



### **E. (Edgar) Pegler - 1937/1938**

Edgar Pegler was born in the local Bayswater area and went on to run the family hay and grain store in Main Street, Bayswater. He was at one stage elected to fill a vacancy as a Councillor for the North Riding of the Ferntree Gully Shire upon the death of his father. In 1942 he married and is reported to have moved to Burwood although it is evident his involvement in local activities, particularly cricket, continued on for some time afterwards.

Edgar appears on the RDCA Bayswater Cricket Club player list from 1928/29 (may be earlier) and was a stalwart of the Bayswater Club. Other members of his family were also involved with the club for many years. He was a leg break bowler and is said to have been handy with a bat in his hand as well. Edgar appears in RDCA records as a club delegate in 1932/33 and served as Secretary/Treasurer of Bayswater for 5 years from the 1932 season before serving as President of the club for 3 seasons from 1938/39. Bayswater Cricket Club awarded Edgar Life Membership in 1936/37, at the time only the second person to achieve such an honour at the club.

Besides his commitment at club level, Edgar served the Association in several roles over a long period of time. He was a Vice President of the Association in the late 1930s before serving as President for 8 years from 1939/40 to 1946/47. These were the difficult 'war years' and Edgar was one of the people instrumental in keeping the Association going as team and participant numbers fell due to enlistments and war service. He was also the Association representative to the VSCU/VJCU for some years. Edgar was awarded Life Membership of the Association at the Annual General Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1937 and it is evident that his service continued for many years thereafter.

A photograph of a handwritten note on lined paper. The text is written in cursive and reads: "The above Minutes were read and confirmed. This 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1940. E. Pegler President".

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This 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1940.  
E. Pegler  
President

Signature of Edgar Pegler taken from RDCA Minute Book.