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Maldon turns 100

MALDON CROQUET CLUB 100 YEARS | 1925-2025 | The club welcomed past and present players and supporters to its centenary celebrations this week. A lunch was held at the Golden Nugget Restaurant at Porcupine Village on Sunday, 30 March. We were pleased to have Life Member, Mrs Lillian Long, join us and speak about her long association with the club. A morning tea was held at the Francis Street clubrooms on Tuesday, 1 April.



Mooroopna celebrates 80th Birthday



Cutting of the cake to celebrate Mooroopna Croquet Club's 80th Birthday are three life members of the club. Left to right Jeanette Hall, Beryl Gerrish and current President Helen Wrest. Former members travelled from near and far and mixed with the current day members.

Drysdale 75 years celebration continued

There are many more men playing these days when once it was just women, and the age range is much larger. The uniforms for competition play have also changed over the years – once all white, now green with white. The game has also seen a change from the more traditional Association Croquet game to the newer and very popular Golf Croquet which is played at Drysdale. On May 4th, Drysdale will be holding an Open Day which will include games for members, visitors, friends and sponsors, followed by afternoon tea and refreshments. Time: 12:30pm for 1pm start. Contact: Jenny Payne 0428 740 591

Drysdale World Croquet Day & 75 Years Celebration

World Day of Croquet at Drysdale is being celebrated on Sunday May 4th along with their 75 years achievement as a Croquet Club! On April 18th, 1950, a motion moved by Mrs O Peel and seconded by Mrs R Whitcombe, was passed that the Drysdale Croquet Club be formed. This inaugural meeting had 15 ladies present and a few of the ladies were from the Portarlington Croquet Club thus being experienced players and administrators. It was anticipated that the Croquet Club would form with the assistance of the Drysdale Bowling Club.

The adjacent bowling club had been formed a year earlier and the membership consisted of men, so the game of croquet which is believed to have commenced in Geelong in 1906, was an ideal past-time for the women folk in the local area.

The very first set of new hoops, balls, pegs and clips were purchased from Hartleys, Flinders St Melbourne, and sent by goods rail to Geelong in the following months. By the end of 1950, Heidelberg Croquet Club had gifted a set of second-hand balls and hoops to Drysdale.

The Clubhouse was a 9 by 9 feet open shed with dirt floor. In the first few years, members used the public toilets in the village of Drysdale, until an outdoor toilet was constructed nearer to the court. Gradually, the facilities improved to include running water, window, door, concrete floor and carpet.

With expanding membership in the 1980's and the need for a larger clubhouse, a new brick croquet Clubhouse was opened in 1990, and members were able to use the Bowling Club facilities. The expansion of the Bowling Club greens also resulted in a 2nd croquet court being laid to the west of the existing one in 1995. Member numbers for the first 50 years were consistent at around 20, but now the clubhouse is bursting at the seams with around 50 members, with many days of play for the week.



Season Opening Day
24-25, Gerald Edgar
running the hoop, 97
yrs!



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