life members Russ Waddell & Ian Latham with contributions by other life members including our own “Mr Cricket” Harry Robbins. Your efforts form part of the folklore of this club, to which we say thank you.

Steve Jones
President EDCC

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We take this opportunity to express our thanks to many who contributed to this publication. First, in putting together this work to mark the Club's 50th Anniversary, tribute must be paid to the fine work of Harry Robbins. Harry is known to many, especially our younger players, as "Mr. Engadine Dragons". This is itself testimony to the time and effort he has contributed to the Club over the past 44 years.

Much information required to produce this history has been derived from "Engadine Dragons Cricket Club - A Proud History in Sutherland Shire Sport" written by Harry in 1999 and which we had the privileged of editing.

In the ten years since that "first" book times have changed extensively in the ability to record data. Over the fifty years that factor has changed to an extent undreamed of. So today we rely on computers, electronic date processing and the like. So, we pay tribute to firstly Ken Newman who constructed our first website and to Andrew Mazurkiewicz our current Webmaster. Ten years ago we had never heard of the term "Webmaster". Thanks to the great work of Ken and Andrew we can safely say to readers, if you want the latest on club news and activities go to our website, www.engadinedragonscc.org.au.

Finally, to all those people who have been rung, faxed, e-mailed or just personally pestered for information we thank one and all for their help and tolerance. Though we have strived to record faithfully and fully the efforts of many, doubtless we will have erred or omitted someone or something somewhere along the way. Likewise in an effort to pay tribute by naming names as we knew them, rather than just an initial, we may have misspelt or even worse given an incorrect name. In a few instances we have had to accept that we could identify no more than an initial so, early in this saga, we offer an apology for all such blemishes. Feel free to advise us so a correction may be made to our records.

In a work of this size we accept responsibility for all errors and omissions. An apology is offered where an error has been made. We took a decision in compiling the index to focus on "major players" and thus excluded names shown primarily in tables alone.

Russ Waddell & Ian Latham

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Introduction

Engadine Dragons Cricket Club started in the 1959/60 season as part of the Sutherland Shire Boys Cricket Association (SSBCA).

Thus this booklet commemorates fifty years of park cricket in what is today, 2008, the Engadine District. Today, Engadine is composed of Engadine Central, Engadine West, Engadine North, Woronora Heights and Yarrawarra.

Thousands of cricketers young and old have played this great game over these fifty years wearing the club colours and bringing cricket honours to that part of the Shire we proudly call "home". Many a player has started as a raw junior perhaps aged only six or seven and has gone on to play as a Club Senior and in more than a few instances gone onto play Representative cricket, Grade cricket and, in one instance, State cricket.

In the pages that follow we seek to record and acknowledge the efforts of many. Not only players, but also those who have contributed as coaches, administrators, and volunteers in many facets, for without such folk there would be no Dragons Club.

Ian and I foresee that this club will prosper and grow over the coming years and as we older members phase out other younger and more inventive minds will replace us and lead the club into a new and better phase.

We hope that in reading this book you will recall the part that you might have played, that you will spread the word that this is a club worth playing cricket with and for and you will enjoy memories that reading may bring.

How did Engadine Dragons Cricket Club start?

The first organised competitive cricket in the Shire dates back to 1921 where it continued until 1937 when, due to certain circumstances, it was disbanded. It re-formed in 1947. In the season of 1956-57 a small number of juniors (6 teams) were playing in the Sutherland Shire Cricket Association (SSCA), the senior association. They played in a “C Grade” competition. It was this, which led to the creation of a specific boy’s association in 1957/58 to cater for all players under the age of sixteen. Engadine was not part of this body at the outset but joined in 1959.

Barry McManus Snr.¹ was a local roof tiler and bricklayer who loved his rugby league and cricket. Barry formed the Cricket Club in 1959 after he with support from Alan Hemmett² and Reg Lingard³, coached two teams of youngsters in the local Aussie Rules Competition in 1958. The following winter season the boys decided to play Rugby League, which led to the birth of the Engadine Dragons Rugby League Club. To keep the boys together in the summer of 1959/60, Barry decided to enter three teams U/10, U/12 and U/14 into the Sutherland Shire Boys Cricket Association. The U/10 side coached by Danny Carroll was graded into the Division 2 competition and the U/12 coached by Barry McManus Snr. and U/14 coached by Bob Bain teams were both graded into the Division 1 competition. All three sides finished the season as runners up. In the first Engadine Dragons Annual Report Barry stated, “We now own 150 pounds of football gear and 80 pounds worth of cricket gear. Properly maintained this gear has many more years of use, and we can go into our second season as a well established club”. He also made reference to the contributions of his wife Ada in her role as U/12 team manager, Mrs. Carroll as U/12 team scorer, Ken & Marie Binner who would go from ground to ground to distribute drinks and a band of fathers that would umpire each week, Dave Moss, Jack Shanahan, Fred Terone (Snr) and George Cranston. George went on to coach for the Club for the next decade.

¹ Barry passed away on 25th May 1993. Apart from his cricket (and Rugby League) affiliations Barry was heavily involved in welfare activities with the RSL (a Life Member of Engadine RSL) his involvement stemming in part from experiences gained as a POW in Changi, the Burma Thailand railway and Japan from 1942 to 1945.

² Alan was the proprietor of the Golden Fleece Service Station on the then (now Old) Princes Highway which passed through the town until 1967.

³ Reg best known as “Skip” had a small shop in Woronora Road near Ferntree Road and was a District Scoutmaster. Subsequently became District Commissioner of Sutherland District.

The structure of the Engadine Dragons has changed over the years, from 1959 to 1968; cricket activity was part of the Engadine Dragons Rugby League Club. In 1967 due to the growth of teams in both rugby league and cricket it was decided to form two separate committees to run each individual sport. The first members of the separate cricket committee were, President - Ken Horsnell, Secretary - Barry Blanchard & Treasurer - Warren McPhee. In 1969 cricket became part of a larger "Engadine Dragons Sports Club" organization, which comprised many sporting bodies (Soccer, Netball, and Hockey to mention a few). Then subsequently, in 1974, following the dissolution of the former body it became what it is today, Engadine Dragons Cricket Club.

The title "Dragons" originated from the famous St. George Rugby League Club and the original colours of the club were red and black. The major Club Logo we use today can be traced back to the very start. Our "dragon" is the same rugby league uses. This is a "Welsh Dragon" and to all intents and purposes is not the "English Dragon" used by St. George Leagues Team. There is a story attached to this subtlety so it goes but who knows? The Dragons first home ground "Engadine Oval" was located in the National Park about 800 metres east of the Railway station. The pitch is still there, but the playing area is overgrown with shrubs and long grass. Vic McGarigle, the Stationmaster, allowed the club to store the cricket kits and mats in the Lost Property Office. As there were no facilities such as dressing sheds, toilets and fresh water, it was decided to support the construction of a new oval (now known as Anzac Oval) alongside Forbes Creek; the oval was first used for a cricket match in 1960.

The decision to form senior teams came in 1967 and culminated from a series of events that created a lot of controversy and an alleged degree of ill feeling amongst the members of the two local senior clubs, Engadine Hotel and Southern United. In the previous three seasons these two clubs included the Shire's top players, with both clubs finishing either first or second in the A1 competition.

Seven of these players that represented in Sutherland's Martin Shield⁴ team decided to have both Engadine Hotel and Southern United hold separate meetings in an attempt to dissolve both clubs and form a combined club to be named "Engadine United", enabling them all to play together. Their other aim was to develop and advance younger players through the grades giving them the opportunity to play in the A1 competition and if capable play for the Sutherland District Grade Club.

⁴ The Martin Shield is a long standing competition played annually under the auspices of the NSW Districts Cricket Association (NSWDCA).

The majority of members in each club agreed to the merger, but because of the objections from a small minority it decided to continue as two separate clubs. With this decision Harry Robbins and Barry Blanchard, together with Col Keenan then decided to approach Engadine Dragons for permission to form senior teams within the existing (junior) club.

In 1967/68 season the Club fielded its first senior team in the Sutherland Shire Cricket Association's (SSCA) competition. The club applied for the A1 competition, but were graded A2's. They finished the season as undefeated premiers.

How the Club has fared

Over the fifty years the Club has fared well no matter how one may wish to measure success. The fact that the Club is today one of the strongest and largest in the Shire and offers facilities far in excess of most cricket clubs is evidence of good management, loyal support and the hard work of many.

Though the statistics are not available for the eighties this period was undoubtedly the leanest in terms of numbers. However numbers have always fluctuated not only for our club but for most clubs according to circumstances. A major influence historically has been the success of the Australian Test Team in Ashes series against England. It is a recognised fact that media coverage, particularly TV, has a large influence in promoting interest.

Publicity has always been of major importance and locally the club has fared well due to the benevolence of Wesley Adams owner and editor of the Engadine District News. Wes was a cricket lover and a strong supporter of local sports and through his newspaper all sporting bodies in the district received coverage of events and activities. Wes passed away in April 2006 and the club commemorates his work with the Wes Adams Memorial Trophy for sportsmanship.

The club policy of encouraging junior cricketers to advance into senior ranks upon turning sixteen has been pursued vigorously in recent years and is a major factor in the growth in the number of senior teams in recent seasons.

Club Numbers over 50 Years

Season	Junior Teams	Junior Players	Senior Teams	Senior Players	Season	Junior Teams	Junior Players	Senior Teams	Senior Players
1959-60	3	52			1984-85	14		5	
1960-61	4	56			1985-86	13		5	
1961-62	6	74			1986-87	11		4	
1962-63	7	91			1987-88	10		5	
1963-64	8	98			1988-89	6	77	3	46
1964-65	7	89			1989-90	6	75	4	53
1965-66	6	85			1990-91	7	83	3	46
1966-67	5	78			1991-92	6	77	4	52
1967-68	5	81	1	15	1992-93	6	76	4	55
1968-69	5	76	2	40	1993-94	8	113	4	58
1969-70	7	106	3	41	1994-95	9	109	3	43
1970-71	8	109	3	46	1995-96	9	107	2	29
1971-72	8	112	3	58	1996-97	14	158	2	31
1972-73	10	138	5	89	1997-98	13	153	3	44
1973-74	8	115	5	86	1998-99	12	139	4	54
1974-75	7	91	4	76	1999-00	12	141	5	63
1975-76	10	128	4	74	2000-01	11	128	5	71
1976-77	11	131	3	52	2001-02	11	123	5	72
1977-78	16	184	4	61	2002-03	12	148	6	89
1978-79	13	153	4	60	2003-04	10	115	7	103
1979-80	15		4		2004-05	9	99	6	117
1980-81	14		5		2005-06	13	148	6	106
1981-82	13		5		2006-07	12	153	7	106
1982-83	12		5		2007-08	12	130	8	125
1983-84	13		5						

As can be seen from the following data the Club has performed quite well at all levels and ages with 36 senior and 77 junior premierships and another 90 teams as runners up. Equally in a very competitive arena the club has featured well in both the SSJCA Junior Club Championship and SSJCA Cricketer of the Year.

Senior Premierships - (Established 1967/68)

A1	1968/69, 1969/70, 1970/71, 1973/74, 1977/78, 1978/79, 1981/82, 1999/00, 2000/01
A2	1967/68, 1984/85
A3	1976/77
B1	1985/86, 2007/08
B2	1981/82, 1984/85, 1999/00, 2007/08
B3	1969/70, 1973/74, 1978/79, 1993/94
B4	1972/73, 1977/78, 1979/80, 1982/83, 2004/05
B5	2003/04
B6	1982/83, 1985/86
B7	2003/04
B8	2007/08
B9	-
C1	1998/99, 2006/07
C2	1978/79, 1979/80
C3	-

Junior Premierhips - (Established 1959/60)

16A	1977/78, 1978/79, 1993/94, 2001/02, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2006/07
16B	1971/72, 1981/82, 2004/05
16C	1976/77, 1995/96, 1999/00, 2004/05, 2007/08
16D	-
16E	-
14A	1971/72, 1987/88, 1999/00, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08
14B	1965/66, 1968/69, 1975/76, 1976/77, 1980/81, 1981/82, 1994/95, 2004/05
14C	1976/77, 1987/88, 1991/92
14D	1970/71, 1974/75, 1975/76, 1980/81, 2000/01
14E	2001/02
12A	1969/70, 1970/71, 1973/74, 1975/76, 1978/79, 1980/81, 2002/03, 2005/06
12B	1967/68, 2004/05
12C	1974/75, 1991/92, 1995/96
12D	1982/83, 1994/95, 2005/06
12E	1973/74, 1999/00
12F	-
12G	-
10A	1973/74, 1976/77, 1978/79, 2000/01, 2006/07, 2007/08
10B	1968/69, 1970/71, 2002/03
10C	1972/73, 1973/74, 1977/78, 1994/95, 1998/99
10D	1972/73, 1975/76, 1981/82, 1985/86, 1995/96
10E	1998/99
10F	-

SSJCA Club Champions - "The Bertshell Trophy"

1970-1971	1975-1976	2004-2005
1971-1972	1976-1977	2005-2006
1973-1974	1978-1979	2007-2008
1974-1975	2000-2001	

SSJCA Cricketer of the Year - "John Woodhouse Memorial Trophy"

1964-65	Barry McManus Jnr	2000-01	Ryan Shepherd
1985-86	Craig Parsons	2002-03	Jay Davis
1988-89	Nathan Morando	2006-07	Ben Marciante
1993-94	Chris Lake	2007-08	Ryan Marlow

SSJCA Premiership Titles Won by Dragons in Comparison To Current Clubs

In its 50 years of junior association cricket history Dragons are the third best placed club for junior premiership and A Grade titles. Since the start of this century we have won 25 premierships of which 14 have been no less than A Grade.

Club	Premiership Titles	A Grade Titles
Caringbah Sports	115	55
Sylvania Heights	91	25
Engadine Dragons	77	28
Miranda Magpies	74	30
St. Patrick's	59	13
Illawong Menai	53	19
GyMEA Bay	49	9
Como Jannali	34	8
St. John Bosco	16	1
Aquinas	10	0
DLS Seagulls	4	0

The 1970's have been referred to as the glory years due to the successes in that period. Under the guidance of Club Secretary Harry Robbins the Club prospered, winning 39 premierships (27 junior & 12 senior) and the SSJCA "Club Champions" on seven occasions.

Whilst the eighties and nineties could be described as average years the club was always competitive at all levels but perhaps it may be said that Lady Luck missed us on more than one occasion. In the President's report at the end of the 1999/00 season, Russ Waddell wrote... "Hard work brings its own rewards and no more is this so than in cricket. I am confident that we can improve, that next year we shall do better..."

This forecast proved to be an accurate. Hard work did pay off. In 2000/01 after a long drought of twenty-one years the SSJCA Club Championship, the "Bertshell Trophy" came home to Engadine.

With the club building in junior numbers year on year, and having some of the finest junior coaches, we won our ninth club championship in 2004/05 and backed it up the following season 2005/06. In 2006/07, we came second by a very small margin, with the Club Championship being decided on the last day of play for the season. 2007/08 we made it Club Championship number 11.

The new millennium has seen the Club return to the glory days of the seventies. Since 2000, the Dragons have won 10 senior premierships including back-to-back A1 titles. We have won 25 junior premierships

including the 10A's three times, the 12A's twice, the 14A's five times and the 16A four times. During this time, we have won 4 SSJCA "Club Championships" and have had 4 SSJCA "Cricketers of the Year". We have contended 7 of the last 9 16A Finals, the pinnacle of junior cricket. Over the past 10 seasons we have supplied over 20% of the Shire's junior representative players.

The SSJCA competition to win the prestigious title of "Club Champions", the Bertshell Trophy, an award that was first introduced in 1962, have been hard fought over the years. While Caringbah Sports Cricket Club has won it the most occasions (14), the Dragons have fared second best with eleven.

The Bradman Scholarships

The introduction of the Bradman Scholarship has been one of the most constructive and innovative measures introduced in the history of the Club. It is an elite group of players, boys and girls, who can claim to have been a beneficiary under this scheme. It came about through a Harry Robbins inspired idea, was built on by Ian Latham and Russ Waddell and nurtured by Ian principally through its development stages.

Scholarships need funding and this has been provided through the generosity of Harry Peters and his wife Carol, directors of a seafood importing business. Trading as Marine Product Marketing Harry and Carol have provided thousands of dollars to enable the Club to manage the scheme.

The scholarship seeks to provide special skills development training for two players each year seen to have potential and dedication to pursue a cricket career at higher levels. The selection criteria requires that the player must be eligible to compete in the Under 12 age group, preferably from the highest graded team and the Management Committee in making selections are guided by the views of relevant coaches. To date, results have proven the validity of the scheme as players chosen have gone on to play representative and Grade Cricket.

The scheme has seen a further development in the last three years with the introduction of the annual Under 16 Bowral Oval match. This has been achieved through the build up of a positive relationship between the Bradman Foundation and the Club. This has seen Engadine Dragons Cricket Club receive special permission to use Bradman Oval for this one-off match at the conclusion of each season. The format of this event is a reasonably relaxed one. It aims to give young players

(U16) completing their time in junior cricket the opportunity to participate in a game that they can in later life recall with fondness saying, “Yes, I’ve played on Bradman Oval”. This has become an essential “must attend” fixture on the club’s social calendar. It is appreciated by all and sundry for there is as much enjoyment to be found before and after the match as during the day’s play.

Recipients of a Bradman Scholarship

Year	Name	Year	Name
2001-02	Bryce Daenell Andrew Jones	2005-06	Joel D’Imperio Ben Dwarshuis
2002-03	Ben Marciante Daniel Ward	2006-07	Hayden Smith Nicholas Chamberlain
2003-04	Ryan Marlow Mark Rice	2007-08	Marcus Beattie Brendan Curtis
2004-05	Nathan Loder Kelly Rolleston		

The value of the Scholarships is best judged through the eyes of the recipients. Here are some extracts from letters received: - “I’d like to thank the Engadine Dragons committee for nominating Hayden and I to go down to Bowral and take part in the Bradman Foundation cricket camp. I expected the camp to be good but not this good. The camp was extremely tiring but fun too with numerous activities like tours of The Bradman Museum, drills on Bradman Oval, Twenty 20 matches and a big game on Chevallier college turf oval.”

“Thank you for this great experience of being able to attend The Bradman Camp, it was magnificent. I had a wonderful time and it was an honour to have been chosen. I learnt a lot and gained a lot out of this camp, which I will be able use for my cricket now and in the future. I can’t thank you enough for organising this great camp and I would also like to thank Harry Peters for sponsoring me and allowing me to enjoy and benefit from this magnificent camp, which will definitely help me in my future cricket. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!”

Those who serve to make the Club

The Club has been well served over the years by people who not only have a love of cricket but also have brought other skills and experience to the forefront of activities. It takes many willing hands to run any sporting activity and the Club has had good fortune in attracting and retaining committed volunteers. It is impossible to list them all in this

booklet and though they may not all be identified it must be said that all help given has been valuable and appreciated.

Therefore while we may omit the names of many willing hands be they coaches, managers, scorers, BBQ cooks, there are those who must be identified and in so doing receive acknowledgement for the part they have played. One can only recall the valuable efforts of people who may seem to carry out minor tasks yet these tasks all contribute to the end result.

Typical of those who have made a contribution and the manner in which they became involved is Tony Gleeson. Tony's story is worth relating.

"I first showed up at Anzac Oval on Saturday afternoon the 9th August 1976 to register my six year old son James to play cricket with the Engadine Dragons. The registrations took place in a one room portable corrugated iron shed located on the eastern side of the rugby league field where I was to meet a bloke by the name of Harry Robbins. He informed me that the club did not usually register six year olds, but as they were short a couple of players in their lower grade under ten team he felt sure the club would make an exception to this requirement on this occasion.

The coach of my son's under 10 team that year was a truly gifted cricketer by the name of Ray Noakes while his wife Vi was the team manager. But I must say I was very impressed by Ray's ability and his rapport with young kids. I would show up at the once a week practice and lend a hand by helping the boys buckle up their pads or assist them putting on their spiked batting gloves or help pack the kit into the boot of Ray's car at the end of the session. For my efforts Ray bestowed upon me the title of assistant manager and without really knowing it he initiated my association with the club which continued on and off over the next thirty years."

Tony over those thirty years held quite a few positions on the Management Committee. He was Publicity Officer from 1977 to '84, Assistant Secretary 1978-79, Secretary 79-80, Gear Steward (Equipment Officer) 82-84, Promotions Officer 2002-05 and Secretary again in 05-06. It is people like Tony who are the backbone of the Club and the reason for its longevity and success.

While Tony Gleeson was a successful coach he is not alone. There have been many coaches who are remembered for their skills and

dedication and the evidence is clearly seen in the number of premierships won in these fifty years.

In the early years George Cranston, George Beames and John McPhee guided our players through the 1960's. The establishment of the senior club in the late 1960's saw outstanding players entering the coaching ranks with the likes of Ray Noakes, Harry Robbins, Clem Heffernan, Col Keenan, Graham Chudleigh and Mike Fordyce passing on their expertise to our young players. The 1980's brought a new crop of coaching fathers with Bob Woodhill, Ron Lovett, Jeff Goodman and Tony Gleeson being the most prominent.

Bob Woodhill in the eighties led the way by becoming the first qualified coach in the club. Today a qualification is mandatory to coach.

The 1990's and this decade has been graced by such coaches as Rob Mowlam, Bob McMillan, Brad Moreland and Steve Chapman with outstanding services being provided by Dennis Pendergast, Stuart Slack and Robbie Knight.

Robbie Knight, Stuart Slack and Dennis Pendergast records speak volumes for their ability to pass on knowledge and inspire young cricketers. Robbie is a level 2 Coach while Dennis has an impeccable record over the past ten years.

In recent years the club has had the services of Peter Schofield as Head Coach. Peter is one of the most successful coaches of representative teams in the history of the SSJCA and he has proved invaluable in improving the standard of EDCC teams.

People like Vi Noakes who would receive the junior match results at her home and collate and phone them through to Association recorders. People who ran fundraising Trivia nights, - Steve Bourke, Laurie Daly and his wife Ann and (in recent times) Ken Newman. People like Cec Lacrosse who had no kids that played cricket but came forward and coached because he loved cricket. Blokes who didn't play cricket but attended Association meetings as Club representatives (Bob Vannan - a great one!). Blokes who didn't mind selling raffle tickets for meat trays at the pub on Friday night to raise funds. Blokes like Alf Lemmon, Bob Vannan, Ashley Hitchings, Mick Price, Geoff Price and Doug Weir. These people are priceless in the scheme of things.

The ladies who ran the Ladies Auxiliary for ten years or more are another great example of people who have made the club. The Ladies Auxiliary spanned the years 1978-1989. In that time they successfully raised thousands of dollars for the club, facilitated social activities with

nights out as fundraisers and provided a vital support function to the Management Committee. The first President was Di (Dianne) Lovett and Life Member Val Tever was the Secretary. Vi Noakes held the position of Treasurer whilst Deidre Forshaw was the Social Secretary. Other ladies who followed on in the years from 1981 to 1989 were, Sheila Jones, Pat Rossiter, Leonie Hodson, Moya Healy, Jean McDonald, Cheryl Morando, Pat Pascoe, Norma Duhigg and Sue Brien.

Fund raising continues to be an important task and members like Robbie Knight who works non-stop to find and persuade sponsors and advertisers to help with funding, perform an invaluable service.

And of course there are those who have earned the accolade and honour of Life Member.

Life Members

Barry McManus Snr. (1966) (Dec'd)	Bill Knowles (1998)
Harry Robbins asm (1978)	Bob Price (1999)
Ray Noakes (1980) (Dec'd)	Greg Heffernan (1999)
Col Keenan (1982)	John Carlisle (2002)
Mike Fordyce (1984)	Ian Latham (2003)
Alf Lemmon (1985)	Drew Lake (2004)
Clem Heffernan (1992)	Greg Knowles (2008)
Val Tever (1994)	Allan Lofthouse (2008)
Ken Tever (1994) (Dec'd)	Paul Waddell (2008)
Bob Vannan (1994)	Peter Ward (2008)
Russ Waddell asm (1996)	

The efforts of Harry Robbins, Ian Latham and Russ Waddell have been remarked on more than once in this chronicle. What has not been mentioned is the work of some of the other Life Members. Whilst without the efforts and dedication of Barry McManus Snr, Ray Noakes and Col Keenan we might not have survived those early days, credit must be given to the likes of Alf Lemmon and Ken Tever who steadfastly guided the Dragons through a period when without their commitment the Club may well have failed. Alf was a tremendously hard worker for the club and believed in "the straight bat" approach in dealing with problems - nothing like calling a spade a spade! He had great support in every way from Bob Vannan who was more than just the Treasurer, a job he did very well. He was a Clubman through and through, and in his quiet inimitable style provided an excellent foil for Alf's sometimes perceived hard line approach to problems. When Bob pulled stumps John Carlisle, like Bob another Banker, took over. For 13 years he managed the club's financial affairs with such expertise that

our finances were always rock solid. Modern day Treasurer Col Berry is now the guiding light for our club's financial future.

Val Tever, wife of Ken, with Ken formed a wonderful partnership in producing the Club Newsletter and any other matter that required publication such as the Year Book/Annual Report. Their home was used regularly for meetings in days prior to the existence of the Anzac Oval complex and it was common place for a queue of people to turn up at the Tever household for either a committee meeting or more importantly perhaps, the purpose of collating and assembling newsletters and reports. Val did an enormous amount of typing for the Club in pre-computer days and she and Ken maintained the Gestetner machine, a piece of equipment which is very foreign to the modern generation. Their Life Memberships were well deserved and even today Val continues to make her place available as the collection point for the season's fortnightly Newsletter. Val is yet another Club Member who holds a Hughes Community Services Award wherein her services to the scouting movement received recognition.

Clem Heffernan and Michael Fordyce played significant roles in the early days of the Club. Clem was a more than competent wicketkeeper/batsman and provided much advice and guidance to younger developing players as a mentor and coach. Many a young player became a competent cricketer as a result of being in a Clem Heffernan coached team. Michael Fordyce performed a similar role but also contributed to the administration affairs of the Club as Treasurer (3 years) and Boys' Secretary. Michael could be relied to step into the breach when the need arose. In more recent years Michael has been a consistent and valuable financial contributor to the Club generously donating funds to aid the club's various programs. The efforts of Clem and Michael are typical of those who have not only played for the Club but have turned back to the Club their knowledge, enthusiasm and principles of fair play and a 'fairgo for all.' To this day Michael continues to work for the young people of the community through his involvement with Engadine Church of Christ in Woronora Road. He was one of the recipients of a well-deserved 2008 Hughes Community Services Award.

Greg Heffernan, Drew Lake, Greg Knowles and Paul Waddell are a new category of Life Member. Each has played for the Club for no less than 25 years. The guidelines for awarding Life Membership have changed in recent years to allow for due recognition to those who started their careers with the Dragons and have carried through their junior days into seniors and without a break at any time have faithfully fronted up season after season. Such loyalty and commitment

deservedly requires recognition and the Club hopes that more will follow where they have led. It should be noted that Greg H, Drew and Paul have given periods of service as coaches of junior teams and volunteered their services in the management of Club business. Also, all three are more than competent cricketers each having at some stage in their career achieved the honour of being Senior Club Champion.

Peter Ward was awarded a life membership in 2008 in recognition of the effort he has put into the club over the last 12 years. He managed the 10A team in 1996-97, coached the 10B team in 1997-98, managed the 10C team in 1998-1999 and managed the 10A team in 1999-2000. He was the junior registrar in 1998 through to 2000 and then took on the role of Assistant Secretary from 2000 to 2007 as well as being the Club Delegate in this time period. Peter has always been an active parent involved in his sons' teams, helping out with scoring whenever needed. He has always been a bloke to pitch in and help with various club duties such as packing kits, assisting at grading, helping with jacket fittings, booking accommodation for the Bradman day among other things.

Another worthy club member to be awarded Life Membership in 2008 was Allan Lofthouse. Allan started playing for the club in 1985 and is still currently playing. Over these years he has played and captained lower grade teams and has assisted numerous junior players make the transition into the senior ranks. Allan took on his first committee role in 1998 and has been the Club's delegate to the Senior Association since 1999. Since 2000 he has been the Club's Senior Division Assistant Secretary and has overseen the grading of our men's sides for the past ten seasons. Allan has been well supported by his wife Judy who has also served on our Committee as Senior Registrar. Their son Brendon played also with the Club.

In highlighting to some degree the efforts of those who have been awarded Life Membership and thus demonstrating we hope why these honours are not lightly bestowed we have left to last two of the Club's finest, Bob Price and Bill Knowles. Their contribution to the Club in years of service alone totals in excess of fifty years but what they have done in that time cannot be quantified. These two are club assets!

When something is required to be done it will be done. No problem is insurmountable! While both have held formal positions Bob as Publicity Officer and Bill as (for most of the time) Equipment Officer for years and years, they are the backbone of the Club. Both are skilled and inveterate scroungers both have limitless energy when it comes to club

matters and both are never afraid to speak up when bold words are the order of the day. Together they have made an outstanding contribution to the success of our annual raffles both in acquiring prizes and selling tickets. Every sporting club needs a Bob and Bill duo. This club is more than fortunate in this regard and Life Membership is not only appropriate at the same time it pales into insignificance when weighed against the benefits this Club has gained through their dedication, zeal and love of cricket. Bob is yet another Club Member whose volunteer efforts span a broader field in his case soccer and in 2005 he became a recipient of a Hughes Community Award for his efforts.

As a small point of interest one might ask the question how many clubs can claim to have three father and son groups as Life members. EDCC can. Clem and Greg Heffernan, Bill and Greg Knowles and Russ & Paul Waddell. Between them they represent more than 180 years of contribution.

Club Member of the Year

This award was created in 1969/70. It was known as “Club Sportsman of the Year” and the winner was awarded “The Ron Dudman Trophy”. It was aimed then at acknowledging the contribution of a senior player who contributed more to the club than just playing cricket. Indeed it was the forerunner of what is today the Club Member of the Year award. This award, introduced to address a desire to recognise the work of “Those Who Serve to make the Club” beyond just playing members. In so doing it became “The Val Tever Trophy”.

The Ron Dudman Trophy

1969-70	Phillip Warner	1983-84	Shane Clinch
1970-71	Warren Horsnell	1984-85	Ron Lovett
1971-72	Mark Johnson	1985-86	Russ Waddell
1972-73	Steven Wishart	1986-87	Doug Weir / Ashley Hitchings
1973-74	Dean Ferguson	1987-88	John Richardson
1974-75	G. Daley	1988-89	No Award
1975-76	Peter Royle	1989-90	Mrs Val Tever
1976-77	Michael Fordyce	1990-91	Bob Vannan
1977-78	Brian Messiter	1991-92	Ross Knowles
1978-79	Alf Lemmon	1992-93	Bob Price
1979-80	Greg Heffernan	1993-94	John Uebel / Bill Knowles
1980-81	Steven Messiter	1994-95	No Award
1981-82	Adrian Vannan	1995-96	Mrs Judy Lofthouse
1982-83	Paul Meddings		

The Val Tever Trophy

1996-97	Laurie Daly	2002-03	Allan Lofthouse
1997-98	Ian Latham	2003-04	Robbie Knight
1998-99	Steve Daniels	2004-05	Tony Gleeson/Ken Newman
1999-00	Harry Robbins	2005-06	Bob Price/Judy Lofthouse
2000-01	Brad Moreland	2006-07	Dennis Pendergast
2001-02	Stuart Slack/Neil Jamieson	2007-08	Andrew Mazurkiewicz

Engadine Dragons Foundation Committee

Before listing the major office bearers these past fifty years it must be remembered that without that first committee to get things going there would be no others to follow and consequentially no club. So the following led the way and others in turn picked up the bat and took their turn at the crease so to speak.

The Engadine Dragons Foundation Committee was (President) - Barry McManus Snr. (President), Danny Carroll (Secretary), Ron. Chapman (Treasurer), Ken Binner, Bernie Howard, Laurie Crosby, Bill Coates, Kel Keene, Bill Hadfield, Harold Barker, Bill Melrose, Harry Emptage and Claude Pollard.

Major Office Bearers since

<u>Year</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Vice Pres.</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Assist. Sec.</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
59-60	B. McManus Snr		D. Carroll		R. Chapman
60-61	B. McManus Snr		B. Howard		K. Binner
61-62	W. Foster B. McManus Snr		N. Foreshaw		K. Binner
62-63	B. McManus Snr		N. Foreshaw C. Greenwood		K. Binner
63-64	N. Foreshaw K. Johnson		R. Sommer		H. Shooter
64-65	K. Johnson		K. Woodbridge		H. Shooter
65-66	K. Johnson		K. Woodbridge H. Shooter		H. Shooter
66-67	K. Johnson		H. Shooter		H. Robbins
67-68	K. Horsnell		B. Blanchard		W. McPhee
68-69	G. McElroy		B. Blanchard		W. McPhee M. Fordyce
69-70	K. Johnson		C. Keenan		M. Fordyce
70-71	D. Morrison		C. Keenan		M. Fordyce
71-72	C. Keenan		W. Atkins G. Arnott		D. Cranston
72-73	C. Keenan		G. Arnott		D. Cranston
73-74	B. Blanchard		H. Robbins		Mrs B. Crosby
74-75	G. Arnott		H. Robbins		Mrs B. Crosby
75-76	C. Keenan		M. Fordyce		Mrs J. Lees
76-77	R. Noakes		H. Robbins		Mrs J. Lees
77-78	R. Noakes		H. Robbins		R. Entwistle

78-79	R. Noakes	J. Lees	R. Lovett		R. Entwistle
79-80	R. Lovett	R. Noakes	A. Gleeson		R. Entwistle
80-81	R. Lovett	R. Noakes	M. Fordyce		R. Entwistle
81-82	R. Lovett	M. Fordyce	H. Robbins	P. Noakes	R. Entwistle
82-83	R. Lovett	D. Stuve	H. Robbins	P. Noakes	J. Richardson
83-84	R. Lovett	D. Stuve	H. Robbins	R. Woodhill	J. Richardson
84-85	D. Stuve	P. Noakes	R. Woodhill	A. Lemmon	J. Richardson
85-86	D. Stuve	P. Noakes	R. Woodhill	A. Lemmon	J. Richardson
86-87	R. Waddell	K. Tever	P. Clothier	A. Lemmon	J. Richardson
87-88	R. Waddell	K. Tever	J.Thornthwaite	A. Lemmon	J. Richardson
88-89	R. Waddell	K. Tever	J.Thornthwaite R.Knowles	A. Lemmon	R. Vannan
89-90	A. Lemmon	K. Tever	R. Knowles	A. Vannan	R. Vannan
90-91	K. Tever	A. Lemmon	R. Knowles	A. Vannan	R. Vannan
91-92	K. Tever	A. Lemmon	J. Uebel	A. Vannan	R. Vannan
92-93	K. Tever	A. Lemmon	J. Uebel	A. Vannan	J. Carlisle
93-94	I. McCrea	A. Lemmon	J. Uebel	G. Heffernan	J. Carlisle
94-95	R. Waddell	K. Tever	T. Duffield	D. Lake	J. Carlisle
95-96	R. Waddell	K. Tever	I. Latham	A. Lemmon	J. Carlisle
96-97	R. Waddell	K. Tever	I. Latham	A. Lemmon	J. Carlisle
97-98	R. Waddell	K. Tever	I. Latham	B. Cousemacker	J. Carlisle
98-99	R. Waddell	K. Tever	I. Latham	B. Cousemacker	J. Carlisle
99-00	R. Waddell	K. Tever	I. Latham	J. Mall	J. Carlisle
00-01	R. Waddell	G. Scott	I. Latham	A. Lofthouse P. Ward	J. Carlisle
01-02	R. Waddell	G. Scott	I. Latham	A. Lofthouse P. Ward	J. Carlisle
02-03	G. Scott	C. Berry	I. Latham	A. Lofthouse P. Ward	J. Carlisle
03-04	G. Scott	C. Berry	I. Latham	A. Lofthouse P. Ward	J. Carlisle
04-05	G. Scott	C. Berry	I. Latham	A. Lofthouse P. Ward	J. Carlisle
05-06	G. Scott	S. Jones	A. Gleeson	A. Lofthouse P. Ward	C. Berry
06-07	S. Jones	B. Loder	C. Rice	A. Lofthouse P. Ward	C. Berry
07-08	S. Jones	B. Loder	C. Rice	A. Lofthouse T. Marciante	C. Berry
08-09	S. Jones	B. Loder	C. Rice	A. Lofthouse T. Marciante	C. Berry

Original Club Trophies & Awards

This chapter and that following provide details on winners of major club awards over the years. It is of course impossible to expect that changes do not occur in the course of fifty years and nowhere is this more so than in the determination of honours and awards. Indeed even changes in the laws of cricket have resulted in changes to honours, as criteria have needed adjustment to reflect new styles.

An example of this occurred in the 1991/92 season when the SSJCA changed from time limit to over limit games with restrictions on individual bowlers and the introduction of a ten round competition. This meant that the existing records became obsolete and it was necessary to fence off the old records and introduce a new set.

In more recent years limitations have been introduced on the number of overs a fast bowler can deliver. Changes such as this means bowling aggregate records set many years ago will never be broken. Gone are the days when a young bowler could bowl unchanged throughout an innings.

Top Boys Club Batsman - The Peter Schiller Trophy ⁵

Inception of the award - 1974-75 season

1974-75	Michael Black	1986-87	Craig Parsons
1975-76	Wayne Wishart	1987-88	Nathan Morando
1976-77	Craig Dow	1988-89	Nathan Morando
1977-78	Cameron Rossiter	1989-90	Greg Goodman
1978-79	Glen Anderson	1990-91	Chris Lake
1979-80	Peter Bland	1991-92	Derek Heslehurst
1980-81	Rodney Entwistle	1992-93	Chris Lake
1981-82	Russell Langston	1993-94	Chris Lake
1982-83	Gavin Phillips	1994-95	Craig Brownscombe
1983-84	Nathan Morando	1995-96	Jarred Vandenburg

Top Boys Club Bowler - The Peter Schiller Trophy

Inception of the award - 1975-76 season

1975-76	Peter Stanford	1986-87	Nathan Morando
1976-77	John Westlake	1987-88	Nathan Morando
1977-78	Neil Lovelock	1988-89	Nathan Morando
1978-79	Anthony George	1989-90	Jason Crimlisk
1979-80	Rodney Jennings	1990-91	Adam Jones
1980-81	John Short	1991-92	Brian Somerville
1981-82	John Westlake	1992-93	Chris Lake
1982-83	Paul Bronsan	1993-94	Liam Hubbard
1983-84	Michael Gleeson	1994-95	Stephen Carlisle
1984-85	Michael Gleeson	1995-96	Brett Gorrey

⁵ Doctor Peter Schiller was a local G.P. who was a strong supporter of the club and at one time in early days Club Patron.

Top Boys Club Wicketkeeper - The George Beames Memorial Trophy⁶

Inception of the award - 1975-76 season

1975-76	Shane Pearce	1986-87	Colin Ballard
1976-77	Mike Hammond	1987-88	Greg Goodman
1977-78	Geoff Macdonald	1988-89	Don Stewart
1978-79	Anthony Lovett	1989-90	Greg Goodman
1979-80	Brett Landrigan	1990-91	Greg Goodman
1980-81	Anthony Lovett	1991-92	Greg Goodman
1981-82	Anthony Lovett	1992-93	Daniel Wackwitz
1982-83	Glen Nelson	1993-94	Paul Garvan
1983-84	Brad Stuve	1994-95	No award
1984-85	Bart Thornthwaite	1995-96	Paul Garvan

Junior Club Champion - The Joe Weymouth Trophy⁷

Inception of the award - 1962-63 season.

This trophy was introduced in 1962 by the above named. It was awarded to the Junior Club Champion until phased out in 1996 following a 3 year period when no award was made, as the criteria could not be met. This award in its time was the most valued honour a young player could win. Today, this award of Junior Club Champion is celebrated with the Barry McManus Snr Trophy.

1962-63	Barry McManus Jnr	1978-79	Glen Anderson
1963-64	Peter Doherty	1979-80	Glen Anderson
1964-65	Robert Carroll	1980-81	Dean Russell
1965-66	Wayne Headley	1981-82	Peter Bland
1966-67	Michael Fordyce	1982-83	John Westlake
1967-68	Trevor Bailey	1983-84	Trent Woodhill
1968-69	Lance Howes	1984-85	Craig Parsons
1969-70	Malcolm Haynes	1985-86	Craig Parsons
1970-71	Jim Shooter	1986-87	Trent Woodhill
1971-72	Steve Wishart	1987-88	Nathan Morando
1972-73	Ian Cranston	1988-89	Nathan Morando
1973-74	Steve Wishart	1989-90	Greg Goodman
1974-75	Dean Ferguson	1990-91	Greg Goodman
1975-76	Brett Ferguson	1991-92	Derek Heslehurst
1976-77	Brett Martin	1992-93	Chris Lake
1977-78	Wayne Wishart	1993-94	Chris Lake
		1994-95	Craig Brownscombe

⁶ George Beames was one of the early hard workers within the club coaching junior teams. (See History in review 1961-62).

⁷ Joe Weymouth was a local builder and a mate of Barry Mc Manus and donated the first Club trophy.

Club Champion (Senior) - The Les Johnson Trophy⁸

Inception of the award - 1969-70 season

1969-70	Robert Rushbourne	1982-83	Greg Heffernan
1970-71	Barry Blanchard	1983-84	John Richardson
1971-72	Col Keenan	1984-85	Ian Cranston
1972-73	Ray Noakes	1985-86	Michael Price
1973-74	Warren Atkins	1986-87	Anthony Lovett
1974-75	Clem Heffernan	1987-88	David Perritt
1975-76	Ern Price	1988-89	Craig Tever
1976-77	Peter Royle	1989-90	No Award
1977-78	Brett Johnson	1990-91	No Award
1978-79	Jeff Huyben	1991-92	Greg Heffernan
1979-80	Stephen Gorry	1992-93	Jason Crimlisk
1980-81	Craig Alewood	1993-94	Anthony Stanley
1981-82	Steven Wearne	1994-95	Anthony Stanley
		1995-96	Drew Lake

Modern Age Awards

In the 1996/97 season the Committee split junior perpetual trophies into two divisions. This allowed for better balance and fairer adjudication. The two divisions became U16/14 (Intermediate) and U12/10 (Junior).

To implement this arrangement all former trophies (many of which were showing the effects of age and handling) were replaced. It was decided that as many of the previous donors were no longer involved with the club, that as a means of identifying and acknowledging the efforts of Life Members, the new trophies would be named to do this. Additionally, as far as possible, the trophies would be linked to the person named according to their perceived cricketing strength or preference. Thus batting trophies related to batsmen, bowling trophies to bowlers and so on.

One major change implemented subsequently as an outcome of the foregoing was to replace the Barry McManus Snr Memorial Shield with the Bob Price Encouragement Shield thus allowing the major junior club trophy to be henceforth named in honour of the club's founder. This took place in 1998/99 and as can be seen in the following table the most prestigious club award given to a junior or intermediate player is "The Barry McManus Trophy" for being the Junior Club Champion.

⁸ Les Johnson was a prominent federal Member of Parliament and local member who was also a patron of the Club. It was in that time that he generously donated this trophy.

Junior Club Champion - The Barry McManus Trophy

1998-99	Michael Lavallee 12A
1999-00	Ryan Shepherd 14A
2000-01	Ryan Shepherd 16A
2001-02	Ryan Shepherd 16A
2002-03	Jay Davis 16A
2003-04	Cameron Turner 16A
2004-05	Chris Reeves 16B
2005-06	Ben Marciante 16A
2006-07	Ben Marciante 16A
2007-08	Mark Rice 16A

Junior Division Batting Performance Award - The Ray Noakes Trophy

1996-97	Ben Cutler 12B
1997-98	Ryan Shepherd 12A
1998-99	Michael Lavallee 12A
1999-00	Dylan Beardow 12C
2000-01	Chris Reeves 12B
2001-02	Andrew Jones 12A
2002-03	Ben Marciante 12A
2003-04	Liam Herne 10A
2004-05	Liam Herne 12B
2005-06	Ben Dwarshuis 12A
2006-07	Rhys Marlow 12B
2007-08	Brendan Curtis 12A

Junior Division Bowling Performance Award - The Col Keenan Trophy

1996-97	Sanjay Patel 12C
1997-98	Mitchell Durie 12A
1998-99	Cameron Turner 12A
1999/00	Chris McMahan 12C
2000-01	Daniel Ward 10A
2001-02	Sam Newman 10A
2002-03	Sam Newman 12A
2003-04	Kelly Rolleston 12C
2004-05	Kelly Rolleston 12B
2005-06	Nicholas Chamberlain 12D
2006-07	Nathan Marciante 10A
2007-08	Joel Almond 10A

Junior Division Wicket Keeping Performance Award - The Mike Fordyce Trophy

1996-97	Brett Bullock 12C
1997-98	Jarryd Ward 10A
1998-99	Chris Moreland 12A
1999-00	Jarryd Ward 12A
2000-01	Jason Raper 12E
2001-02	Bryce Alewood 10A
2002-03	Bryce Daenell 12A
2003-04	Robbie Farnan 10A
2004-05	Matthew Christison 12B
2005-06	Jordan Dow 12A
2006-07	Dylan Rae 10A
2007-08	Joey Cox 10A

Intermediate Division Batting Performance Award - The Russ Waddell Trophy

1996-97	Lee Bailey 16B
1997-98	Chris Pendergast 14A
1998-99	Kaine Johnson 16C
1999-00	Ryan Shepherd 14A
2000-01	Ryan Shepherd 16A
2001-02	Ryan Shepherd 16A
2002-03	Jay Davis 16A
2003-04	Cameron Turner 16A
2004-05	Chris Reeves 16B
2005-06	Blake Duncum 14C
2006-07	Ben Marciante 16A
2007-08	Ryan Emerson 16C

Intermediate Division Bowling Performance Award - The Alf Lemmon Trophy

1996-97	Darren Baxter 14C
1997-98	Kaine Johnson 16D
1998-99	Chris Nelson 14C
1999-00	Brett Martin 16C
2000-01	Brett Martin 16A
2001-02	Daniel Boyle 16D
2002-03	Greg Ings 14B
2003-04	Matthew Sambuco 16A
2004-05	Ryan Marlow 14B
2005-06	Sam Newman 14A
2006-07	Daniel Tench 16C
2007-08	Joel D'Imperio 14A

Intermediate Wicket Keeping Performance Award - The Clem Heffernan Trophy

1996-97	Brad Collins 16B
1997-98	Andrew Hine 16A
1998-99	Andrew Hine 16A
1999-00	Mark Mitchell 16C
2000-01	Stuart Dibb 14A
2001-02	Ben Jamieson 14A
2002-03	Chris Moreland 16A
2003-04	Robert Dumbrell 16A
2004-05	Adam Smith 14B
2005-06	Ryan Croom 16A
2006-07	Mitchell Floyd 16A
2007-08	Jordan Dow 14A

Senior Club Champion - The Harry Robbins Trophy

1996-97	Paul Waddell B6
1997-98	Marcus Loxley B5
1998-99	Beau Knowles C1
1999-00	Andrew Hine B2
2000-01	Will Wooster B5
2001-02	Greg Goodman A1
2002-03	Paul Cameron A1
2003-04	Jim Bonser B2
2004-05	Greg Heffernan A1
2005-06	Drew Lake A2
2006-07	Stewart Vella B2
2007-08	Stewart Vella B1

Senior Division Batting Performance Award - The Drew Lake Trophy

2001-02	Peter O'Reilly C1
2002-03	Jim Bonser B3
2003-04	Ryan Salakas B7
2004-05	Greg Heffernan A1
2005-06	Stuart Dibb C1
2006-07	Stewart Vella B2
2007-08	Stewart Vella B1

Senior Division Bowling Performance Award - The John Carlisle Trophy

2001-02	Matthew Carroll B6
2002-03	Paul Cameron A1
2003-04	Chris Nelson B6
2004-05	Brett Martin B4
2005-06	Matthew Carroll B2
2006-07	Stewart Vella B2
2007-08	Mitchell Davis B7

Senior Division Wicket Keeping Performance Award - EDCC Trophy

1998-99	Brad Collins B4
1999-00	Jim Collins B7
2000-01	Mark Mitchell B7
2001-02	Colin Berry A3
2002-03	Matthew Newman B9
2003-04	Ryan McLauchlan B5
2004-05	Chris Moreland B6
2005-06	Stewart Vella B2
2006-07	Jonathan Wright B3
2007-08	Chris Moreland B5

Senior Rookie of the Year - The Bill Knowles Trophy

1996-97	Michael Ralston B6
1997-98	Lee Bailey B5
1998-99	Tim Cutler B4
1999-00	Andrew Hine B2
2000-01	Mitchell Thompson A1
2001-02	Jay Davis A3
2002-03	Chris Nelson B5
2003-04	Michael Lavallee B6
2004-05	Adam Logan B4
2005-06	Chris Reeves A2
2006-07	James Stone B2
2007-08	Andrew Herne A2

Most Improved Team - The Bob Vannan Trophy

Year	Team	Coach/Manager
1996-97	12B	Bob & Darren Price
1997-98	12B	Peter Ward & Ian Davis
1998-99	16A	Dennis Pendergast & Harry Robbins
1999-00	16A	Steve Routh & Steve Daniels
2000-01	16A	Brett Johnson & Steve Routh
2001-02	14E	Rob Lowe & Roger McNee
2002-03	14B	Rob Lowe & Gordon Scott
2003-04	14B	Nathan Alterator & Bob McMillan
2004-05	14B	Robbie Knight & Bruce Smith
2005-06	16C	Craig Townsend & Keith White
2006-07	16A.Red	Nathan Alterator & Phil Alterator
2007-08	14A	Robbie Knight & Gerry Dwarshuis

Rookie of the Year - The Ken Tever Trophy

1996-97	Darren Baxter 14C
1997-98	Jess Correy 10A
1998-99	Ian Mitchell 14E
1999-00	Matthew Hoff 10D

2000-01	Daniel Boyle 14D
2001-02	Ryan Marlow 10A
2002-03	Hayden Smith 10A
2003-04	Ryan Morris 14D
2004-05	Rhys Marlow 10C
2005-06	Brendan Curtis 10A
2006-07	Anuraag Varanasi 10D
2007-08	Jarrold Mazurkiewicz 10A

The Bob Price Encouragement Shield

1998-99	Chris McMahon 10C
1999-00	Ryan Woodley 12C
2000-01	Alex Sambuco 12E
2001-02	Jeffrey Walsh 12D
2002-03	Scott Middlemiss 12B
2003-04	Alex Lewis 14D
2004-05	Michael Bedford 14B
2005-06	Mitchell Cox 14C
2006-07	Matt Lister 12B
2007-08	Josh Kennedy 12D

The Greg Heffernan Fielding Trophy

1998-99	Alan Wood 12A
1999-00	Stuart Brandman 14A
2000-01	Andrew Jones 10A
2001-02	Stuart Brandman 16A
2002-03	Ben Holt 14C
2003-04	Cameron Turner 16A
2004-05	Ryan Marlow 14B
2005-06	Greg Ings 16A
2006-07	Brendan Curtis 10A
2007-08	Ben Dwarshuis 14A

Junior & Intermediate Club All Rounder - The Ian Latham Trophy

2003-04	James Bills 16A
2004-05	Chris Reeves 16B
2005-06	Blake Duncum 14C
2006-07	Ben Marciante 16A
2007-08	Mark Rice 16A

Wesley Adams Memorial Award

2005-06	Blake Sutcliff 14A
2006-07	Andrew Jones 16A
2007-08	Daniel Walsh 16C

Annual Major Club Awards

Since the first award and trophy was donated by Joe Weymouth in 1962/63 there have been many donated by sponsors and supporters. Joe Weymouth was a local builder and the "Joe Weymouth Trophy" was awarded to the "Junior Club Champion". Barry McManus Jnr was the first recipient.

Over the years contact has been lost with many an original donator and it was this absence that led in 1996 to a review of trophies and older ones such as the Joe Weymouth were phased out. In most instances these older trophies were showing their age and needed replacement. At the same time as the club was the body funding new and replacement trophies the decision was taken to recognise Life Members.

These days there are 20 major awards covering all aspects of club cricket activities and as can be seen below each seeks to recognise a person who in their time gave much of their time, skills and passion for cricket to the club.

Junior Division Batting Performance - Ray Noakes Trophy
Junior Division Bowling Performance - Col Keenan Trophy
Junior Division Wicket Keeping Performance - Mike Fordyce Trophy
Intermediate Division Batting Performance - Russ Waddell Trophy
Intermediate Division Bowling Performance - Alf Lemmon Trophy
Intermediate Division Wicket Keeping Performance - Clem Heffernan Trophy
Senior Division Batting Performance - Drew Lake Trophy
Senior Division Bowling Performance - John Carlisle Trophy
Senior Division Wicket Keeping Performance - EDCC Trophy
Wesley Adams Memorial Trophy
Most Improved Team - (For Junior & Intermediate teams) - Val Tever Trophy
Rookie of the year - Ken Tever Trophy
The Bob Price Encouragement Shield (For Junior & Intermediate teams)
The Greg Heffernan Fielding Trophy (For Junior & Intermediate teams)
Club All Rounder (For Junior & Intermediate teams) - Ian Latham Trophy
Bradman Foundation Scholarship
Senior Rookie of the year - Bill Knowles Trophy
Club Member of the year - Val Tever Trophy
Junior Club Champion - Barry McManus Snr Trophy
Senior Club Champion - Harry Robbins Trophy

Other Annual Awards

- For all junior and intermediate teams awards are made for batting, bowling, and all rounder performance plus any two of, Most Improved Player, Most Consistent Player, Team Player and Fielder.
- Senior players receive batting bowling and all rounder awards in accordance with published criteria.
- For service acknowledging continuous years of playing with the club. These are issued in increments of five years thus 5yrs, 10yrs, 15yrs and so on ultimately leading to Life Membership.

Annual Presentations

The Annual Presentation of awards and honours has always been an integral and major part of club activities. This event recognises performances and application throughout the season and not only identifies outstanding efforts but also encourages those who try and those who commit to the club.

To acknowledge the different requirements of junior teams presentation nights as compared to those of senior teams the Club has in recent years carried out separate functions. There have been times when a joint presentation was the practice and again, there have been years when there was virtually no senior presentation. This was largely due to a lack of support by senior players. It is pleasing to note that these days such apathy is not apparent and the Senior Presentation Night is both a looked forward to event and a successful one.

Records do not identify the date or location as to when the first formal presentation function was conducted but in 1965 following the conclusion of the 64/65 season a Junior Presentation was held at the Institute Hall in Engadine. The Institute Hall or, to give it its full formal title, "The Engadine Literary Institute and Recreation Club" was to be the venue until 1970/71. For those unfamiliar with early Engadine history the Institute Hall was located on the old highway at the top of the hill near to the existing Water Tank. It was pulled down in about 1972.

1972 saw a move to the Senior Citizens Community Centre in Engadine and continue there until 1979. The Senior Presentation was held as a separate function at the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club for two years in 1972 and 1973. It became part of the one presentation function in 1974 and continued as such through to 1996. The Bosco Hall was used in 1980 and '81 but a return was made

to the Senior Citizens Community Centre in central Engadine from 1982 until 1986. The Engadine High School auditorium became the venue from 1987 until 1995.

On the 24th May 1996 the Junior Presentation Night was held at Heathcote High School for the first time. At the time of writing it is most pleasing to say that this has been a most satisfactory venue for the past thirteen years and the club is mindful of the debt that it owes the school's administrators for extending us the privilege of the use of its auditorium.

Resurgence in the senior ranks and expressed interest in having a separate night once more led to separating the two functions in 1997 and the venue chosen was the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club. The following year it was held for the first time at the Engadine RSL and Citizens club. In 2000 the night was held at the Bowling club once more but by 2001 a larger venue was required such was the interest shown and the growth in numbers of senior teams. So it was back to the Engadine RSL. This proved to be a very popular venue and some excellent nights were held at "The RE".

Due to renovations being conducted at the RSL club, 2006 saw the Senior Presentation Night move once more. This time to the St. Moritz Room of the Engadine Family Tavern. This has been the venue for the past three years and has proven to be well attended.

Recent years have seen the entertainment included as part of the evening. Renowned guest speakers such as Kerry O'Keefe, Geoff Lawson, Doug Walters, Len Pascoe and Jim Maxwell of ABC commentary fame have been well received.

It is against this background of entertainment that the club for the past few years has been promoting the Seniors Presentation Night as a club night for all members. All club members irrespective of "Division" are invited to have a night out and be a part of this activity.

Records & Statistics

Cricket is a game of statistics and records feature prominently. The game has always relied heavily on records. Record runs, record partnerships, record run in a season, record wickets taken, it goes on and on. It's part of the game.

So this segment is consistent with the mystique of records. Though what is offered here is a smattering, for records rely on a formula of

statistics over time and the maintenance of those statistics relies on the weakest link, the human being. Certainly this club has been fortunate in recent times for with the advent of computers and similar devices record keeping has been made easier.

However one cannot overlook the work and important contribution made by those many mums and dads who throughout the history of our club have spent hours scoring matches and keeping score books up to date.

We will always be indebted to them for their efforts. In many instances, particularly in senior cricket, reliance has to be placed on the individual to keep personal figures.

So following is a set of information, records and statistics.

Girls in EDCC

First Girl to play for EDCC: Christina Cuddy (1993-94) - Under 8 team.

First Girl to take a wicket: Kate Lawson (1994-95) - 12E team

First Girl's team: (2002-03) - 14D. Team was, - Amy Watson (Captain), Kirby-Ann Marsh (V/capt.), Faye Breslin, Katrina Griffin, Kate Heath, Vicki Meyer, Katherine Morrison, Rebecca Morrison, Alex Rolleston, Caryn Rolleston, Joanna Roy and Ashley Shaw. Coached by Paul Marsh and managed by Allan Rolleston.

It is worthwhile to note here that the Rolleston family had three daughters play for the club. In addition to Alex and Caryn mentioned above, the youngest, Kelly, not only played but in 2005 she was awarded a Bradman Scholarship. Subsequently Kelly went on to play higher grades and representative levels of women's cricket.

Individual Club Batting and Bowling Records

Junior Records

Junior records first came into existence from the start of the first season in 1959. In the 1991/92 season new arrangements meant that all previous records would stand and the Club commenced a new series. The first set of tables that follows thus relates to the period of 1959 through to the end of the 1990/91 season. The following tables then relate to all subsequent years up to and including 2007/08.

Early Junior Batting Records 1959/60 to 1990/91

Minimum runs - 200.

Batting Aggregate				Batting Average			
Gde	Batsman	Runs	Year	Gde	Batsman	Ave	Year
10A	N. Morando	479	1983-84	10A	N. Morando	59.8	1983-84
10B	I. Cranston	387	1967-68	10B	I. Cranston	77.4	1967-68
10C	C. Rossiter	384	1977-78	10C	C. Rossiter	64.0	1977-78
12A	C. Lake	576	1990-91	12A	P. Ryan	45.2	1978-79
12B	I. Cranston	479	1968-69	12B	D. Kember	60.3	1977-78
12C	P. Doherty	276	1963-64	12C	M. Gotley	40.6	1982-83
12D	M. Healey	306	1979-80	12D	G. McGuirk	48.2	1982-83
12E	C. Parsons	471	1980/81	12E	G. Clarke	82.3	1973-74
12F	C. Hillhouse	207	1984-85	12F	C. Hillhouse	34.5	1984-85
14A	P. Doherty	553	1966-67	14A	R. Entwistle	45.8	1980-81
14B	B. Martin	480	1976-77	14B	B. Martin	60.0	1976-77
14C	W. Millar	318	1962-63	14C	B. Davis	46.8	1981-82
14D	C. Dow	503	1976-77	14D	G. Ryan	37.8	1979-80
14E	W. Green	430	1980-81	14E	W. Green	35.8	1980-81
16A	B. McManus Jnr	578	1964-65	16A	B. McManus Jnr	72.2	1964-65
16B	P. Doherty	449	1967-68	16B	J. Smith	60.2	1979-80
16C	B. Thornthwaite	355	1984-85	16C	B. Thornthwaite	50.7	1984-85
16D	P. Daenell	240	1985-86	16D	P. Daenell	30.0	1985-86

Early Junior Bowling Records 1959/60 to 1990/91

Minimum wickets - 20.

Bowling Aggregate				Bowling Average			
Grade	Bowler	Wkts	Year	Grade	Bowler	Ave	Year
10A	W. Wishart	83	1971-72	10A	J. Westlake	3.24	1976-77
10B	P. Noakes	78	1968-69	10B	W. Wishart	2.49	1970-71
10C	S. Gorrey	70	1972-73	10C	S. Gorrey	2.14	1972-73
10D	M. Porter	35	1972-73	10D	M. Porter	2.08	1972-73
12A	G. Heffernan	80	1975-76	12A	G. Heffernan	3.88	1975-76
12B	I. Cranston	76	1968-69	12B	T. Bailey	4.18	1967-68
12C	J. Shooter	67	1966-67	12C	J. Innes	2.66	1974-75
12D	W. Teal	62	1964-65	12D	D. O'Toole	4.20	1976-77
12E	D. Roberts	66	1969-70	12E	G. Clarke	3.24	1973-74
12F	C. Moodie	34	1984-85	12F	C. Moodie	3.60	1984-85
14A	N. Morando	47	1987-88	14A	B. Ferguson	7.66	1975-76
14B	R. Carroll	70	1964-65	14B	J. Shooter	5.20	1967-68
14C	W. Headley	59	1965-66	14C	L. Barrett	2.12	1971-72
14D	B. Andrews	73	1974-75	14D	B. Andrews	3.17	1974-75
14E	I. Cook	26	1978-79	14E	I. Cook	5.43	1978-79
16A	I. Cranston	40	1973-74	16A	L. Hooley	8.55	1961-62
16B	W. Headley	55	1967-68	16B	J. Westlake	5.33	1981-82
16C	W. Wilcox	30	1984-85	16C	P. Ashton	6.80	1987-88
16D	P. Daenell	22	1985-86	16D	P. Daenell	10.82	1985-86

Current Junior Batting Records 1991/92 onwards

Minimum runs - Traditional 150 / Introductory * & Modified * 100

Batting Aggregate				Batting Average			
Grade	Batsman	Runs	Year	Grade	Batsman	Ave	Year
10A	N. Marciante	328	2006-07	10A	N. Marciante	36.44	2006-07
10B*	No qualifier	-	-	10B*	No qualifier	-	-
10C*	C. McMahon	151	1998-99	10C*	B. Duncum	47.67	2002-03
10D*	D. Lees	111	2006-07	10D*	D. Lees	27.75	2006-07
	J. Shearman	111	2007-08				
10E*	G. Caukill	153	1998-99	10E*	G. Caukill	38.30	1998-99
12A	B. Marciante	479	2002-03	12A	B. Marciante	159.6	2002-03
12B	R. Marlow	329	2006-07	12B	C. Reeves	42.00	2000-01
12C	D. Beardow	549	1999-00	12C	D. Beardow	91.50	1999-00
12D	J. Kedwell	241	2007-08	12D	D. Latham	44.40	1994-95
12E*	J. Manns	175	1996-97	12E*	J. Manns	35.00	1996-97
12F*	J. Raper	113	1999-00	12F*	J. Raper	37.67	1999-00
14A	R. Shepherd	665	1999-00	14A	R. Shepherd	95.00	1999-00
14B	K. Stewart	414	1994-95	14B	K. Stewart	51.75	1994-95
14C	D. Price	370	1990-91	14C	K. Bernie	36.20	1991-92
14D	R. Morris	396	2003-04	14D	M. Ryan	54.00	2000-01
14E	O. Samad	392	2001-02	14E	O. Samad	65.33	2001-02
16A	R. Shepherd	533	2001-02	16A	R. Shepherd	96.20	2000-01
16B	C. Reeves	494	2004-05	16B	C. Reeves	54.89	2004-05
16C	R. Emerson	665	2007-08	16C	R. Emerson	55.42	2007-08
16D	D. Boyle	205	2001-02	16D	D. Boyle	18.64	2001-02

Current Junior Bowling Records 1991/1992 onwards

Minimum Wickets - Traditional 15 / Introductory* & Modified * 10.

Bowling Aggregate				Bowling Average			
Grade	Bowler	Wkts	Year	Grade	Bowler	Ave	Year
10A	N. Marciante	24	2006-07	10A	N. Marciante	3.67	2006-07
10B*	L. Herne	11	2002-03	10B*	L. Herne	3.18	2002-03
10C*	T. Walkington	12	2002-03	10C*	D. Ellem	3.75	2005-06
	D. Ellem	12	2005-06				
10D*	A. Varanasi	20	2006-07	10D*	S. Andrews	1.72	1993-94
10E*	G. Caukill	18	1998-99	10E*	G. Caukill	2.00	1998-99
12A	M. Barnes	25	1994-95	12A	M. Gore	1.33	1992-93
12B	No qualifiers	-	-	12B	No qualifiers	-	-
12C	K. Rolleston	24	2003-04	12C	L. Wilson	6.20	1991-92
12D	S. Andrews	20	1994-95	12D	S. Andrews	2.84	1994-95
12E*	A. Stewart	11	1999-00	12E*	A. Stewart	4.64	1999-00
12F*	J. Punshon	14	1999-00	12F*	O. Samad	3.08	1999-00
14A	J. D'Imperio	28	2007-08	14A	R. Almond	5.52	2007-08
14B	R. Marlow	34	2004-05	14B	R. Marlow	4.29	2004-05
14C	C. Nelson	20	1998-99	14C	M. Christison	4.32	2005-06
14D	P. Bourke	24	1994-95	14D	P. Bourke	5.29	1994-95
14E	D. Filetti	24	1995-96	14E	O. Samad	4.73	2001-02
16A	M. Rice	28	2007-08	16A	C. Mar	6.75	1998-99
16B	C. Heard	24	2005-06	16B	J. Stone	6.43	2004-05
16C	B. Martin	40	1999-00	16C	B. Somerville	5.31	1991-92
16D	D. Boyle	21	2001-02	16D	C. Jackson	10.55	2001-02

Senior Records Senior records commence from the establishment of the senior club in 1967/68.

Senior Batting Records - Minimum runs 200.

Batting Aggregate				Batting Average			
Grade	Batsman	Runs	Year	Grade	Batsman	Ave	Year
A1	R. Noakes	739	1968-69	A1	S. Messiter	111.0	1987-86
A2	D. Higgins	542	1978-79	A2	C. Lake	98.50	2006-07
A3	G. Heffernan	626	1982-83	A3	G. Heffernan	78.25	1982-83
B1	M. Hammond	437	1981-82	B1	G. Morriss	45.17	2004-05
B2	S. Vella	903	2006-07	B2	S. Vella	69.50	2006-07
B3	W. Atkins	500	1973-74	B3	J. Black	52.75	1973-74
B4	M. Bailey	485	1979-80	B4	J. Black	57.80	1972-73
B5	J. McDonnell	452	1984-85	B5	N. Alterator	36.09	2002-03
B6	A. Lovett	404	1985-86	B6	C. Parsons	53.75	1985-86
B7	R. Salakas	357	2003-04	B7	W. Horsnell	48.67	2003-04
B8	G. Caukill	376	2005-06	B8	G. Caukill	34.18	2005-06
B9	A. Roberts	295	2002-03	B9	A. Roberts	42.14	2002-03
C1	S. Dibb	467	2005-06	C1	D. Stuve	73.00	1990-91
C2	C. Alewood	451	1980-81	C2	G. Redman	48.00	1994-95
C3	R. Waddell	400	1985-86	C3	R. Waddell	33.33	1985-86

Senior Bowling Records - Minimum 20 wickets.

Bowling Aggregate				Bowling Average			
Grade	Bowler	Wkts	Year	Grade	Bowler	Ave	Year
A1	F. Terone	55	1969-70	A1	R. Stuart	5.84	1998-99
A2	J. Richardson	50	1983-84	A2	J. Crimlisk	7.92	1992-93
A3	W. Wishart	50	1976-77	A3	D. Watts	6.60	1972-73
B1	S. Gorry	70	1979-80	B1	S. Gorry	6.90	1979-80
B2	P. Royle	62	1976-77	B2	M. Oliff	6.50	1983-84
B3	G. Dwarshuis	51	1978-79	B3	D. Parkes	6.50	1986-87
B4	K. Bessant	53	1974-75	B4	B. Martin	7.70	2004-05
B5	D. Perritt	48	1984-85	B5	S. Vella	5.50	2003-04
B6	G. Langston	55	1982-83	B6	P. Bland	5.80	1981-82
B7	R. Dodd	58	1988-89	B7	D. Lindsay	9.90	1987-88
B8	P. Dixon	44	2004-05	B8	P. Dixon	9.72	2004-05
B9	P. Dixon	25	2002-03	B9	A. Roberts	10.35	2002-03
C1	B. Knowles	45	1998-99	C1	R. Knight	6.35	2000-01
C2	J. Richardson	77	1977-78	C2	J. Richardson	7.40	1977-78
C3	M. Curness	38	1984-85	C3	C. Blundell	5.81	2005-06

Outstanding Individual Performances

No record exists of the most runs scored by a club batsman but the consensus by those who have been around long enough suggests clearly that this honour belongs to Greg Heffernan who at the end of 2004/05 been playing for the Club for 32 years. Most of Greg's cricket

has been at the A Grade level and it is estimated that his tally to date is in the vicinity of 10,000 runs.

The highest senior individual score recorded by a Club batsman was made by Glenn Caukill (C1) in 2006/07 when playing against Illawong he scored 231 not out. Cameron Turner (16A) recorded the highest junior score, 162 not out in 2003/04 playing against Illawong/Menai.

The best ever bowling figures were produced by Grant Rowe (C1 in 1986/87) with 9 for 15. This effort just eclipses that of Mat Carroll's 9 for 16 (B2 in 2005/06). Matthew Barnes in 1994/95 when playing 12A took 9 for 22 and that is the best performance for a junior player.

Paul Waddell who in 2007/08 completed twenty-five consecutive seasons with the Club holds the bowling aggregate record. Paul's wicket tally at the end of the 2007/08 season stood at 573 wickets.

In acknowledging outstanding individual performances this is an appropriate time to note the efforts of club junior players who have set SSJCA records. This is split into two sections, prior to 1991/92 and subsequent to that date when new rules applied.

SSJCA Record Holders

Prior to the 1991/92 season.

Lance Barrett	14C Bowling Average 2.12
Craig Dow	14D Batting Aggregate 503
Greg Heffernan	12A Bowling Aggregate 80 wickets
Ian Cranston	12B Bowling Aggregate 76 wickets
Chad Moodie	12F Bowling Aggregate 34 wickets
Wayne Wishart	10A Bowling Aggregate 83 wickets

1991/92 season onwards.

Ryan Emerson	16C Batting Aggregate - 665 runs
Jordan Dow	14A Wicket Keeping Aggregate - 25 dismissals
Ryan Marlow	14B Bowling Aggregate - 34 wickets
Omar Samad	14E Bowling Average - 4.90
Chris Lake	12A Batting Aggregate - 576 runs
Ben Marciate	12A Batting Average - 159.67
Dylan Beardow	12C Batting Aggregate - 549 runs
Simon Andrews	12D Bowling Average 2.70
Simon Andrews	10D Bowling Average 1.72

Performance beyond the club

As remarked in earlier pages the club has had an outstanding record for providing representative players mainly from its junior ranks. This is not to say that senior players have not taken part in senior representative cricket. However, the numbers of juniors who have represented the Sutherland Shire Junior Cricket Association (SSJCA) has been significant over the fifty years.

The first junior players to represent the club by playing for the Boys Association, in 1959 our first season, were Robert Bain, Trevor Hodgkinson and Barry McManus Jnr.

First Grade Players

Whilst many have gone on to play cricket for the Sutherland District Cricket Club (SDCC), the Grade Club, few have made it to the top level, First Grade. Those who have and their debut date are: -

Bob Bain - 25.9.65
Ian Napper - 20.11.71
Ted Terone - 22.12.73
Warren Moodie - 24.09.77
Paul Fisher - 02.10.78
Wayne Wishart - 2.2.80
Brett Johnson - 24.10.81
Craig Parsons - 2.2.91
Trent Woodhill - 16.11.91
Daniel Maclauchlan - 19.11.94
Chris Lake - 18.10.98

A small number have gone on to play First Grade with clubs other than SDCC these being: -

Barry Blanchard - Petersham
John Bain - St. George
Graham Chudleigh - Cumberland
Glen Anderson - Randwick
Warren Moodie - Randwick
Ian Napper - St. George
Tony Peters - Petersham
Tim Cutler - Easts / Randwick

Daniel McLauchlan

At the time of writing, Daniel has concluded his contract as a member of the Western Australia Cricket Association squad in which he played both Pura Cup and Ford Ranger Cup (one day series) for that State. He is the first player from EDCC to progress to playing at State level but even earlier Daniel played for Australia.

Daniel was born 12th December 1977 at Auburn Hospital in Sydney's western suburbs. He moved to Engadine with mum Chris and dad John when about five and started school at Engadine West the following year.

Daniel first started playing cricket in the same way as millions of others have done from all over the world, - backyard cricket. With schoolmates Darren Hands and Grant Kitchen and after plenty of backyard games at Darren's house Daniel decided he would join Darren and play competition cricket with the Dragons. So he made a start in the 1987-88 Season in the 10A team with Darren's father Ray as coach.

Daniel reports, "My first game happened at Gympsea Bay and I was out for a duck and took 3-15 so not a bad start. The 1987-88 Club Year Book for the season reported. "Daniel had a very good first season, opening the batting. Daniel was also rewarded by being selected in the Foster Shield (Under 10) team".

It should be noted that Daniel's mate, Darren Hands was no slouch. He also made the Foster Shield team that year as Vice Captain and went on to become a very good cricketer. Grant Kitchen also played in the 10A team that year so all that backyard cricket did pay dividends.

Like many a junior player Daniel had a variety of coaches in his early years. Following Ray Hands, Daniel gives great credit to Fred Lake (father of Chris and Drew Lake, two very accomplished EDCC cricketers), Ian McCrea ("coached me just about all my junior career and had a great influence, may not have always seen eye to eye but helped me start to realise my potential"). Bob Manning a very respected coach in Sutherland Shire with a wealth of representative coaching experience was another who helped shape Daniel's developing career. "Bob Manning- one of, if not the best coach I have had in my career his understanding of the game, the way he controlled the players with their abilities and just his great friendship away from the game. I hold Bob in

such high regard and without doubt one of my greatest inspirations”.

Young players reading this history should take note of Daniel’s experience. It not only shows the value of listening to those who know but taking in a variety of views and a range of wisdom from others who, to quote the vernacular, “have been there, done that”.

In addition to those named above Daniel has also given credit to two Sutherland Grade stalwarts Ted Cotton and Kevin Tuite. Daniel said, “Both played a massive role in turning around my early years. Both great coaches but most of all two people I could always turn to, to run ideas around and help with my approach to the game. Kevin was also a fantastic leader who played the game hard but always with respect for the opposition”.

From people such as these Daniel learnt much about cricket at higher levels in the course of the next few years and it is useful to read early reports in EDCC Year Books to see how even as a junior he improved year by year.

“12A Daniel McLauchlan (Captain): A fine opening bowler whose captaincy improved in leaps and bounds as the season progressed. Gained selection in the Sutherland Cawsey Shield side. A fine all rounder.”

“14A Captain: Exceptional all round cricketer, consistent batsman, left hand fast or spin bowler and brilliant fieldsman. Daniel’s batting was very consistent with a number of scores over fifty. His bowling was always first class and he has added left hand orthodox spin to many talents. Represented Sutherland in the Moore Shield (finalist) this season.”

By 1993-94 Daniel was playing 16As and Grade cricket with Sutherland. The Year Book that year reads: - “Daniel represented the Shire in the Watson and Green Shields and played 3rd and 5th Grade when required. Daniel was our main strike bowler who bowled with genuine pace. He partnered Chris Lake in a number of match winning partnerships, especially in the semi final and final”.

That season the 16A team won the premiership. Daniel took 15 wickets at 9.62 including one match winning performance of 5 for 11. He also scored 419 runs at 52.38 and had outstanding scores of 103, 87 and

72. Added to his batting and bowling performances were 8 catches. A very impressive year!

In an Under 19 Australian carnival played in Adelaide in 1996 Daniel recorded the figures of 9 for 11 against South Australia a record that still stands. Subsequently Daniel was selected in the Australian Under 19 team to tour India and Pakistan in the 196/97 season.

For the last two seasons Daniel has played for the Scarborough Cricket Club in Perth during which time it has taken out consecutive first grade titles under the captaincy of Justin Langer. Daniel describes Justin as “the ultimate professional on and off the field he leads by example with his approach to a game and during a game his ability to read a game and always be one step ahead of the opposition is uncanny”. Before moving to Perth Daniel played with St George cricket club who was lead by Gary Crowfoot and the 1st grade manager was Murray Bennett. Daniel has said that without those 2 people in his corner he would never have made the move across to Perth and thus possibly have never achieved his first class debut. He found that, Gary’s approach to the players allows each to find his ability to fit into a side and he always gets the best out of each individual. Murray Bennett, in Daniel’s view, is one of the most respected cricket administrators in the country. His manner within the playing group, his ability to relate to all games situations and help the playing group overcome every tight situation, plus his friendly nature makes him always one of the easiest people to talk about anything. He helped Daniel to overcome some serious issues he had with his cricket ability.

Daniel says, “I have been blessed to not only play at some of the most successful clubs in Australia and work with their coaches but also some of the best players this country has ever seen such as Glenn McGrath, Stuart Clark, Stuart MacGill, and Phil Jacques at the Sutherland Club, Michael Clarke at Western Suburbs and Justin Langer at my current club the Scarborough Cricket Club.”

We wish Daniel all the best in days ahead and thank him for his contribution to this history.

Harry Robbins - member extra-ordinaire

This record of people and efforts would not be complete without a tribute to Life Member Harry Robbins known to many a person as “Mr.

Engadine Dragons”. Harry started with the Club back in 1964 and apart from a few years in the late eighties when he took a breather from club activities he has been an important contributor at all times to the history of the Club.

Apart from being a more than competent player himself Harry’s major contribution, apart from his work on the Management Committee, has been his coaching of young players. Harry Robbins coached 27 teams for 11 premierships and 6 runners-up from 1964 to 2008.

1968/69 -	14B Premiers (coached with Mike Fordyce).
1970/71 -	10B Premiers
1971/72 -	16B Premiers
1973/74 -	12A Premiers
1977/78 -	16A Premiers (coached with Ian Cranston).
1999/00 -	14A Premiers (coached with Stuart Slack).
2001/02 -	16A Premiers (coached with Stuart Slack).
2002/03 -	16A Premiers (coached with Stuart Slack).
2003/04 -	16A Premiers (coached with Stuart Slack).
2004/05 -	16B Premiers (coached with James Bills).
2006/07 -	10A Premiers (coached with Peter Schofield & Ryan Croom)

Today Harry spends a great deal of time running development programs for young club players. His regular coaching clinic conducted in the school holidays utilising the Club’s indoor training facilities are always well attended. He is assisted usually in this work by some of our most senior juniors (such as 16A players) who give their time but in return they acquire invaluable knowledge in how to coach.

He holds tributes as in, Life Membership of the Sutherland Cricket Association (SSCA) in 1971, a Hughes Community Service Award granted in 1999 and an Australian Sports Medal (asm) awarded in 2000. He is well known and respected as a reliable identifier of young cricket talent and has been heavily involved in junior representative cricket.

The EDCC Clubrooms are named as “The Harry Robbins” room a testament in itself to his contribution over the years to junior cricket in Engadine.

Reference to the events of early Dragon Days shows that Harry like most of us had great support from his wife, Heather. Heather was

involved with the first Ladies Auxiliary (Rugby League/Cricket) and all these years she has supported Harry in his cricket interests. Fifty years onwards Heather is still “tolerating” Harry’s cricket needs. What a wonderful lady!

Sponsors and Financial Support

The club would not be where it is today without the generosity of sponsors and the financial support of community minded bodies. We are indebted to the long standing support of the Engadine RSL & Citizens Club (Club Engadine), from time to time The Engadine Bowling Club and in recent times the Sutherland Credit Union.

Substantial personal contributors to the Club over a long period have been have been Life Member Mike Fordyce, Jim Emerian (Cosmo Lighting) and Harry Peters (Marine Product Marketing).

Going back in time to 1959 the first sponsor was the Engadine Chamber of Commerce under the leadership of Tom Jamieson.

Over the years there have been many companies and individuals who have supported the club with financial contributions. Many of these have taken the form of paid advertising in the Club Newsletter.

Readers may see a full list in alphabetical order of contributors over the fifty years by going to Appendix A. It is an interesting challenge to see how many you recognise.

All Time Best EDCC 16A Team

The team in batting order:

1. **Barry McManus Jnr (1964/65) (*Captain*)**
Stats: R/H Bat 578 @ 72.25, R/H Off Spin, 37w, SSJCA Champion 1964/65
Notes: Brilliant stroke maker when facing opening fast bowlers, top off spinner and great leader of teams, also top fieldsman in any position.
2. **Jay Davis (2002/03)**
Stats: R/H Bat 525 @ 58.34, R/H Leg Spin 18 @ 11.89.
Club Champion & SSJCA Champion 2002/03

- Notes:**Opening batsman with a fine array of shots, good leg spinner and great cover fieldsman.
3. **Chris Lake (1993/94)**
Stats: R/H Bat 510 @ 63.75, R/H Medium 19 @ 11.47.
 Club Champion & SSJCA Champion 1993/94
Notes:Brilliant number three or four bat that dominated all bowling attacks, excellent first change bowler.
 4. **Ryan Shepherd (2001/02)**
Stats: R/H Bat 533 @ 59.22, R/H Fast - Back injury did not bowl
Notes:SSJCA & Club Champion. Classy and powerful number three batsman that was capable of intimidating the opposition, tearaway fast bowler and brilliant 1st slip specialist.
 5. **Nathan Morando (1988/89)**
Stats: R/H Bat 354 @ 37.33, R/H Medium 30 @ 12.76, Club & SSJCA Champion 1988/89
Notes:Brilliant hard hitting top/middle order batsman and deceptively quick bowler.
 6. **Ben Marciante (2006/07)**
Stats: L/H Bat 464 @ 58, R/H Medium 19 @ 13.74 Club & SSJCA Champion 2006/07
Notes:Dominant & elegant top order bat and more than capable opening or first change quick swing bowler.
 7. **Glen Anderson (1979/80)**
Stats: L/H Bat 379 @ 37.9, L/H Spin 45 @ 11.86, Club Champion 1978/79, 1979/80
Notes:Top quality all rounder, attacking middle order batsman and accurate left arm finger spinner with a deceptive faster delivery.
 8. **Stephen Wishart (1973/74)**
Stats: L/H 334 @ 47.71, L/H Spin 20 @ 10.75, Club Champion 1973/74
Notes:An attacking middle order batsman and top spin bowler. Excellent fieldsman in all positions.
 9. **Brett Johnson (1974/75) (Vice Captain & Wicket Keeper)**
Stats: R/H Bat 326 @ 32.6, Wicket Keeper

Notes:Top class wicket keeper brilliant to spinners, solid batsman that could cover any batting position, renowned for keeping one end safe, also an exceptional captain.

10. **Daniel McLauchlan (1993/94)**

Stats: R/H Bat 419 @ 52.38, L/H Fast 16 @ 9.63

Notes:Hard hitting middle order bat and exceptionally talented left arm swing bowler.

11. **Wayne Wishart (1977/78)**

Stats: R/H Bat 347 @ 49.57, R/H Fast 28 @ 8.46, Club Champion 77/78

Notes:Great fast bowler capable of swinging the ball either way, also handy lower order batsman.

12. **Ian Cranston (1973/74)**

Stats: R/H Bat, R/H Medium 40 @ 9.85, Club Champion 72/73

Notes:Handy lower order batsman, excellent swinger of the ball, both ways. Top fieldsman.

Coach - Stuart Slack / Harry Robbins

All Time Best EDCC A1 Team

The team in batting order:

1. **Barry Blanchard (*Captain & Wicket Keeper*)**

Stats: L/H Bat & Wicket Keeper. **Best Seasons:** 1968/69 (A1) - 585 runs & 27 catches & 9 stumpings

Notes:Club Champion 1970/77. Left hand opening bat and brilliant wicket keeper that took most bowlers over the stumps. Played first grade as a youngster with Paddington in the early 1960's then after playing for the Dragons returned to 1st grade with Petersham at the age of 42.

2. **Robert Rushbourne**

Stats: R/H Bat & R/H Fast Bowler. **Best Seasons:** 1970/71 (A1) - 659 runs @ 50.69 & 42 wickets

Notes:Club Champion 1969/70. Regarded as the Club's greatest all rounder Robert could bat anywhere in the top order. An outstanding fast bowler and brilliant fieldsman.

3. **Ray Noakes (*Vice Captain*)**
Stats: R/H Bat & Leg Spin Bowler. **Best Season:** 1968/69 (A1) - 739 runs @ 67.02
Notes: Club Champion 1972/73. Recognised as the Club's best batsman Ray's hard hitting style destroyed many bowling attacks. His handy leg spinners made him a formidable all rounder.

4. **Clem Heffernan**
Stats: R/H Bat & Wicket Keeper. **Best Season:** 1974/75 (A1) - 414 runs @ 82.80 (SSCA record)
Notes: Club Champion 1974/75. A stubborn top order bat and a more than capable wicket keeper. Captained numerous A1 sides.

5. **Greg Heffernan**
Stats: R/H Bat. **Best Season:** 2004/05 (A1) - 508 runs @ 56.46
Notes: Club Champion 1982/83, 1991/92 & 2004/05. Dragon's greatest clubman playing 32 consecutive seasons from 1973 until 2005. Outstanding stroke maker and brilliant fieldsman.

6. **Drew Lake**
Stats: L/H Bat & L/H Medium Fast Bowler. **Best Season:** 2002/03 (A1) - 370 runs @ 37
Notes: Club Champion 1995/96 & 2005/06. A long-standing member of Dragon's A1 sides. Destructive middle order bat and handy quick bowler.

7. **Paul Cameron**
Stats: R/H Bat & R/H Off Spin Bowler
Best Season's: 1996/97 (A1) - 351 runs @ 41.25, 2002/03 (A1) 30 wickets @ 12.43
Notes: Club Champion 2002/03. Possibly the Club's greatest fieldsman Paul was a sound top order bat and a more than capable spin bowler.

8. **Ross Stuart**
Stats: R/H Bat & R/H Off Spin Bowler
Best Season's: 1998/99 (A1) - 37 wickets @ 5.40 & 2001/02 (A1) - 232 runs @ 21.09
Notes: Big hitting middle order bat and deceptive spin bowler who won numerous SSCA bowling awards.

9. **Graham Chudleigh**
Stats: R/H Bat & Leg Spin Bowler. *Best Season:* 1970/71 (A1) - 42 wickets @ 12.33
Notes: Graham was an exceptional leg spin bowler playing 1st grade for St. George. Made the NSW squad on several occasions only to be kept out by the brilliance of legend Ritchie Benaud.
10. **Ian Cranston**
Stats: R/H Bat & R/H Medium Fast Bowler
Best Season: 1984/85 (A1) - 37 wickets @ 13.00 & 1981/82 (A1) - 253 runs @ 25.30
Notes: Club Champion 1984/85. Great into the wind opening bowler and more than capable with the bat.
11. **Steve Gorry**
Stats: R/H Bat & R/H Fast Bowler. *Best Season:* 1982/83 (A1) - 42 wickets @ 9.60
Notes: Club Champion 1979/80. Accurate fast opening bowler.
12. **Fred Terone**
Stats: R/H Bat & R/H Fast Bowler. *Best Season:* 1969/70 (A1) - 55 wickets
Notes: Outstanding fast opening bowler.

History in Review

The following is a synopsis of the Club's history from its earliest days on a year by year record. The 1960's was to be a decade of establishment, growth and the finding of identity. The seventies saw the "glory years" while the eighties saw a period of minimal growth, and a degree of containment. In the nineties and flowing into the current century the club has prospered to the stage where today it is a well established community cricket club providing for players of all ages and skills and fostering a strong community spirit.

1959/60 - Engadine Dragons entered three teams U/10, U12 and U/14 into the Sutherland Shire Boys Cricket Association. Our first home ground was "Engadine Oval". The Engadine Dragons Foundation Committee was (President) - Barry McManus Snr. (President), Danny Carroll (Secretary), Ron Chapman (Treasurer), Ken Binner, Bernie Howard, Laurie Crosby, Bill Coates, Kel Keene, Bill Hadfield, Harold Barker, Bill Melrose, Harry Emptage and Claude Pollard. The following

players became the Club's first representative players - Barry McManus Jnr. (Cawsey Shield), Trevor Hodgkinson (Cawsey Shield) and Robert Bain (Moore Shield).

1960/61 - Saw the construction of a new oval (now known as Anzac Oval) alongside Forbes Creek. The oval was first used for a cricket match in 1960. Barry McManus Snr. took on his first role at Association level managing the Shire's Cawsey Shield side in which son Barry Junior was a member.

1961/62 - Long standing coach George Beames joined the Club. In the early days George would pack up the kit, mat and the team and travel to the match by rail. The Boy's Association introduced the "Cricketer of the Year" award named after John Woodhouse the Association's first Treasurer. The first recipient was Ray Tozer from the Miranda club.

1962/63 - This season saw the formation of the cricket and rugby league clubs Ladies Auxiliary that became the main source of income. The members were - Lorna Gardner, Judy Membrey, Heather Robbins, Lora Morrison, Irene Carter, Norma Horsnell, May McStay, Nellie Warner, Pauline Johnson, Glad Keenan, Carrie Macken, Linda Snell, Betty Long, Elaine Hinton, Betty Dudman, Barbara Woodbridge and Noreen Blewitt. This season also saw the first club perpetual trophy introduced, the "Joe Weymouth Trophy" to be awarded to the "Junior Club Champion". Barry McManus Jnr was the first recipient.

1963/64 - After consistent growth over the first few seasons' player numbers peaked with the Club fielding 8 teams and 98 players. With the Club facing such an influx of new players we were fortunate to gain the services of John McPhee who became the corner stone of coaches for our Club into the seventies. This season saw our original black and red cap replaced by a royal blue baggy with red piping. This season's "Junior Club Champion" was - Peter Doherty.

1964/65 With record registrations of 114 teams and 1594 players the SSBCA was forced to increase the number of grades to cope with the influx. 1964 marked the introduction of the first weekly magazine called the "Dragons News". This season also saw Barry McManus Jnr., son of Club founder become the first player from our Club to be honoured as SSBCA "Cricketer of the Year" 578 runs @ 72.25 and 37 wickets @ 14.51. Our Junior Presentation was held at the Institute Hall in Engadine from 1964/65 until 1970/71. This season's "Junior Club Champion" was - Robert Carroll.

1965/66 - The Club was finally rewarded with its first premiership. Our 14B side coached by Reg Spiers had a great season thanks to outstanding performances by Wayne Headley (59 wickets) and R. Skuse (417 runs). On the 30th June 1965 the Sutherland District Cricket Club ("The Grade Club") was formed and first participated in the NSW Cricket Association grade competition in the 1965-66 season. This season heralded the introduction of the SSBCA "Club Championship". This season's "Junior Club Champion" was - Wayne Headley.

1966/67 - Barry McManus Snr. was awarded Life Membership of the Club in 1966. Our newsletters and yearbooks took on a new look with the introduction of covers. The covers were designed by Gordon Alley and Neil Carter, with Harry Robbins canvassing local businesses and shops to advertise in the magazine. Also this season Heathcote entered their first junior sides, which had a direct impact on our own numbers. This season's "Junior Club Champion" was Michael (Mike) Fordyce.

1967/68 - This season the Club fielded its first senior team in the Sutherland Shire Cricket Association (SSCA) competition. The club applied for the A1 competition, but were graded A2's, they finished the season as undefeated premiers. The team was as follows - Barry Blanchard (capt), Harry Robbins (v/capt), Col Keenan, Mike Fordyce, Robert Rushbourne, Fred Terone, Warren McPhee, John Barnes, Phil Heffernan, Peter Doherty, Ted Russell, Warwick Sheely, Ron Lovett, Gordon McElroy and Cliff Hams. In 1967 due to the growth of teams in both rugby league and cricket it was decided to form two separate committees to run each individual sport. The first members of the separate cricket committee were - Ken Horsnell (President), Barry Blanchard (Secretary) and Warren McPhee (Treasurer). This season's "Junior Club Champion" was - Trevor Bailey.

1968/69 - This season Ray Noakes the Shire's leading all rounder left Engadine Hotel Club and joined the Dragons. Other outstanding players followed - Trevor Jones, George Cranston, Ray Dunn, John Ferguson, Dennis Pullen, Ron Dudman, Graham Morrison, Ray Monaghan, Graham Chudleigh and Gordon Beames. This season Dragons won their first A1 premiership and 7 of the next 14. In the junior ranks U/10 leg spinner Peter Noakes recorded the Club's best bowling match figures taking 9 for 37 and 8 for 27 against Gynea. Peter also formed a formidable partnership with wicket keeper Brett Johnson in Sutherland's Cawsey Shield side. Noakes captured 22

wickets, nine with Johnson. This season's "Junior Club Champion" was - Lance Howes.

For the Dragon's the **1970's** were to be the glory years and under the guidance of Club Secretary Harry Robbins the Club prospered winning 39 premierships (27 junior & 12 senior) and 7 SSJCA "Club Championships".

1969/70 - Saw the formation of the "Engadine Dragons Sports Club". Dragons also won its first junior "A Grade" competition thanks to our 12A side coached by Ray Noakes and Gordon Beames. In 1970, Anzac Oval complex expanded from one oval and a rubbish tip to three ovals to accommodate the needs of Rugby League and Soccer thus providing a second larger cricket ground at the Achilles Road end. For the first time our Club adopted the current royal blue, sky blue and red baggy cap with the Dragon emblem. The cap was designed by Graham Morrison and only presented to premiership teams. The royal blue caps with the red piping were still worn by all other players. This season also saw the inception of the "Les Johnson Trophy" for the "Senior Club Champion". Robert Rushbourne was the first recipient. The season's "Junior Club Champion" was - Malcolm Haynes.

1970/71 -- This season saw us win our first SSBCA "Club Championship". It also saw the 12As join the 16As in playing on synthetic covered wickets. The SSCA introduced Finals for the first time with Dragon's A1's victorious in their Final. Previously the Premiers were decided by first past the post. In 1970 Harry Robbins was honoured with a Life Membership of the SSCA. This season Terry Humphries was awarded the Association "Best Performed 12A Cricketer" 233 runs @ 33.20 and 70 wickets @ 4.60. This season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Barry Blanchard & Junior - Jim Shooter.

1971/72 - We made it two SSBCA "Club Championship" in a row. We won the 14A competition for the first time. Ray Noakes and George Cranston were the coaches. Six of these players were also members of the champion undefeated Sutherland Moore Shield team. The players were - Brett Johnson, Stephen Wishart, Graham Beames, Peter Noakes, Ian Cranston and Terry Humphries. Our Junior Presentation was held at the Senior Citizens Community Centre in Engadine and was to continue there until 1978/79. Our Senior Presentation was held as a separate function at the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club from 1971/72 until 1972/73. The season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Col Keenan & Junior - Steven Wishart.

1972/73 - This season saw the introduction of a joining fee and a match fee. The men's joining fee was set at \$2.50 plus \$0.80 match fee. The boys' joining fee was \$0.60 and \$0.40 for the match fee. Steve Gorry set an Association record in the 10C grade by taking 70 wickets @ 2.14. This team also held 72 catches. The season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Ray Noakes & Junior - Ian Cranston.

1973/74 - Won the SSBCA "Club Championship". This season saw the first of 5 consecutive "Club Championships" between 1973/74 and 1977/78. From this season until 1995/96 the Senior Presentation was held jointly with the Junior Presentation. The season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Warren Atkins & Junior - Steven Wishart.

1974/75 - Won the SSBCA "Club Championship". In 1974, following the dissolution of the "Engadine Dragons Sports Club" Engadine Dragons Cricket Club became a separate entity for the first time. Harry Robbins became the first club member to serve on the SSCA Management Committee. This season saw the passing of Club stalwart Alan Wishart. The father of Steve and Wayne passed away on 21st July 1974. The season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Clem Heffernan & Junior - Dean Ferguson.

1975/76 - Won the SSBCA "Club Championship" Due to the ongoing expense involved in providing mats and the cost of repairs the Boy's Association introduced plastic balls and the concrete pitches were painted green. At a meeting at the end of this season delegates from our Club spoke in support of retaining mats and leather balls for the 16A and 14A competitions but this proposal was rejected. The season saw the introduction of the "Outstanding Junior in Men's Cricket" trophy Brett Johnson was the first recipient. The season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Ernie Price & Junior - Brett Ferguson.

1976/77 - Won the SSBCA "Club Championship" The royal blue cap with the red piping was phased out this season and replaced by the current royal blue, sky blue and red cap. The season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Peter Royle & Junior - Brett Martin.

1977/78 - Won the SSBCA "Club Championship" Engadine came of age winning its first 16A premiership. This team was coached by Ian Cranston and Harry Robbins. This season also produced record junior association registrations with 2028 players and 152 teams. Engadine provided 184 players and 16 teams. Both records still stand today. Our A1 side won the "Knockout Endeavour Cup" thanks to the efforts of

“Player of the Series” Graham Chudleigh. The season’s “Club Champions” were, Senior - Brett Johnson & Junior - Wayne Wishart.

1978/79 - Harry Robbins was awarded a Life Membership of the Club in 1978. For the first time the combination of joining and match fees was abolished and replaced by a registration fee of \$16.00 for junior players and \$24.00 for senior players. Ray Noakes was honoured with a Life Membership of the SSCA. This season also saw the reforming of the Ladies Auxiliary. This band of mothers continued on the hard work of their predecessors in providing a valuable source of income and social activity for the Club. Most popular venues for these social events were Miranda RSL and the Engadine Palace. The auxiliary members were - Vi Noakes, Di Lovett, Val Tever, Deidre Forshaw This season’s “Club Champions” were, Senior - Jeffrey Huyben & Junior - Glen Anderson.

The **1980s** was to be a decade of change in the way we played the game, and what we played it on.

1979/80 This season saw a name change in the parent body from Sutherland Shire Boys Cricket Association (SSBCA) to the Sutherland Shire Junior Cricket Association (SSJCA). Tabloid cricket was introduced to provide an alternative for players in the lower age group. This form of the game consisted of a three-phase competition. 1. Competitive skills. 2. Series of average cricket. 3. Series of traditional cricket. Our Junior Presentation was held at the Bosco Hall in Engadine from 1979/80 until 1980/81. This season’s “Club Champions” were, Senior - Steven Gorry & Junior - Glen Anderson.

1980/81 - Ray Noakes became a Life Member of the Club in 1980. The 1980’s started off as the last decade finished, that is, with good player numbers and plenty of premierships. A review of Tabloid cricket resulted in the concept of “Average Cricket”. This form of cricket was to be played over two days with 12 players able to bat for six overs as a pair. The match was determined by dividing the runs by the total of times dismissed, thus the name “Average Cricket”. The season’s “Club Champions” were, Senior - Craig Alewood & Junior - Dean Russell.

1981/82 -Further reforms were brought in by the SSJCA to increase player involvement. “Rotating batting” was introduced for E & D grades in the U/12 and U/14 competitions. Our Junior Presentation returned to the Senior Citizens Community Centre in Engadine from 1981/82 until 1985/86. The Club grieved the tragic loss of Life Member Ray Noakes,

who passed away on 14th May 1982. This season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Steven Wearne & Junior - Peter Bland.

1982/83 - Col Keenan was awarded Life Membership in 1982. This season brought the introduction of the synthetic covered wickets and more importantly the reintroduction of the leather ball. The 16As were the first grade to use the new wickets at Lincoln, Gwawley Nth, Woollooware and Port Hacking Rugby Club. This season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Greg Heffernan & Junior - John Westlake.

1983/84 - This season saw Nathan Morando awarded the SSJCA "Best Performed 10A Cricketer" 479 runs @ 59.88 and 32 wickets @ 7.22. The 12As joined the 16As in playing on synthetic covered wickets. The season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - John Richardson & Junior - Trent Woodhill.

1984/85 - Mike Fordyce was awarded Life Membership in 1984. Our A1 side captained by Clem Heffernan defeated Minor Premiers Sylvania by the narrowest of margins to win the Final. Engadine 9 for 192 defeated Sylvania all out 191. This increased our A1 record to 8 premierships and 4 times runners up in 17 seasons. This season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Ian Cranston & Junior - Craig Parsons.

1985/86 - Alf Lemmon awarded a Life Membership in 1985. Craig Parsons named SSJCA "Cricketer of the Year" 343 runs @ 57.16 and 19 wickets @ 14.63. The season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Mick Price & Junior - Craig Parsons.

1986/87 - The Club introduced the first set of written criteria to be used to determine award winners. Since then the criteria has been regularly reviewed. Greg Rowe (C1) set the record for the best senior bowling figures in an innings by taking 9 for 15. That same year saw a young lady by the name of Fiona Kark draw the Club's batting dragon which has been featured on the Club's Newsletters, Year Books and other publications ever since. Our Junior Presentation was held at Engadine High School from 1986/87 until 1994/95. Alf Lemmon as Secretary for the senior club led a small team of hard workers who every week could be found at the Engadine Hotel raffling meat trays. These used to be purchased from the butcher located at the end of Kingswood Road. That year alone saw Alf and his band raise \$3,000. The season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Anthony Lovett & Junior - Trent Woodhill.

1987/88 - Saw disappointment for the Ladies Auxiliary members - Cheryl Morando, Val Tever, Denise Pearson, Judy Lofthouse, Jill Vaughan and Adrienne Tindall as the meat raffle at the Engadine Hotel and the dinner dance were poorly supported and only raised \$500 for the season. A special thanks went to Vi Noakes for co-ordinating the junior results and phoning them through to the Association. In July 1987 Russ Waddell's revised constitution replaced the Club's original 1969 version written by Harry Robbins and Fred Gardner. Russ Waddell also took on the role of MC at the Club's Presentation Night, a role that would span the next twenty seasons. This season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - David Perritt & Junior - Nathan Morando.

1988/89 - The club only fielded nine junior teams as against fifteen the previous year. The junior double wicket competition introduced in 86/87 was dropped for lack of support and the Club did not award a Sportsman of the Year award for failure to find someone who fit the criteria. In addition the year saw the demise of the Ladies Auxiliary after many years of fund-raising for the Club. A victim of the "recession we had to have" and a downturn in cricket interest generally, meant that this long standing and hardworking band of mums and wives, faded away from our cricket scene. Nathan Morando was named the SSJCA "Cricketer of the Year" 354 runs @ 39.33 and 30 wickets @ 12.76. This season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Craig Tever & Junior - Nathan Morando.

The **1990's** was to be a decade of reform and new direction that would pave the way to future success.

1989/90 - Was a watershed year. Alf Lemmon stood up and as reliable as ever took over the role of President to ensure the club survived. He guided the club through a rocky twelve-month period where it was down on numbers and though not facing extinction was not progressing either. This season saw Chris Lake awarded the SSJCA "Best Performed 12A Cricketer" 442 runs @ 44.20. The season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Not Awarded & Junior - Greg Goodman.

1990/91 - Saw the introduction of Finals for juniors as distinct from "first past the post" competitions. The Club embarked on its first major attempt to raise funds through an M & M (chocolates) Sales drive. It was successful in raising \$1100. The season also saw the acquisition of our storage room at the Anzac Complex, the first time we had a central storage location close to the nets. The season also saw Chris Lake again awarded the SSJCA "Best Performed 12A Cricketer" 576

runs @ 51.50. Club Champions were, Senior - Not Awarded & Junior - Greg Goodman.

1991/92 - Saw player numbers hover at the lowest level since the Club's inception and accordingly results reflected the times with only two premierships in four seasons (since 1988/89). Under Ken Tever's guidance as President the club continued to hold firm and as Ken pointed out himself in his annual report, "We need new blood, new ideas". The SSJCA changed the junior competition rules from time limit to an over limit game, with restrictions on individual bowlers. The number of competition rounds were set at ten. Consequently, it meant a new approach to setting records and the "old" records were, ruled off, and from thence a new set of records introduced. The season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Greg Heffernan & Junior - Dean Heslehurst.

1992/93 - On the 25th April 1993 the Club grieved the passing of Club founder Barry McManus Snr.. Clem Heffernan was awarded Life Membership in 1992. Under Eight cricket was introduced by the SSJCA. Ken Tever continued as President in the absence of "New Blood". Under his leadership money was raised to upgrade the practice nets at Anzac Oval with concrete poured to provide bowling run-ups and synthetic grass laid for the first time. Adrian Vannan as Assistant Secretary took on the responsibility for guiding the Club through the processes of Incorporation to provide a better legal base for the club and to offer the Management Committee members a measure of protection against the likelihood of legal claims through misadventure. He also rewrote the Club's Constitution to bring it in line with the terms of the Incorporation. This season saw Chris Lake awarded the SSJCA "Best Performed 14A Cricketer" 643 runs @ 71.44 and 19 wickets @ 9.21. Daniel McLauchlan of the 16A team was selected in a NSW U16 team to tour the Northern Territory in June-July 1993. The season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Jason Crimlisk & Junior - Chris Lake.

1993/94 - The SSJCA introduced semi finals for the first time and our 16A team was successful in winning the premiership after finishing the season in fourth position. This format was scrapped after only one season. Chris Lake was named "SSJCA Cricketer of the Year" 510 runs @ 63.75 and 19 wickets @ 11.47. Chris was also selected to tour the Northern Territory with the NSW U/15 team. This season also saw our first Under 8 team take the field. Shaun Mealing coached the team of twelve, which included our first female player, Christina Cuddy. The other players were - Brett Bullock, Nathan Bullock, Justin Champion, Timothy Greenway, Mitchell Hatch, Craig Lowe, Peter Mealing, Chris

Moreland, Matthew Newman, Sunil Patel and Kurt Ridley. season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Anthony Stanley & Junior - Chris Lake.

1994/95 - Val Tever & Ken Tever were both awarded Life Memberships of the Club in 1994. This season showed early signs of resurgence with Russ Waddell once again taking over the reins of President. Although player numbers stayed low the Club produced a further three titles with the A1 side finishing runners up, a feat that they would reproduce the following season. Matthew Barnes (12A) set the record for the best junior bowling figures in an innings by taking 9 for 22. This season saw the start of a long standing commitment from one of the Club's greatest supporters, Jim Emerian, owner of Cosmo Lighting. Jim's longstanding sponsorship has provided the financial backing to undertake major developments. Jim was introduced to the Club by long time hard working member, Bob Price. The season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Anthony Stanley & Junior - Craig Brownscombe.

1995/96 - Saw a new positive direction taken by an enthusiastic Management Committee led by Russ Waddell and ably supported by new Club Secretary Ian Latham. A number of creative initiatives were taken including a social event being held for the first time in a number of years, the inaugural Club Trivia Night organised by Steve Bourke and Laurie Daly. Steve and Laurie went on to run this successful evening from 1995/96 until 2000/01. Sponsorships were sought to help finance the improvement in facilities and equipment. This was a defining season for the Dragons and set the high standard that has been carried through to the present day. This season also saw the introduction of the Dragon's royal blue baseball cap. The Junior Presentation night was held at Heathcote High School for the first time as Engadine High School could no longer provide us with a Friday night booking. This season saw the SSJCA introduce bowling restrictions in compliance with standards laid down by Cricket NSW. Bowlers were restricted in the numbers of overs they could bowl in a spell and in an innings according to their age group. The season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Drew Lake & Junior - Not Awarded.

1996/97 - Russ Waddell was awarded a Life Membership in 1996. This season player numbers soared with fourteen junior teams and 158 players taking the field and although senior numbers were still low signs of improvement were evident. The season saw the reintroduction of the Senior Presentation Night, held at the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club. Thanks to the efforts of the State Member for

Heathcote, Ian McManus, funding was granted for the upgrading of our practice nets at Anzac Oval (\$8000). A new award was introduced (Service Awards) to recognise continuity of players' service and these were split into 5, 10, 15 and each five years thereafter. Following a review of older trophies new perpetual trophies were purchased. Trophies were named to perpetuate the efforts of Life Members over the years. 1996 saw Daniel McLauchlan, a former club junior selected in the NSW U/19 team to compete in U/19 National Carnival in Adelaide. In the match against South Australian Daniel recorded the figures of 9 for 11, a record that still stands. As a result Daniel was selected in the Australian U/19 Team to tour India and Pakistan. The season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Paul Waddell & Junior - Not Awarded.

1997/98 - At the start of this season President Russ Waddell, following a request from the Junior Association, took up the position of SSJCA Secretary/Public Officer. He became the fourth Club Member in 40 years to occupy a position on the SSJCA Management Committee following in the footsteps of Col Keenan, Mike Fordyce and Ian Latham. The Senior Presentation night moved to the Engadine RSL and Citizens' Club. This season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Marcus Loxley & Junior - Not Awarded.

1998/99 - Bill Knowles was awarded Life Membership in 1998. Harry Robbins received a Hughes Community Award for his service to sport. This season saw a number of new developments take place including the establishment of a cricket pitch (\$5500) and an upgrade of practice nets (\$2500) at Engadine West Public School. Our 10C and 10E teams were the first to use the facilities. This season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Beau Knowles & Junior - Michael Lavallee.

The **2000's**, the new millennium was to be a return to the glory days of the seventies. During this decade the Club would win 10 senior premierships including back-to-back A1 titles. The Club would also win 25 junior premierships including the 10A's three times, the 12A's twice, the 14A's five times and the 16A four times. During this time, the Club won 4 SSJCA "Club Championships" and produced 4 SSJCA "Cricketers of the Year". Also set was the record of contending 7 of the 9 16A Finals played, the pinnacle of junior cricket.

1999/2000 - Bob Price and Greg Heffernan were both awarded Life Memberships in 1999. In the Chinese calendar the year 2000 is the year of the dragon. How apt! It certainly was our year with five Premierships including our first A1 competition for 17 seasons. "Mr.

Engadine Dragons" Harry Robbins wrote the Club History Book, (Engadine Dragons Cricket Club - A Proud History in Sutherland Shire Sport), a comprehensive history of the first forty seasons of our Club. At the AGM in June the Club Constitution was replaced with the updated version by Russ Waddell and Ian Latham. In 1999 the SSJCA (Peter Risby) launched their first website through the "Isport Internet System". This season saw Ryan Shepherd awarded the SSJCA "Best Performed 14A Cricketer" 665 runs @ 95.00 and 22 wickets @ 10.00. The Senior Presentation was once again held at the Engadine Bowling and Recreation Club. Club Champions were, Senior - Andrew Hine & Junior - Ryan Shepherd.

2000/01 - The Sydney Olympic year saw the restructure of the junior competition to cope with the late start to the season. Juniors played six two day and four one day fixtures. Due to the increase in junior numbers Sunday cricket was introduced to a great deal of opposition. The Club won its first SSJCA "Club Championship" in 21 years and our A1 team win back-to-back premierships. All players in that side were former Dragon juniors and the team was again captained by Brett Johnson. On Sunday 22nd October 2000 Harry Robbins and Russ Waddell were awarded Australian Sports Medals by the Governor General for services to cricket. In the same year Russ received a Hughes Community Award and a Mayoral Volunteer Recognition award, again for cricket activities. The Senior Presentation returned to the Engadine RSL and Citizens' Club once more. Ryan Shepherd was named SSJCA "Cricketer of the Year" 481 runs @ 96.20 and 7 wickets @ 18.14. This season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Will Wooster & Junior - Ryan Shepherd.

2001/02 - Marked the inception of the Bradman Foundation Coaching Scholarships. These scholarships came about from an inspiration of Harry Robbins who having visited Bowral the home of the Foundation suggested the Club follow up on his visit. Accordingly, through the combined efforts of Harry, Russ Waddell and Ian Latham consultations and correspondence with the Foundation resulted in the establishment of what is known as "The Bradman Foundation Scholarships". Andrew Jones and Bryce Daenell were the first recipients. The season saw the Club receive a Commonwealth Government Grant to purchase a bowling machine (\$3900) a piece of equipment that has benefited players greatly. The season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Greg Goodman & Junior - Ryan Shepherd.

2002/03 - John Carlisle, long serving Treasurer, was awarded Life Membership in 2002. This year also saw club stalwart Russ Waddell

honoured with a Life Membership of the SSJCA for his work as Association Secretary. A number of firsts evolved during this season. For the first time in SSJCA history Dragons registered an entire team of females and entered them into the 14D competition. Paul Marsh was their coach. We combined with St. John Bosco and together entered two joint teams into the SSJCA Competition; they were known as the (14C & 16B) Bosco Dragons. We also teamed up with Bosco to run the first Engadine District "Have a Go" Cricket Centre. The centre coordinators were Ian Latham and Steve Mulally (St. John Bosco). After a break last season the Club Trivia Night was reintroduced with Ken Newman taking over the reins of MC. Russ Waddell completed his total of 11 years as President and this saw the finale of the Waddell/Latham team as administrators in pursuing high standards for the club in its endeavours. Jay Davis was named SSJCA "Cricketer of the Year" 525 runs @ 58.34 and 18 wickets @ 11.89. This season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Paul Cameron & Junior - Jay Davis.

2003/04 - Ian Latham was awarded a Life Membership of the Club in 2003. Cameron Turner set the record for the Club's highest junior score with 162 not out in a 16A match against Illawong/Menai. This season saw the Club win its third successive 16A premiership with one of the Club's best ever coaches Stuart Slack at the helm for all three. In July 2003 the SSJCA (Peter Risby) launched the www.ssjca.com.au website. New president Gordon Scott led the way as EDCC was given permission by the Anzac Oval 527 Committee to build within the upper level of the complex stage one of our clubrooms, the indoor practice nets. Thanks to the assistance of State Member for Heathcote Paul McLeay we received a Department of Sport and Recreation Grant (\$7400) towards the cost of work. Dragons, again in conjunction with St. John Bosco, ran the Engadine District "Have a Go" Cricket Centre. This season was the last due to poor returns in registrations from the program. After a great deal of opposition the SSJCA abandoned Sunday junior cricket. Another big move this season was the introduction by the Association of the compulsory use of helmets in all grades from Under 10 to Under 16. This season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Jim Bonser & Junior - Cameron Turner.

2004/05 - Drew Lake was awarded Life Membership in 2004. We won our ninth SSJCA "Club Championship". September 2004 saw stage one of our clubhouse completed (\$19,000), an indoor practice net, incorporating a bowling machine. Thanks to Tony Gleeson the fit out of the facility was completed in time for the start of the season. Ken Newman brought the Club into the world of the Internet by designing

and administrating the Club's first Website. Robbie Knight became the Club's first ever Promotions Officer, a role that would see him raise countless dollars for the Dragons over the following seasons. Robbie also went on to be one of the Club's most successful and long standing coaches. Nicole Dowd became the Club's first female coach (10C) in almost four decades as she followed in the footsteps of Nellie Warner and Pauline Johnson who coached in the mid 1960's. The conclusion of this season marked the end of two of our longest serving committee members. John Carlisle retired as Treasurer after thirteen consecutive years of guiding the Club's financial interests. Ian Latham completed his tenth consecutive year as Club Secretary to take on the role of Equipment Officer. At the June AGM our Club Constitution was amended to bring it into line with present day issues. The SSJCA (Tom Croucher) further updated their website featuring a computer generated file for each team. This season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Greg Heffernan & Junior - Chris Reeves.

2005/06 - With new Club Secretary Tony Gleeson at the reigns we won our tenth SSJCA "Club Championship". Team photos were reintroduced but for this season only. The season saw a record four U/8 sides registered and eight Dragon's senior teams entered in the SSCA Competition. Club Life Members Val Tever and Bob Price received Hughes Community Awards for their service to the Engadine District. The Senior Presentation night moved to St Moritz Room at the Engadine Hotel. Committee member Brad Loder joined the ranks of the SSJCA as the Associations Vice President. In September 2005 Paul Waddell captured 8 for 59 to be the first player in our Club to reach 500 wickets. Permission was given by the Anzac Oval 527 Committee to build stage two of our clubrooms, the administration and meeting room. The first Annual U/16 Bradman Oval Match was played in Bowral in April 2006. The season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Drew Lake & Junior - Ben Marciante.

2006/07 - Under the enthusiastic leadership of our new look committee led by President Steve Jones and Club Secretary Craig Rice, Stage two of our clubrooms, the administration and meeting room, was completed (\$13,000). The completion of this project initiated and overseen by Ian Latham ensured that Club Members not only had a place to call "home" but the best training facilities of any cricket club in the Shire, if not Sydney. Glenn Caukill set the record for the Club's highest senior score with 231 not out in a C1 match against Illawong/Menai. Dennis Pendergast completed a rare coaching feat. He started with a bunch of boys in the under 10A's way back in 2000 and every second year won

an "A Grade" premiership culminating in the ultimate prize of the 16A title this year. Ian Latham received a Hughes Community Award for his services to cricket. On the 28th May 2007 the Club grieved the sad passing of Life Member Ken Tever. Dragon's junior Daniel McLauchlan made a sensational debut for the Western Warriors in the Pura Cup Competition and won a contract for the 2007/08 season. Russ Waddell role of MC at the Club's Presentation Nights concluded after twenty one continuous seasons. The SSJCA (Tom Croucher) launched the "Cricket Online" Internet program to manage all player, club, team and match results. The senior Association (SSCA) also launched its own website www.sca.asn.au. Ben Marciante was named SSJCA "Cricketer of the Year" 464 runs @ 58.00 and 19 wickets @ 13.74. The season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Stewart Vella & Junior - Ben Marciante.

2007/08 - Greg Knowles, Allan Lofthouse, Paul Waddell and Peter Ward were all awarded Life Memberships in 2008. Life Member Mike Fordyce received a Hughes Community Award for his selfless and sustained contribution to the youth of the area, through his work with the Engadine Church of Christ, Engadine Dragons and other camping ministries. We won our eleventh SSJCA "Club Championship" and three junior and three senior premierships. Allan Lofthouse became only the second member of our Club to take a position on the SSCA Management Committee. Harry Robbins was our first. "Club Member of the Year" Andrew Mazurkiewicz took over from Ken Newman the role of Club Webmaster and rebuilt the Club website. Thanks to the assistance of Jan Forshaw and the Sutherland Shire Council our practice nets at Anzac Oval received a much needed upgrade including new netting. Also with the assistance of the Engadine Sporting Complex 527 Committee the concrete run-ups in the practice nets were extended. Through the efforts of Club Secretary Craig Rice all teams were provided with sunshades and scorebook holders. President Steve Jones took over the role of MC at our Presentation Nights from Russ Waddell. The SSCA introduced sixes for the first time into the senior competition. Ryan Marlow became the eighth Dragon to be named SSJCA "Cricketer of the Year" 358 runs @ 29.83 and 12 wickets @ 18.75. 16A captain Mark Rice had an outstanding Green Shield season scoring 334 runs @ 55.67 and as a result he was selected into the Combined Green Shield Team and was awarded by the Sutherland District Grade Club the "Ken Gardner Memorial Award" as the U16 Player of the Year. Also Mark along with Sam Newman were selected into the 2008/09 U/17 NSW City Squad. The season's "Club Champions" were, Senior - Stewart Vella & Junior - Mark Rice.

2008/09 Conclusion - Looking ahead

Half a century ago Barry McManus Snr established what were to be two of Sutherland Shires greatest sports clubs, Engadine Dragons Rugby League and Engadine Dragons Cricket Clubs. From humble beginnings Barry has given thousands of young and not so young sportsmen the opportunity to fulfil their cricketing dreams.

On the day this book was launched, Sunday October 26, 2008, the Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary at a luncheon in the St. Moritz Room of the Engadine Hotel. The function brought together new and old members.

The new season, which from a management perspective commenced on the 4th June 2008 with the Annual General Meeting, got under way in fine style. All positions were filled and there were very few changes.

New plans were put into action. In a pre-season initiative proposed by Andrew Mazurkiewicz an U/10 Engadine Dragons Development Squad was formed. The program was run and overseen by head coach Peter Schofield.

The club decided to commemorate the 50th Anniversary by supplying all players with a special cap for the 2008/09 season. We will replace our well known red, sky blue & royal blue colours by wearing the Red and Black first worn by EDCC players in 1959/60.

Coloured shirts will also be introduced. These will feature our traditional colours of red, sky blue, and royal blue. The front will feature the dragon club logo.

Andrew Mazurkiewicz rebuilt the website for the SSJCA and as well took on the challenging role of SSJCA Secretary, once again ensuring that the Club continues to have representation at the Junior Association management level.

So as this book marks a very special event in the history of the Club it can be seen that all is well and we can confidently look forward to many years ahead. We see no reason why our young players of today should not be marking the Club's centenary in 2058/59. If so we hope that this history has inspired those that follow to maintain and build on the legacy we leave today.

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