

Annual Report. 1961

30th Oct. 1961

The 1961 Annual Report is the first Annual Report of the Greenborough Hockey Club.

Under the fine leadership of the President, Mr. John Nicholls, the club has had a most successful first year.

The Foundation meeting was held at R. Parson's, 140 Chain Street Greenborough, where it was decided that an elected committee would prepare and submit a constitution for approval, to the members of the proposed club. The constitution was accepted, and the election of Office Bearers took place at the general meeting held on 3rd May. 1961.

The Lower Greenborough oval was hired from the Heilberg Council for the junior team on Saturday mornings, while Mr. J. Nicholls took steps to have the Eltham High School ground available on Saturday afternoons for the senior team.

The club spirit during the season was at a very high level. This contributed greatly to the outstanding success of the club during 1961.

Many thanks to all club members who wholeheartedly supported every demand for assistance.

Special thanks to John Griffiths for construction and transportation of nets. To Mr and Terry Nicholls for the ground marking, and to the boys who, when necessary, helped in ground preparation. Thanks to Mr Blackwell for the use of his grounds for training and social activities.

Len Drake notes special thanks for the success he enjoyed as social secretary. Len's efforts raised approximately £40. Also thanks

On the playing side the club created a precedent by being promoted during the season from C Grade to B Grade, and finally finishing the season runners up to in B Grade. The junior under 14 team also finished as runners up.

During the year the club was conspicuous by its good performances in open tournaments at Albany, Queens Birthday and Portsea. Spensborough winning the pennant for the Best Presented Team, at Albany

The club was represented in Interstate Hockey by Richard Prior, who was selected in the Junior Victorian team.

A.H.C. was delighted with the efforts of Mr L. O'Dempsey and Mr S. O'Dempsey in obtaining their V.A.H.U.A "B" grade umpiring badges. Mr L. O'Dempsey was successful in gaining an "A" grade pass in the theory examination.

Thanks to Mr S. O'Dempsey for umpiring most of the season. Usually a thankless job, but all club members express their wholehearted appreciation for a fine unselfish effort, which the team could not have done without.

The success of the Under Age is due mainly to the enthusiastic support of Mr S. O'Dempsey, Mr K. Drake and Mrs Lewis who waited on the youngsters each week.

In conclusion I might add that if the club and its members continue to go along unselfishly in this fashion, then the Greenborough Hockey club will soon be a leading club in Victoria.