

No Minutes or information can be found for the Lilydale and District Cricket Association for seasons 1915/16, 1916/17 or 1917/18 and given the below newspaper article it is highly likely that the competition went into recess for these seasons due to the onset of World War One.

The following article appeared in local newspapers with the clipping below taken from the Lilydale Express on Friday 13th August 1915 (page 6).

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