

## Lilydale District Cricket Association Annual Meeting September 1928.

Minutes of the 1927-28 season Annual Meeting for the Lilydale District Cricket Association cannot be located but there was a comprehensive newspaper article published in the Healesville and Yarra Glen Guardian on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1928 that gives details of the meeting.

“ANNUAL MEETING – The annual meeting of the Lilydale District Cricket Association was held in the Melba Park club rooms, Lilydale on Monday evening., when the following delegates were present- Messrs. N. Wallace and G.L. Read (Seville), F. Read and A. Ferguson (Woori Yallock), J. Pockett and G. Drysdale (Healesville), A. Overton and G. Russell (Wandin), R. Morton and C. Burrows (Lilydale). R. Morton (President) occupied the Chair.

Secretary's Report. The Hon. Secretary Mr. C. Burrows submitted the following report-

In placing my report for season 1927-28 before you first of all I wish to congratulate the Seville club on their fine performance by going through the season undefeated. In the ten home and home matches they won five outright, four on the first innings and one draw and defeated Woori Yallock for the premiership, thus winning the Melba Cup for the third time and annexing it. The cup has been engraved to that effect. To Woori Yallock I must also convey congratulations on their performance in being runners-up.

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The inter-association match played at Lilydale on Boxing Day against the Ringwood Association was won by our representative team by 31 runs, and was, I am sure, a great success both socially and as a contest and I trust it will prove the forerunner of an annual event.

In Country Week Cricket this year the Upper Yarra Association was coupled with our association. The team selected again proved their worth by winning the section and playing in the semi-finals, being beaten only by Yallourn who played in and won the finals. While thanking our own boys who so ably upheld our prestige, we must not forget the Upper Yarra boys. Our Captain, J. Pockett, again showed his capabilities on a turf wicket, holding both batting and bowling averages. With the bat he secured an average of 37.4 and 1.93 (?) with the ball.

I wish to thank club secretaries for their promptness in sending in match reports thus enabling me to send same to the press for publication, and to the press I also wish to express thanks for their courtesy in publishing all match results in detail.

Financially we had a very successful season. We started the season with a credit of one pound eighteen shillings and six pence and finished up six pounds seven shillings and eleven pence to the good. The main factors in this happy condition were our gate receipts for the finals – two days, two pounds and eleven shillings. – no admission charge being made on the third day, and our President's generous donation of the trophy (valued at two pounds and two shillings) for the runners up.

Socially, I am sure all will agree with me when I say that no other association in Victoria plays under happier conditions than the Lilydale and District Association. This, I think, is mainly due to our lady supporters of each club, who so willingly provided refreshments each Saturday, and for which we are indebted to them.

In conclusion I must draw attention to the fact that late starting was again very much evident during the season. I hope that during the coming season that every player will make an effort to help the officers of their respective clubs to get started at the time provided for. Wishing the association every success in the ensuing season.

Balance Sheet. The Balance Sheet was presented showing the association to possess a credit of six pounds seven shillings and eleven pence. The report and the balance sheet were adopted on the motion of Messrs. F. Read and A. Ferguson.

Election of Officers. The following officers were elected – *President* Mr. R. Morton, *Vice-Presidents* Messrs. R. Eadie (Healesville), J.B. Cathcart and H. Leach (Lilydale), C. Hand (Seville), and H. Stuckey (Wandin). *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer* Mr. C. Burrows. The president and Secretary returned thanks to the delegates for the confidence placed in them.

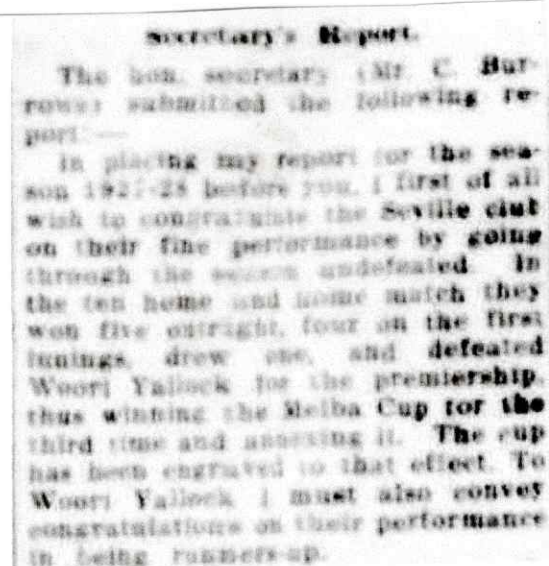
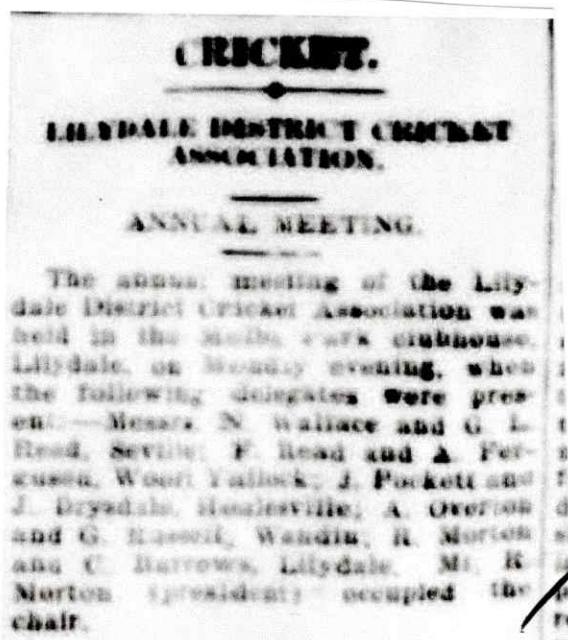
General Business. After discussion on the Paternoster appeal by the Victorian Country Cricket League it was decided to vote one pound and one shilling from the association's funds and that each club augment this by ten shillings and six pence each. This was resolved on the motion of Messrs. Overton and Drysdale.

An application was received from the Mountain District Association for an inter-association match. It was decided to hold the matter in abeyance owing to the visit of the English XI and the possibility of an inter-association match with the Ringwood Association. With regard to Country Week, it was agreed to again enter a team on the motion of Messrs. Overton and Pockett, thirteen players to be included in the team. The committee for Country Week was elected as follows – Messrs. R. Matthewson, W. Madden, G.L. Read, with the president and secretary.

The Seville delegates intimated that their club would again enter an A and a B team. It was decided to start the season on Saturday October 6, the draw to be left to the president and the secretary.

Messrs. G. L. Read and A. Overton moved that any expenses incurred for inter-association matches be paid by the association, the clubs to be levied if necessary, and lady supporters to be requested to provide baskets.

Mr. Pockett moved that the association record on the Minutes its appreciation of the services rendered by the late Mr. R. Cahill. This was seconded by Mr. Morton and carried.



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Financially we had a very successful season. We started the season with a credit of £1/18/6 and finished up £6/7/11 to the good. The main factors in this happy condition were our gate receipts for the finals—two days, £2/11/—no admission charge being made on the third day, and our president's generous donation of the trophy (valued at £2/2/-) for the runners-up.

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The president and secretary returned thanks to the delegates for the confidence placed in them.

#### General Business.

After discussion on the Paternoster appeal by the Victorian Country Cricket League it was decided to vote 23/1/- from the association's funds, and that each club augment this by 10.6 each. This was resolved upon, on the motion of Messrs. Overton and Drysdale.

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