



Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From the Brighton Croquet Club President, May 2021

Brighton Croquet club welcomes two new members.

Thank you to Ros Trenberth and Paul Shields who have just joined our Croquet club.

Please enjoy your Croquet and our Hospitality.

Some notes for the future.

Our next social night is on the 25th of June. Menu is Beef Lasagne cooked by Marlene Salmon. Served with a salad, garlic bread and sweets. To register please enter your name in the book located in the clubrooms.

Our 2021/2022 AGM will be held on Tuesday the 27th of July. Please consider nominating for various positions that are available. See Jackie for the nomination forms.

Many thanks for the specialised coaching provided by Graham Whiteway and Jim Grindrod.

The committee has set the budget for the coming year and will present some Constitutional changes to be considered by the members at the AGM.

Congratulations to Karen Magee for winning the Australian S A Women's Championship that was held at Hutt Road on the 27th and 28th of May.

Congratulations also to Kate Logan for being the runner up.

Wendy Williamson has recently lodged 2 Expressions of interest, one for volunteer grants and one for Powering Communities Program. Items being a set of Gateball and a new Oven. Good luck Wendy.

Our club is required to be Covid compliant at all times, be sure to register your attendance with the QR code system or the registration form located at the club.

Enjoy your Croquet.

Barry Teague.

SPONSORSHIP & VP ADMIN REPORT

The committee have continued to be busy throughout the month in all aspects of keeping our club moving forwards. The clubhouse is looking really good and we are proud of what we have achieved since Covid hit us and we had to close for a number of months. A few things we have updated are: a new printer, new clubhouse blinds throughout, a bar fridge, new crockery & tablecloths, bins that we don't have to touch with our hands. First aid equipment etc etc, the list goes on. Thank you to all who have made these things possible.

Thank you to Wendy Williamson who is our Grants Officer who is doing an amazing job working hard to achieve grants wherever possible.

Congratulations to Hans Hiller who has successfully passed his RSA exam, that will be a great asset for the club.

I will be going to a function at Mazda on the 8th June on behalf of the club. I understand it will be quite a big event. So, I will be there and hopefully have the chance to promote the Brighton Croquet Club.

You will now have seen the new Covid tracing forms on the table under the membership board. For all people who enter the club and can't sign in the Q R system with their phones MUST sign that form. These forms when full are kept on file for inspection by government representatives.

Please support our Trading Table which is available the first week of each month. We thank Marlene Salmon for running this. Marlene does a lot of work doing home made produce etc that goes on sale and the proceeds go to the club. Thank you Marlene.

Our next committee meeting on the 15th June, will probably be our last before the AGM, which will be held on Tuesday 27th July at 11.15am. A light lunch will be provided free of charge afterwards and the bar will be open to buy drinks. If any member has any queries before the date of the next meeting, could they please approach a member of the committee or place it in the suggestion box, thank you.

GET WELL WISHES

A number of our members have had various illnesses & operations in the last month. To all members who are not well, we wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to your return to the club and good fun games of croquet. Take care!

Just a reminder, I know things slow down in the winter months, but can I please wherever possible ask you to SUPPORT our Sponsors. We have such a wonderful range: If you want to downsize, there is Bianca Browse (Harcourts). Bianca donates \$500 for each house we give her to sell. Lendlease if you want a retirement village. Foodland Brighton for all your groceries, Blackwell Funerals if you want to do a funeral plan (\$500 off for members). Cove Print for any of your cards or stationery. Stan Bond blinds \$150 off your order. Mazda cars Edwardstown if you are thinking of changing your car. \$500 of free accessories. Enjoy & have fun, stay safe everyone.

Pat Lawson.

ANZAC DAY

The day started off very early with the alarm clock going off at 3.30am, ready to be at the Brighton Croquet Club by 4.45am

The Brighton Oval looked magnificent, everything in place, armed forces assembled in front of the croquet club. We had our flag at half-mast as did the other clubs, raising it later in the day.

There was between 6,000 & 8,000 people attended the service, which was awesome to see so many people paying their respects.

Rod Murray – Brighton RSL welcomed everyone at 6.00am.

Catafalque Party "Take Post"

Hymn, "O Valiant Hearts".

Invocation – Reverend Canon Sophie Relf-Christopher.

Reading – Head Prefects Brighton Secondary School.

Address – Nicolle Flint MP.

BSS Choir- New Zealand National Anthem.

Placing of wreaths, Pat Lawson & Barry Teague placed one on behalf of the BCC.

RSL Brighton President, Jim Nicholson read "FOR THE FALLEN".

Last Post – Lone Piper.

Hymn, "Abide with me"

Blessing.

Benediction.

National Anthem.

Dismount Catafalque Party.

All credit to the RSL and Holdfast Council for all their hard work and beautiful Service of Remembrance for all our Fallen.

The wreaths were taken to the Arch on Brighton Jetty.

Thank you to Neil White who rose early and attended the service on behalf of BCC.

All the sports clubs were open for breakfast and drinks. The Football club did wonderful bacon sandwiches and thank you to Steve Phillips (President of the Football Club) who served an excellent glass of red.

LEST WE FORGET

Pat Lawson.



ANZAC DAY REMEMBRANCE



SOCIAL NIGHT
FRIDAY 25th JUNE

BEEF LASAGNE
SALAD & GARLIC BREAD

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**MAGNUM ICE CREAM**

 *Bar will be Open* 

**Play starts 4.00pm**  
**Supper served at 6.00pm**

*Please inform me if you have any dietary needs.*

**\$10 Members & \$15 non members**

*If the weather is bad we can have fun & play indoor games.*

*Names in please by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.*

*Either names on list in the clubhouse or email*

*patricia.lawson048@gmail.com*

### GAWLER CROQUET CLUB – History

An early croquet match occurred when Gawler was visited by Kapunda Croquet Club in May 1914 and the visitors taken to “Martindale”, the residence of Mr Arthur Smith. Gawler was represented by Mesdames Bischof, A Smith, A Harris, Perkins, M Smith and Miss Rudall.

In August 1917 the Bowling Club put a request to Council to remove about 30 loads of sand from the North Para River for the purpose of making a croquet court and on February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1918 it was opened by the President of the Bowling Club. The croquet court occupied part of the Bowling Club land situated at the corner of Jacob and Reid Streets. The club was named Gawler Ladies Croquet Club and, as it was established within the Bowling Club, membership was confined initially to the wives, daughters or sisters of playing members of the Bowling Club.

In the following year 22 Croquet Club members were signed up. And the President was Mrs F May and the Captain Mrs H Bischof. Membership declined a little in the following years but matches were played against visiting teams from such places as Salisbury, Riverton, Mallala etc.

On February 27<sup>th</sup> 1929 came the official opening of Gawler South Croquet Club. Their court was part of the Railways Garden beside the Gawler railway station south of Gawler and its President was Mrs W J May.

The local newspaper on 8<sup>th</sup> of March 1935 reported on a new club formed at Gawler South and called Riverside Croquet Club. Mrs Porter was its initial President and the official opening occurred on February 20<sup>th</sup> 1936. Its location was in Seventh Street but in 1952 the land it occupied was sold and an approach made to Council by the Club for another site. This was provided on the corner of Fifth Street and Adelaide Road near South Playground. The Gawler Croquet Club occupied this site for the next 30 years.

From this historical distance it appears that two clubs operated simultaneously in Gawler and it is probable that the original GLCC merged with one of these two but it is not clear as to which.

In 1954 Gawler Croquet Club joined with Wasleys, Freeling and Salisbury Clubs to form the Para-Light Association and inter-club competition ensued. In 1967 membership at Gawler was down to just three players so in 1969 a breakthrough occurred with the admittance of a male member. The Club was to bounce back to the extent that in 1977 it requested Council for a larger plot of land which was granted. Accordingly in 1982, two courts and a new clubhouse on Hallam Drive were established. Club colours were red and white. Membership numbers however again declined over time and the Gawler Croquet Club closed down in 2013.

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Possible photo from Whitelaw's *'History of Gawler'* of Jean Pannan in front of last clubhouse

Photo on Ken Edwards website [drive.google.com](https://drive.google.com)

Circa 1900 - backyard croquet probably at the home of Mrs Englebrecht in Cameron Street. Players include Hetty and Tottie Ford and Syd Coombe.

Submitted by Bob Auld



**SA Women's Championship: Winner, Karen Magee**

**Runner-up, Kate Logan**



**Pat & Howard with new Brighton Croquet Flags**

### *A Very Interesting Life.....*

I was born at McLaren Vale and grew up in the wine district. I was educated at the McLaren Vale Primary School and then at Willunga High School.

I left school when I was 17 and headed to the big city of Adelaide for work. Soon after my parents left McLaren Vale and went to Port Lincoln to live and work. I decided I did not want to go with them so my older sister and myself rented a flat in North Adelaide.

In 1973 I married a McLaren Vale boy and over the years had a son and a daughter. Sadly after 13 years of marriage we were divorced.

In 1994 I met my long term partner Jim and we have been happily together now for 27 years. Between us we have 3 granddaughters, 4 grandsons and 2 great-grandsons. We enjoy watching them playing their sports.

We have done many wonderful caravan holidays over the years and have seen many parts of Australia. We have managed a caravan park at Cable Beach in Broome. What an eye opener that was!! The population more than doubled with tourists in the high season. It was interesting meeting and managing so many people.

We returned back to Christies Beach in 2001 when sadly my mother had a stroke. We cared for my parents for 6 months until they decided to go into a nursing home. I was then able to find employment in Adelaide working in the Insurance industry. I worked with different agents who handled WorkCover claims. After 16 years in the industry, I retired in 2017.

On retirement I wondered how I would fill in my time. As I had previously played golf and tennis I felt I needed a change of sport. I remembered how my Grandma had played croquet at Yacka in the mid-north and thought I would give it a try. I went along to the Brighton Croquet club one Wednesday and met Graham Whiteway who was coaching. He patiently helped me and I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of the game ever since.

I have met so many wonderful people and have made many friends at the club. I hope I will be able to continue playing and enjoying the game for many more years to come.

*Jill Gay*





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