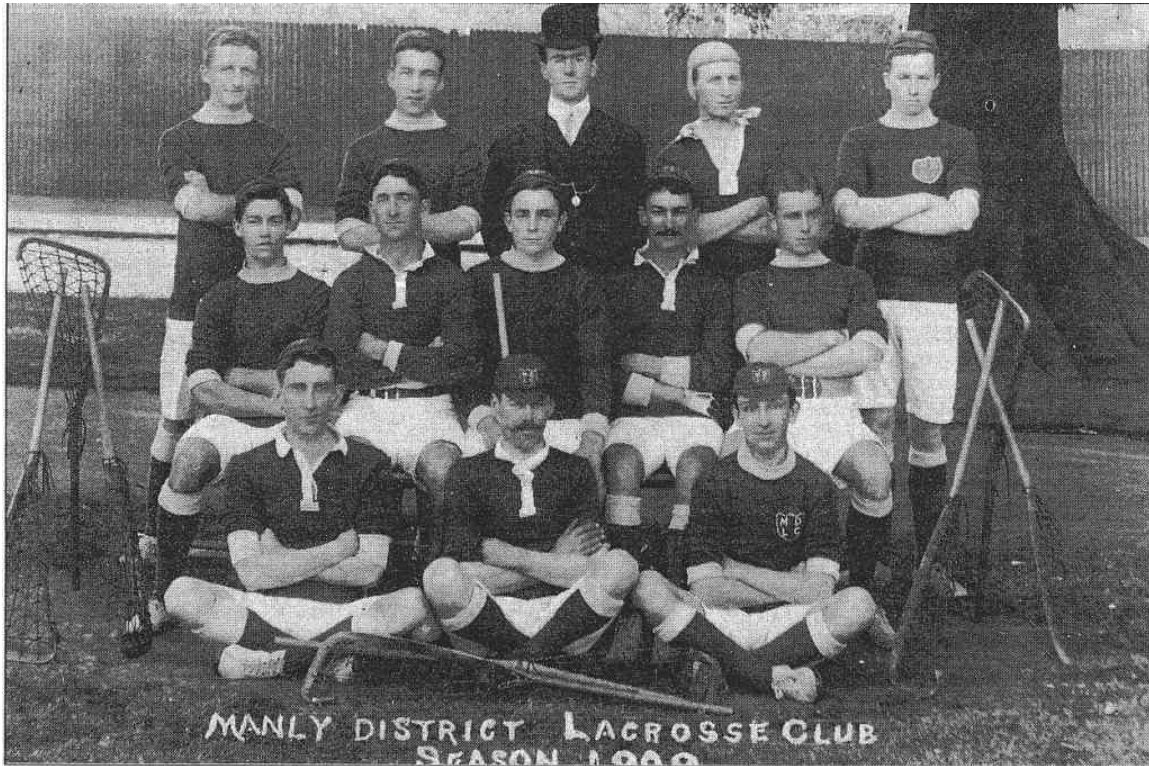


Manly Lacrosse Club



Manly Lacrosse team, 1909

A lacrosse fixture was played on Manly Oval in 1908.

From *Australian Country Life*, December 15, 1911:

"Lacrosse, a strenuous winter game, has a strong following among the young men and boys of Manly. In the season just closed [1910-11] the Manly District Lacrosse Club had an active membership of 45. Three years ago the club was formed through the enthusiasm of Mr A S Farebrother, of Manly. Under that gentleman's captaincy the club played in the local Association's competition the following year, while the 1910 season saw the beginning of a second, or 'B' grade team in the competition, from which the Manly Club, after a successful season, emerged premiers. Mr H Ferrier Watson was then captain of the club. Lacrosse has boomed somewhat of late, and this year saw the creation of a third, or 'C' grade team, which introduced the game among the schools. The club was very successful in competition matches last season. The Manly A Grade Team found the standard of the game surprisingly high, but it is worthy of note that they beat Petersham, the premiers, who were considered invincible. The B Grade team had a good season, and lay third in the competition at its close. The new C grade team was very successful and only missed capturing the third grade premiership by one match, in which Petersham C were the vanquishers. In August last two Interstate fixtures, in which Victoria and Queensland were respectively pitted against NSW were played on Manly Oval. The office-bearers of the Manly club are as follows:

Patron, Col Ryrie, MHR.

President, Dr H G Bennetts.

Vice-presidents, Dr Arthur, Messrs E Lincoln, V Green, Alderman Heaton, J B Meyer and D A McMillan.

Captain, Mr H Ferrier Watson.

Vice-captain, Mr A S Farebrother.

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Captain B Team, Mr G Nott.

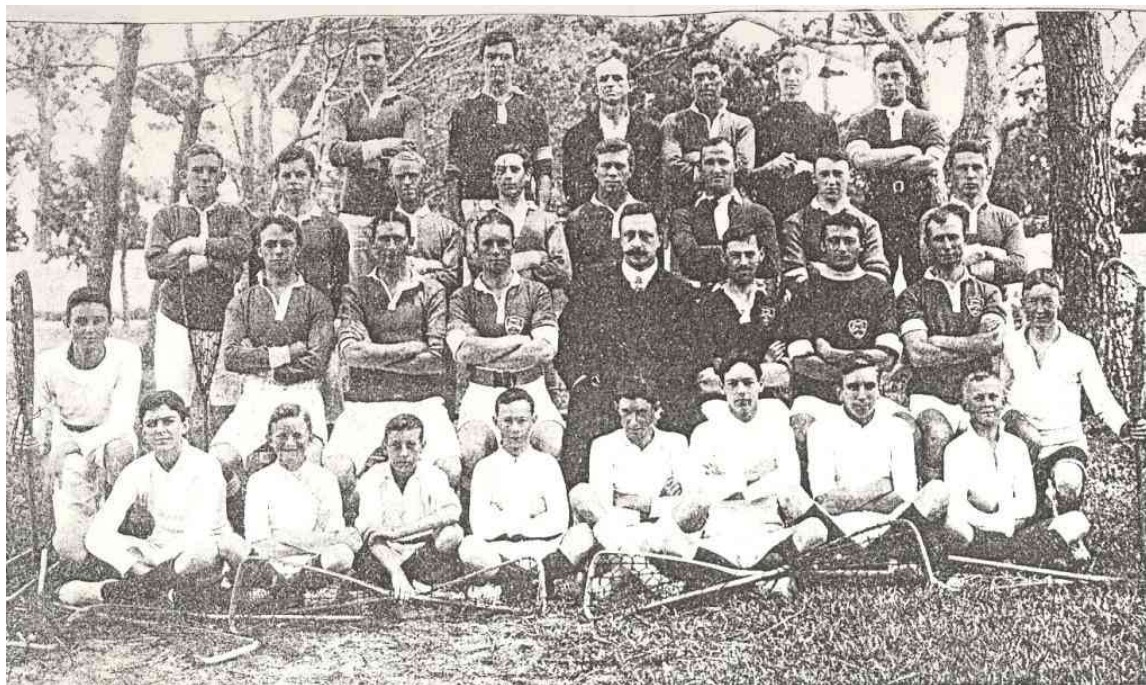
Cptain, C Team, Mr A Smith.

Hone secretary, Mr P M Robinson.

Hon treasurer, Mr D Vernon.

Members of exectuvie committee, Messrs W Allison, Rupert Beale, and A Currie.

Hon auditor, Mr C E Ollivier."



Combined Manly lacrosse teams, 1912.¹

Back row: Noel Holmes, Bert Vallack, V Green, Harry Nicholls, H Danby, Fred Bowker;

Second back: Arthur Little, Arthur Hurst, P Petherick, Roly Beale, Arthur Currie, Jim Wilkins, Charlie Robinson, Rupert Beale

Second front: Ray Ferris, George Miller, Griff Nott, Bert Watson, Dr H Graves Bennetts, Paul Robinson, Dave Vernon, Billy Allison, Ben Johnson

Front: Tookaloo Roberts, Tupp Townsend, George Nicholls, W Fowler, R Busty Walker, Muffy Smith, Keith Little, M Townsend.

Lacrosse players, 1909-1914

Allison, W H "Billy"	1911	1912
Beale, Roly	1911	
Beale, Rupert	1911	1912
Bennetts, Dr H Graves (President)	1911	1912
Bowker, Fred	1911	1912
Currie, Arthur	1911	1912
Danby, H	1911	
Davis, W		1912
Dawson, Edward	1909	
Duret, R[alph]		1912
Farebrother, A S (founder of club in 1908)		1912
Ferrier-Watson, H (Captain)		1912
Ferris, Ray	1911	

¹ See Rupert Beale Scrapbook of Manly Sporting Activities 1910-14, where photo is captioned 1911, and names of players in the photo are given.

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Fowler, W	1911	
Green, V	1911	
Gurnett, C U B (hon coach)		1912
Holmes, Captain Arthur (vice-president)		1912
Hurst, Arthur	1911	1912
Little, Arthur	1911	1912
Little, Keith	1911	1912
Merrett, Ossie G H		1912
Millar, George	1911	1912
Nicholls, George	1911	
Nicholls, Harry	1911	
Nott, Griff	1911	1912
Ollivier, A (hon secretary)		1912
Petherick, P	1911	
Roberts, Tookaloo	1911	
Robinson, P M		1912
Rogerson, P		1912
Smith, Muffy	1911	
Town[s]end, M	1911	
Town[s]end, Tuppence	1911	
Vallack, Bert	1911	1912
Vallack, C		1912
Vernon, Dave C (Treasurer)		1912
Vernon, J		1912
Walker, B (goalkeeper)		1912
Walker, R Busty	1911	
Wilkins, Jim E	1911	1912

Swancott (p146) writes: "Lacrosse has had many ardent devotees in Manly, and players have attained premiership honours in metropolitan competitions. Some of the first players were H Blackman, a brilliant player and a most successful captain; H A Luton; H E Milner; and C A Field. Later day players of calibre were L T A Donnett, D Currie, N Oxlade, N G Robinson, J A Kingsford, A E Buist, A Roberts, H G Edmonds, W Edmonds, H E Potter, H Oliver, and J W Wareham." [it is not clear from Swancott when these players were active.]

A team photo was published in the *Sunday Times* 10 May 1913, p8.

The annual meeting of the Manly Lacrosse Club was held in March 1919. It was reported that since the war the interest in lacrosse had fallen off, and the club could only field one team. The captain was A S Farebrother, L H Townend was secretary and A Little was treasurer.² Matches were played at the Domain on 3 May 1919 involving 'both teams of the Manly club'.³

MD 4 Feb 1914, advert for AGM of **Manly Ladies' Lacrosse Club**, Jessie M Walker Hon Secretary. Also advert for AGM of **Wanderers' Lacrosse Club**, Eric Matton, Hon Secretary.

² *Evening News* 29 March 1919, p1.

³ *Manly Daily* 3 May 1919.

Manly B grade team went through season 1929 undefeated. Practice matches were held at the Domain and the new season began in May 1930; club secretary was Mr A Magnussen.⁴ Rival teams included Bondi and Teachers' College.

⁴ *Manly Daily* 4 April 1930.