



### **Sir G.L. (Gilbert) Chandler KBE, CMG, MLC - 1940/1941**

Sir Gilbert Lawrence Chandler ('Gib') was born in 1903 in North Melbourne and was the eldest of 5 children of Alfred Elliott Chandler MLC who had played an important role in the establishment of the RDCA.

His career followed that of his father. From 1935 to 1955 he served on the Ferntree Gully Shire Council where he was President in 1938/39 and in March 1935, he succeeded his late father as a representative in the Victorian Legislative Council.

He was known for undertaking community service well beyond his parliamentary and ministerial duties. He was appointed a C.M.G. (Companion in the Order of St. Michael and St. George) in 1958 and was Knighted in 1972.

Sir Gilbert was a keen sportsman in his early years playing for both Bayswater and Boronia football clubs. He played one game of Australian Rules Football for Hawthorn (1928/29) and District Cricket (1927 to 1933) for Richmond where he was an opening bowler in the senior team. Local sport played an important part in his life and Sir Gilbert is a Life Member of the (now) Eastern Football Netball League and the Sir Gilbert Chandler Medal is awarded to the Best and Fairest Medal winner in Division One.

Sir Gilbert was originally a fast bowler for Bayswater Cricket Club in the early 1920s and he won an RDCA bowling average in 1922/23 when he took 50 wickets at an average of 6.96. He played in Bayswater's first premiership in 1923/24 before moving to play for Boronia Cricket Club.

He was a Vice President of the Ringwood and District Cricket Association and served as a Patron of the Association for some years. He was President of Boronia Cricket Club in 1940/41 and appears on the Boronia Team Lists in RDCA records in 1927/28 and subsequent years. Sir Gilbert played in representative games for the RDCA in the 1920's/30's and was involved in the Association for many years. He was awarded Life Membership in 1940/41 in recognition of his fine service.

Sir Gilbert died in 1974.