

# ① PRESIDENTS REPORT

## ENGADINE DRAGONS FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

It is with great pleasure, and a certain amount of pride, that I present the First <sup>Annual</sup> report of Engadine Dragons, and I am quite sure it is only a fore runner of many more Annual Reports in years to come as this Club grows with the District. We have surmounted our greatest hurdle, namely our initial year in which we started from scratch without any funds or gear. I am very happy to report that we have finished our first year with all our sporting equipment paid for, and a credit balance in our Bank Account. A full account of our income and expenditure will be presented in the Treasurers report. We now own \$150.0.0 worth of football gear and \$80.0.0 worth of cricket gear. Properly maintained this gear has many more years use, and we can go into our second year as a well established club. It is all the more remarkable when one looks back just on 10 months to our inaugural meeting, and remember that we had to borrow \$20 from Mr. Bill Coates to pay a deposit on our football gear. The above results have been achieved with a ridiculously small, but very active committee, and the good support of the people of Engadine, and also the work of the boys themselves who ~~play~~ represent this Club on the playing fields. Touching on the Committee first, our average attendance at monthly meetings would not exceed six persons. I sincerely hope that we can

get more active support from Parents of the boys playing and any other interested persons. We have been inundated with requests from lads wanting to play in our teams, but unfortunately finance to procure gear, and also lack of managers to look after boys restricted our activities. This coming year we hope to double our number of teams in both cricket and football, but this can only be done with more active help from the adults of Engadine. The present Committee has been grossly overworked to raise finance and provide transport and supervise the sport itself. We hope this position can be alleviated this coming year.

To the people of Engadine who have supported us go our many thanks. This includes the house holders who have bought raffle tickets from our youngsters at their door, and to the customers of Mr Harry Lynch's Hostelery, who have donated to a weekly contribution list in a really amazing fashion. Our boys appreciate their great support. We have had a lot of individual donations, which were greatly appreciated, but it would not be a true report unless several persons were mentioned. To the Engadine Chamber of Commerce for their substantial donation early in our activities, many thanks. To Messrs Harry Lynch, Bill Melrose, Harry Trinder and Herbie Lamb, go our thanks for their very substantial donations to buy trophies for our football teams and help towards cost of gear. Ourselves and the

boys really appreciated this generosity. Last, but not least, thanks to Mr. Tom Jamieson who has been a regular donator, and has given a great amount of money towards the Engadine Dragons. Many thanks Tom. The boys themselves have not been idle in the matter of raising money. They have been very keen workers in selling raffle tickets for the Club. To the actual sport itself, the boys of Engadine have made quite an impression on rival clubs, not only in their ability on the field of play, but also in their behavior on and off the field. We entered four teams in the Rugby League Schoolboys Competition and two of them made the Semi-Finals. These were the 4st 7B team, 6.7 team. These two teams also made the Grand Final of the Knock-out competition, and were both beaten in finals. This was a great performance for first year in, and we can look forward to highly successful season this coming season. The boys showed great potential to do so well, but the main credit must go to our coaches Messrs. S. Wellman and H. Hagen. Both these gentlemen put in a lot of hard work with the boys during week to prepare them for their week end matches and must have derived a lot of satisfaction at end of season when they saw the results of their many hours put in with these boys. Able assistance was given to coaches by

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Misses. Col Heenan, Col Greenwood, and Arthur  
Bruken, Two boys who showed a  
touch of class were Warren Harnes and  
Robert Walker, and we should see  
some really good football from  
these lads this year. In the cricket  
sphere our boys have done equally as  
well, all teams being near the leaders  
in respective divisions. Many thanks to  
Messrs. George Cranston, Dave Moss, Jack  
Shanahan and Fred Iron, who have  
given a certain amount of time to  
assist in umpiring on Saturday  
mornings for our boys. Jack and  
Fred travel from Waterfall to do this  
job, and it is much appreciated by  
Engadine Dragons. The boys are well  
looked after in cricket. Mr. Danny Carroll  
has not missed a Saturday morning with  
the under 10 team and is really wrapped  
up in them. In the under 12 team we  
have the unique position of two ladies  
looking after boys. Mrs. McManus is  
manager and at times has umpired,  
and Mrs. Carroll is the scorer. Both these  
ladies neglect their housework and  
husbands, so that the boys can  
have their sport. Mr. Bob Bain  
has looked after under 14 team, and  
the boys are doing well. Mr and Mrs.  
Ken Binner have done a great job  
with the drinks, running a shuttle  
service from ground to ground in

④ Gunga. Din fashion, bringing liquid refreshment (very soft) and encouragement to boys when most needed. We are very happy to report that three of our boys were selected to represent the Sutherland Shire in inter-district competition. They were Robert Bain in the under 14 team, and Trevor Hedkinson and Barry M'Manus in the under 12 team. The Committee congratulate these lads on their winning of District Cups and wish them every success in the future. We had a very successful Presentation night at end of football season. Trophies were given to boys who earned them, and every boy who played with club received an inscribed pennant. Thanks to all the mothers who came along with plates of food to make night a great success. We will ~~to~~ repeat same at conclusion of cricket season. In conclusion I would like to thank all who have assisted during year, and stress the fact that we have literally hundreds of school-age children clamoring for organised week-end sport. It is up to us to organise and supply facilities for same on a scale ~~that~~ great enough, so that we will have to refuse no child who wants to play.

B. M'Manus.