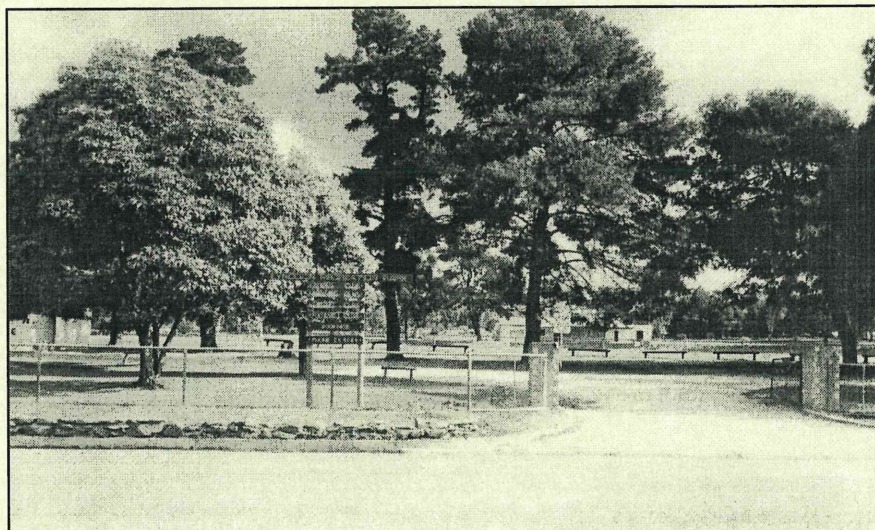


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## FOREWORD

In 2012, Lyndoch's Terquasquicentenary year, a renewed interest in Lyndoch history has resulted. The home of cricket, the Lyndoch Recreation oval pavilion received a face lift in 2010 courtesy of funding from The Barossa Council and money raised by local sporting groups together with the members of the Lyndoch & Districts Community Committee. At the official opening of the refurbished pavilion, cricket memorabilia and photographs graced the walls and this gave rise to recording some of the early cricket history to complement the 25th Anniversary history written in 1993 recounting the history over the years since the Club's last revival in 1968.

From its social beginnings the game of cricket made its mark on the town. Over the hundred years from 1868 to 1968 some memorable moments occurred both with the bat as well as the ball. Each generation of players had their stars and those names will go down in history because of outstanding achievements.

For a club to be successful it needs to have a heritage of which it can be proud and having a recorded history provides a basis on which to build. I hope the details contained in the publication covering "a century of runs and wickets" will enable the Lyndoch Cricket Club to learn of its past accomplishments and history.

*Anne Hausler*

## CRICKET COMES TO LYNDDOCH

### SOCIAL CRICKET GAMES

In Lyndoch's pioneering settlement days of the 19th century sporting activity was part of a broader social life and usually occurred at picnics organised from time to time by church groups, schools, social groups and later the Lyndoch Lodge of Oddfellows. These outings were held on the properties of local residents situated close to the town. Locations within walking distance were important as other methods of transport were limited. The following are a few early references to the game of cricket being played in Lyndoch. On all occasions the teams were made up from residents of the town who belonged to the various groups.

The first known written reference to the game of cricket appeared in The SA Register dated 21st February 1859 during the Lyndoch Valley Agricultural and Horticultural Society's annual show. *The annual show took place on Wednesday in a store adjoining Mr Rayner's mill which was obligingly lent by that gentleman for the purpose... A well-contested game of cricket, in a field adjoining the Lord Lyndoch Hotel [now the Coffee Palace], gave additional interest to the scene.*

The Lyndoch correspondent provided the following article for The Advertiser on 29th November 1860. *On Wednesday afternoon the members and friends of the Church of England assembled in the new building to partake of a social tea and to raise funds for the purpose of completing this place of worship ... After tea a public meeting was held, presided over by William Jacob Esq J.P. of Moorooroo. The Rev Canon Coombs, Rural Dean, and the Rev William Murray B.A. pastor of the church, addressed the meeting. ... The amount raised slightly exceeded £14. It is understood that after all the subscriptions promised are paid, a debt of only about £50 will remain. A game of cricket was played while the tea was preparing, and the youngsters amused themselves with 'kiss in the ring' (which, by the way, is the only game our juveniles seem to appreciate).*

### LYNDDOCH CRICKET CLUB

The first known reference to a 'Lyndoch Cricket Club' appeared in The SA Register dated 1st May 1868. *On Saturday last (28 March) a match between the married and single members of the Lyndoch Cricket Club took place on the reserve. The married men in one innings scored 89, whilst the single men obtained 31 runs in two innings.*

It was unfortunate that during this period gold was discovered and many of the men of Lyndoch went to the Barossa Goldfields to try their luck. The following report from the Loyal Lyndoch Lodge, IOOF MU, regarding its anniversary on 15th October 1869 makes reference to this fact. *In the afternoon a number of brothers and friends met at the Glebe [land adjoining the Anglican Church] and engaged in a game of cricket. When the diggings broke out our Cricket Club came to grief on account of such large numbers of its members taking an innings at that place, and a year's spell has not had the effect of improving the play of the Valley men as their awkward play on this occasion fully testifies.*

The following year, 1870, the same Lodge group organised a picnic at which 'a pleasant afternoon was spent by engaging in various sports usual on such occasions such as racing, jumping, cricket, football etc.' The Bunyip of 5th August 1871 records another Lodge sports programme when 'both [Lodge] brothers entered heartily into various sports, such as cricket, quoits, running, jumping etc.'

From the above examples of simple beginnings organised for social enjoyment, Lyndoch's sporting groups were to become established and grow.

### GAMES AGAINST OUTSIDE COMPETITION

In 1875 the first recording of cricket matches played against other towns took place. There was no organised body to set up these matches. These were prearranged between nearby localities as sports groups were formed and there was usually a return match at the opposition's town. The Bunyip contained the following reports.

*On Sunday last (16 February) a match was played at Pewsey Vale between Lyndoch and Pewsey Vale, resulting in a victory for the former with nine wickets to spare. Our Correspondent was furnished with a list of scores made, but they were too undecipherable to be printed with any degree of accuracy.*

On Easter Monday (9th April) a cricket match was played at Lyndoch between the Lyndoch and Williamstown Clubs. Lyndoch's Captain was William Hawke and the umpire was John Springbett while the captain for Williamstown was C. Snellgrove and the umpire H. King. Lyndoch who was all out in both innings made 31 and 73 producing a grand total of 104. Williamstown players, who were victorious, made 72 and 36 resulting in a total score of 108 with four wickets in hand. Lyndoch's team in batting order was William Rushall, J. Smith, Samuel Potter, William Hawke, Henry Button, William McIntyre, C. Lock, Edward Springbett, Frederick Randall, Jesse Button, and R. Springbett.

LYNDOCH'S SCORE SHEET

First Innings			Second Innings	
W. Rushall	c Cundy	6	c Snellgrove	4
J. Smith		0	b Murray	20
S. Potter	c Snellgrove	0	b Murray	3
W. Hawke	c Foster	1	b Murray	8
H. Button	b Acraman	0	b Murray	1
W. McIntyre	run out	5	b Acraman	6
C. Lock	b Murray	5	run out	12
E. Springbett	b Murray	1	not out	8
F. Randall	b Murray	0	b Acraman	2
J. Button	b Acraman	12	b Murray	1
R. Springbett	not out	1	b Acraman	1
Sundries		0	Sundries	7
		<u>31</u>		<u>73</u>

The following year The Bunyip recorded a match between the two elevens of Lyndoch and Humbug Scrub on 19th April 1976. *The holidays have passed off quietly, the only amusement being a cricket match on Good Friday, between Lyndoch and Humbug Scrub Clubs, in which the former gained a somewhat easy victory, having six wickets to fall when the necessary majority was obtained.* Scores were as follows: – Humbug Scrub made 66 and 45 in each innings giving them an overall total of 111 runs. Lyndoch replied with 95 and 19 to produce a combined total of 114 runs with six wickets in hand. Lyndoch players in batting order were:– George Haines, Edward Springbett, J. Smith, C. Lock Henry Button, William Hawke, William Rushall, Frederick Randall, Jesse Button, William Wilkinson, and C. Fry.

On the same holiday weekend on *Easter Monday the juvenile clubs of Lyndoch and Williamstown met on the Glebe and played a match which resulted in another victory for Lyndoch, with three wickets to go down.*

*CRICKET: Humbug Scrub v. Lyndoch Valley*

*The return match between the above named clubs was played on the grounds of the former on April 24 when Dame Fortune, after frowning all season on the efforts of the local team gave them an easy victory over their opponents in fact the fielding all round was creditable to both clubs as they are as yet in their infancy and a deal of practice is required ere they become proficient.* Humbug Scrub made a total of 155 runs in their first innings winning by an innings and 65 runs. The following indicates Lyndoch's results with no one reaching double figures.

LYNDOCH'S SCORE SHEET

First Innings			Second Innings	
E. Springbett	b Dunston	6	b Hall	2
W. Rushall	c Hall	0	runout	7
J. Smith	b Hall	1	b Dunstan	0
W. Hawke	b Hall	0	b Hall	8
C. Lock	b Hall	2	b Hall	5
F. Randall	b Dunstan	1	b Dunstan	0
H. Button	b Dunstan	0	run out	0
J. Button	b Dunstan	1	b Hall	0
W. Wilkinson	b Hall	2	not out	8
S. Nesbitt	b Dunstan	2	b Dunston	2
J. Rushall	not out	2	b Hall	4
Byes		3	Byes	2
Leg Byes		<u>2</u>	Leg Byes	<u>0</u>
		22		38

The following year on New Year's Day 1877 a cricket match between Humbug Scrub and Lyndoch Cricket Clubs was played at Lyndoch, which resulted in an easy victory for the former. *The weather was all that could be desired for cricket. The Humbug team were [sic] the first to the wickets, when after a long stand, they retired with 93 runs. Of these A. Hicks contributed 20 and G. Kennewell 17. The bowling of A. Curtis and W. Lloyd was really good, as also the fielding throughout the match by the whole team. The Lyndochs were the next to the wickets, but owing to the little practice they have had and the good bowling they had to contend with, they soon retired with 41 runs. They were again sent to the wickets but were soon disposed of for the same number of runs, 41, making a total of 82; thus leaving their opponents the victory in one innings and 9 runs.*

Unable to overcome the Humbug Scrub team, Lyndoch turned its sights to Sandy Creek. The Bunyip reported that the cricket match was played at Lyndoch on Saturday 10th between Lyndoch and Sandy Creek. Sandy Creek made 36 runs in the first innings followed by 20 in the second giving them a total of 58. This time Lyndoch had an easy win by an innings, after making a total of 66 runs. The captain was Mr William Hawke and the umpire Mr Jesse Button.

The return match between Lyndoch and Sandy Creek took place shortly afterwards on Easter Monday at Sandy Creek. The result is unclear as Lyndoch only had one innings and made 31 runs while Sandy Creek had two innings making 27 in the first and 13 in the second. William Hawke captained Lyndoch and the umpire was John Springbett.

Later in the year the junior members of the Lyndoch Club had their turn with a home match played on 9th November and the return game on 1st December played in Gawler. The Bunyip provided a report of both matches. *On Saturday an unusual activity was noticeable among certain of our school boys, and the inhabitants of Murray Street were puzzled to know the meaning of a number of them leaving the town in one of Mr Mortimer's busses, but it soon transpired that a cricket trip to Lyndoch was the cause of all the bustle among them. ... Lyndoch was reached about 10 o'clock, and play commenced shortly after, and resulted in our Gawler boys [St George] winning the day after a very close and exciting match.* Scores showed Lyndoch juveniles making 20 and 19 in each of their innings while St George lads made 26 and 31 runs, a winning total of 57.

#### LYNDOCH'S SCORE SHEET

First Innings			Second Innings		
L. Haines	c Ridley	2	c Nott		2
C. Richter	c Ridley	4	b Ridley		3
R. Haines	run out	5	b Levick		0
W. Fry	c Cheek	0	run out		7
F. Wilkinson	b Ridley	0	run out		0
F. Bevilaqua	b Wilkinson	10	run out		1
A. Long	b Ridley	1	c Cherry		0
H. Wilkinson	b. Ridley	4	b Levick		4
W. Rogers	run out	0	run out		3
L. Juncken	not out	0	not out		0
F. Koop	not out	0	b Ridley		1
Sundries		<u>3</u>	Sundries		<u>0</u>
		20			19

The return cricket match between Lyndoch and St George was played on the Gawler Parklands on Saturday December 1st, and resulted in a runaway victory for the visitors. St George scored 40 and 43 in each innings to be defeated by Lyndoch with 71 and 14 with seven wickets in hand. Players from Lyndoch were Henry Wilkinson, Robert Haines, William Fry, Charles Richter, Albert Long (Captain), Louis Haines, Friedrich Bevilaqua, Frank Wilkinson, Walter Rogers, Friedrich Koop, Louis Juncken, with George Haines the Lyndoch umpire.

#### LYNDOCH'S SCORE SHEET

First Innings			Second Innings		
H. Wilkinson	st Levick	4	c Nott		1
R. Haines	b Levick	29	c Cheek		0
W. Fry	b Levick	0	c Levick		0
C. Richter	c Levick	7	not out		7
A. long	b Nott	5	not out		4
L. Haines	c Ridley	0			
F. Bevilaqua	b Levick	12			
F. Wilkinson	c Levick	1			
W. Rogers	not out	8			
F. Koop	b Levick	0			
L. Juncken	st Levick	0			
Sundries		<u>5</u>	Sundries		<u>2</u>
		71			14

At the start of 1878 a cricket match arranged between Humbug Scrub and Lyndoch Valley was played at Lyndoch Valley on January 1, which resulted in an easy victory for the Humbug Scrub team.

*Lyndoch – First innings 73; Second innings 19; Grand total 99.*

*Humbug Scrub – First innings 73; Second innings 28; Grand total 101 with 7 wickets to fall.*

*C. Fry 25 and T. Waters 17 top scored for Lyndoch Valley with W. Hawke being the most successful bowler taking 8 wickets for the match.*

#### COMBINED TEAMS FROM THE SMALLER TOWNS

For a couple of years from the summer of 1878 combined teams made up from the local small towns competed against larger places. They were referred to as a district team or Combined Eleven. Perhaps this was one way to strengthen teams such as Lyndoch to enable them to play games against larger towns. Choosing the better players from several teams would lead to stronger competition. The following are accounts of some of these combined matches.

The Bunyip gave an account of Willaston playing a Sandy Creek Combined Elevens on Saturday 11th October at Willaston which resulted in a victory for the former by 12 runs with the exception of the 20 byes that the combined team were [sic] foolishly allowed to get, the match throughout was excellent, the fielding on both sides being very good. A. Simons made a brilliant innings of 22 and Black, Leonard, Weaver, (Willaston players), Lawes and Waters all displayed very good batting. Combined Elevens:– 60 runs of which W. Lawes, bowled by Causby, obtained 9, the others were all low figures and sundries were placed at 20. Willaston:– 72, of these the highest score was made by A Simons, who was bowled by Curtis and made 22 runs.

The combined district team played a return match against Willaston at Sandy Creek on the 24th November with the result in favour of the combined team. Messrs J. Harris and A. Lawes acted as captain and umpire for the combined group. Willaston made 54 runs and were defeated by 5 runs with the opposition scoring a total of 59 runs. Players for the combined team were:– H.W. Hawke (2 runs), C. Fry (6 runs), E. Rogers (1 run) (all from Lyndoch); T. Curtis (13 runs), A. Curtis (1 run), C. Curtis (a duck) (all from Barossa); A. Lawes (a duck), T. Waters (9 runs), W. Lawes (9 runs), J. Harris (3 runs), S. Twill (a duck) (all from Sandy Creek).

On Saturday 18th January 1879 the district Combined Eleven cricket team played a match against Gawler 2nd Eleven on the Gawler Recreation Ground resulting in an easy victory for Gawler. *The Combined team went first to the wickets and were soon dispersed for 23 runs ... the batting was very poor, T. Curtis being the only one to get into double figures, but he did not bat well ... leaving the 2nd Eleven victors by 64 runs and six wickets to fall. The bowling was not very good, A. Curtis getting the best average with 3 for 38. The fielding was bad, several chances being missed.* J. Harris was captain and J. Springbett acted as umpire. Messrs G. Haines, J. Rushall, and A. Boone replaced earlier players W. Hawke, E. Rogers and S. Twill.

The news correspondent made reference to the Lyndoch Cricket Club on 2nd December 1880 *Things here remain very quiet at present. Our cricket club is making slow progress owing to the arrangements for a suitable piece of ground to play upon not being yet completed. My next [report], will I hope, announce that it is an accomplished fact.*

## LYNDOCH CRICKET IN THE 1880s

### MATCHES AGAINST TOWNS FURTHER AFIELD

Written material concerning the cricket club is lacking during the early half of the 1880s. It is not known whether games were played or not. Perhaps one of the reasons may have been the lack of a suitable area to use for hosting other clubs. However by 1887 reports were again appearing in The Bunyip detailing results of games with a new group of players taking part. The first match in March 1887 caused controversy over the next couple of weeks with Lyndoch being caught out bringing in outside players which actually constituted a combined team.

*A pleasant match between Lyndoch and Tanunda took place on the grounds of the latter on Saturday 5th March, resulting in an easy win for the visitors, decided on the first innings. The chief feature of the play was the admirable display with the willow made by A. Ross, who scored 45 in splendid style, without a chance, and almost succeeded in carrying out his bat. Players in Lyndoch's team were – Alfred Edson, James Haines, William Springbett, T. Doherty, Andrew Ross, John Mitchell, Alfred Springbett, Friedrich Bitter, Vernon Dowell, Adolph Bitter, and Arthur Springbett.*

An accusation letter simply signed Tanunda, was printed in The Bunyip published on 18th March in relation to the above cricket match.

*Sir – Allow me through your pages to draw attention of cricket players to the match (Lyndoch v. Tanunda) you inserted last week. The facts are the Lyndoch captain was informed personally that if he brought any Gawler players the match would only be played as Tanunda v. Lyndoch & Gawler Combined. He did not only bring Andy Ross, but T. Doherty, who certainly played under the assumed name of T. Edson, and supposed (and said) to be a cousin of Mr A. Edson, of Lyndoch. This sort of thing is spoiling the name of cricket, and it would be a great credit to the captain of any team not to allow another outside player to play under an assumed name. I merely write this hoping it may not be done by a country club again. I am, sir, etc., Tanunda.*

The following week 25th March The Bunyip in a letter to the Editor, Vernon Dowell admitted to being guilty of the accusations made by the non-de-plume "Tanunda" the previous week. *Sir – When I published to the cricketing world in general and to the Barossian portion of it in particular, through your valuable medium the account of the (Lyndoch v. Tanunda) match, I little dreamed what terrible consequences would ensue, else had I by no means described it as a pleasant match. Imagine then, for describe I cannot, the mingled feelings of indignation and remorse with which I was tormented on reading the grave personal accusation brought against me by your justly incensed and prudently anonymous correspondent 'Tanunda'. ... The club, Sir, largely constituted though it may be of unprincipled scoundrels of the deepest dye, is, to give it its due on this occasion at least, wholly free from blame. ... It was I, and I alone, who concocted and brought to its fatal issue the terrible crime.*

... Degraded as I am, there is yet left in me one spark of good feeling, which almost flickers into flame as I think that my confession will at least preclude all possibility of undeserved punishment falling on members of our gang who had no hand in this particular crime, the whole blame of which must fall on my devoted head. ... For my own part, however, I will make such explanation as is in my power by allowing my true name to be branded forever with well deserved infamy, and therefore beg to subscribe myself, Yours repentantly,

Vernon W. Dowell.

P.S. – I am not aware who engaged 'Tanunda' for the prosecution, as Tanunda captain informed our captain that the letter was not inserted under the auspices of the club, who were, I trust, well satisfied with the account of the match inserted to the best of my ability. It would have been extremely ungenerous for the Tanunda club to complain since we knowingly allowed them the assistance of a redoubtable Victorian cricketer, one Hardy, who, however, through no fault of ours, belied his reputation by contributing a 'pair of spectacles'. V.W.D.

A match between Prince Albert and Lyndoch Clubs was played at Lyndoch on Saturday March 12, and resulted in a most decisive victory for the former. The Lyndochs were the first to bat, but only raised a miserable total of 20, which was due to the bowling of Simpson who secured 7 wickets for 3 runs, 2 of which were overthrows. The Prince Alberts replied with 226, Draper leading the way with a vigorous 85, and Simpson played well for 37 not out. Ross Thomson and Young also reached double figures. Bowling Analysis: (Lyndoch) – L. Haines 0 for 30, T. Doherty 4 for 60, W. Springbett 0 for 40, Alfred Springbett 1 for 11, F. Bitter 0 for 4, V. Dowell 0 for 26, and Arthur Springbett 3 for 36.

On Saturday March 19, the Lyndoch C. C. played the town, and beat them decisively. Neither side was fully represented. For the Club J. Mitchell 46, W. Springbett 16, Alf Springbett 11 not out, and F. Juncken 10 were the chief contributors to the total of 93. For the Town F. Bitter 16, and J. Rushall 13 were the highest scorers; total 38. Arthur Springbett bowled well for the Club, taking 5 out of 6 wickets.

A cricket match between Lyndoch and Williamstown was played on Saturday 17th December at Williamstown, and resulted in a win for the home team by an innings and 4 runs. Williamstown scored 66 runs with F. Trestrail being the highest scorer with 30 runs

#### LYNDOCH'S SCORE SHEET

First Innings			Second Innings		
F. Juncken	bowled	5	b Godsen		13
A. Springbett	bowled	4	b Trestrail		0
D. Haines	run out	4	c Whitney		2
J. Mitchell	bowled	3	b Godsen		1
J. Rushall	bowled	0	lbw Trestrail		2
W. Springbett	bowled	3	b Godsen		0
P. Richter	bowled	2	b Godsen		0
R. Nuhle	bowled	12	b Trestrail		1
H. Minne	bowled	2	not out		0
R. Mahlo	bowled	1	b Godsen		0
James Haines	not out	0	c Leonard		7
		<u>36</u>			<u>26</u>

Lyndoch Bowling Analysis: – W. Springbett 6 for 18 and A. Springbett 4 for 19.

With the match against Williamstown being so late in December 1887 it meant the return match did not take place until early in the following year. The return match between Lyndoch and Williamstown was played at Lyndoch on Saturday, January 14, and resulted in a win for the Williamstowns by four wickets. The visitors, however, consented to play on to time. Williamstown scored 63 and 35 making a total of 98 while Lyndoch managed 42 and 49 giving them a lesser total of 91. Players in the Lyndoch team in batting order were Alfred Edson, Franz Juncken, Arthur Springbett, Louis Haines, Thomas Waters, John Mitchell, R. Nuhle, August Minne, James Haines, Ludwig Mahlo, and Fred Parmenter.

#### LYNDOCH'S SCORE SHEET

First Innings			Second Innings		
A. Edson	c Trestrail	1	b Lane		8
F. Juncken	c Godsen	3	b Trestrail		0
A. Springbett	bowled	1	b Trestrail		7
L. Haines	c Godsen	2	c Trestrail		9
T. Waters	st Trestrail	0	run out		0
J. Mitchell	hit wicket	9	c Trestrail		4
R. Nuhle	c Godsen	8	c Trestrail		8
A. Minne	c Leonard	0	c Trestrail		4
J. Haines	run out	12	b Trestrail		2
L. Mahlo	not out	1	not out		4
F. Parmenter	caught	3	b Trestrail		1
Sundries		<u>2</u>	Sundries		<u>2</u>
		42			49

Early in January 1889, Williamstown and Lyndoch again played each other at Williamstown but the results are not known. However the results of the return match played on 15th February were published.

*The Williamstowns played the return match with Lyndoch on Saturday, at Lyndoch, and won by an innings and 27 runs. F.W. Trestrail going in first for Williamstown and carried his bat out for a well made 53 giving one difficult chance when he had made 12 runs.* Lyndoch's team on this occasion was – Friedrich Bitter, L. Minne, Louis Haines, Arthur Springbett, John Mitchell, Walter Richter, William Springbett, James Haines, Edwin Springbett, Hugh Kennedy, William Sands.

#### LYNDOCH'S SCORE SHEET

First Innings			Second Innings		
F. Bitter	b Lane	1	b Lane		12
L. Minne	st Trestrail	2	b Trestrail		6
L. Haines	c Trestrail	0	b Lane		0
A. Springbett	c Trestrail	7	b Lane		0
J. Mitchell	not out	6	c Trestrail		2
W. Richter	b Trestrail	5	b Trestrail		1
W. Springbett	c Trestrail	4	run out		1
J. Haines	b Lane	4	b Trestrail		0
E. Springbett	b Lane	0	not out		1
H. Kennedy	run out	0	run out		0
W. Sands	c Dyer	1	b Lane		0
Sundries		<u>2</u>	Sundries		<u>1</u>
		33			24

### LYNDOCH CRICKET IN THE 1890s

The Bunyip contained a report of a meeting held on Saturday January 3rd 1891, in Madsen's Hotel for the purpose of forming a cricket club, so that there is little doubt of a good eleven being got together.

Later in the year Lyndoch travelled to Tanunda for a match on Saturday 28th November when Tanunda made 78 in their first innings. Lyndoch went in to bat making only 57 runs so continued a second innings reaching a score of 5 for 33. Unfortunately there was not sufficient time to complete the game.

The following month Lyndoch played against Williamstown in a cricket match at Lyndoch on Saturday 12th December. Williamstown in the first innings made 18 runs, with seven players making a duck and the highest score of 7 being made by S. Dyer. Lyndoch in the first innings made 26 runs and were 7 for 70 in the second innings. Bowling figures for Lyndoch were W. Springbett 6 for 10 and H. Juncken 3 for 8. Time prevented Williamstown having a second innings. Lyndoch players were – J. Mitchell, H. Juncken, W. & A. & H. Springbett, L. Haines, H. Brooksbank, G. Jones, C. Bronner, A. Milgate and J. McAllen.

During the summer of 1892 the game of cricket came to the fore with a number of matches being played. The results were published in The Bunyip newspaper as scores were received from clubs involved. The match on 16th January played at Lyndoch against Tanunda resulted in a draw with each side making 106 runs. On 23rd January Williamstown played Lyndoch resulting in a win to Williamstown with scores being 58 runs to 56.

The return match was played on 6th February at Lyndoch resulting in a narrow win by one run for the home team whose score was 75 to Williamstown's 74 runs. The return match against Tanunda took place on 13th February at Tanunda and resulted in a win for Tanunda scores being 96 runs to 71. Players taking part in the match were A. Richter, H. Juncken, J. Mitchell, A. Rowley, W. Springbett, G. Jones, A. Springbett, H. Kennedy, H. Springbett, J. McAllen, and A. Milgate.

On 19th February the Lyndoch Cricket Club proceeded to Pewsey Vale to play a friendly game with a scratch



eleven raised and captained by Mr W. Gilbert, the owner of this beautiful estate. After a somewhat tedious journey up the notorious Trial Hill the visitors arrived in good time, and were hospitably entertained by their host. Mr Mitchell, captain of the Lyndoch team, thanked Mr Gilbert for his profuse hospitality, and Mr Bronner moved a similar vote to Mrs Gilbert and the ladies. Mr Gilbert suitably responded It is only fair to say that several of the home team had not handled bat or ball for years, whereas the Lyndochs have been practising assiduously throughout the season.

William Gilbert



Mary Gilbert

Scores showed Lyndoch the victors by an innings and 7 runs. Pewsey Vale made 71 and 38 to Lyndoch's innings of 116 runs.

#### PEWSEY VALE SCORE SHEET

First Innings			Second Innings		
F. Trestrail	b. Juncken	13	b. Juncken		0
A. Rowley	b Juncken	1	b W. Springbett		1
H. Frankcom	b Springbett	4	b A. Springbett		11
W. Gilbert	c Nicholas	3	c A. Richter		0
H. Howard	b Juncken	0	run out		1
A. Edson	b A Richter	23	lbw Juncken		1
H. Brooksbank	b A. Richter	7	run out		5
A. Springbett	b A. Richter	6	run out		2
F. Engel	b A. Richter	0	runout		1
D. Rogers	b A. Richter	0	c Springbett		4
F. Lakel	b Juncken	2	c Mitchell		0
H. Denson	b Juncken	1	b A. Richter		1
S. Brown	not out	3	not out		0
Sundries		<u>8</u>	Sundries		<u>11</u>
		71			38

#### LYNDOCH SCORE SHEET

First Innings			
W. Springbett	c Rogers	b Gilbert	6
A. Springbett	c Rowley	b Trestrail	0
H. Kennedy	b F. Lakel		2
A. Juncken	b. F. Lakel		16
A. Richter	not out		51
G. Jones	c and b F. Lakel		15
J. Mitchell	lbw F. Trestrail		4
H. Springbett	c F. Engel b F Trestrail		3
O Nicholas	c Rowley b Trestrail		0
C. Bronner	b H. Frankom		1
A. Milgate	b F. Engel		1
A. Nicholas	b H. Frankom		1
E. Stange	b F. Trestrail		0
Sundries			<u>16</u>
			116

On 29th February Williamstown played Lyndoch resulting in another win for Williamstown scores being 59 runs to 30. Top scorer for Lyndoch was A. Springbett with 7 runs with bowling figures being H. Juncken 7 for 37, H. Springbett 1 for 25, J. Haines 1 for 19 and A. Springbett 1 for 8.

In May 1892 while the rail line route to Angaston was being planned the survey group formed a cricket team and challenged Lyndoch to a couple of matches. The Angaston Railway Survey Party lost the match played on 7th May making only 68 runs to Lyndoch's 109. The following week on 14th May a return game was played with the survey team being assisted by several Lyndoch players. This provided a much closer result but Lyndoch was still victorious making 83 runs to the Survey Party's 78 runs.

At the start of 1893 the Cricket Club along with other Lyndoch groups lost the services of Carl Bronner, the local school teacher. *The residents of Lyndoch tendered a hearty farewell to Mr Bronner, the State school-master, on Monday evening, January 16, in the school room when there was a numerous attendance, both of adults and children. Mr Edwin Springbett took the chair, and addresses were given by the Rev H.A. Brooksbank, Dr Richter, Messrs Conrad, Juncken, and Schrader. Mr Bronner feelingly responded. For the last four years Mr Bronner had conducted the school to the utmost satisfaction of all concerned, and the results of his work have been officially described as 'phenomenal'. He succeeded also in instilling good moral principles into the children by word and example. His departure is a great loss to the township, as Mr Bronner took an active part in the Musical Society, Institute, Cricket and Tennis Clubs, and in the Barossa Mission.*

On 4th February Lyndoch won a cricket match against Tanunda, the scores being 74 runs to 67. Top scorer for Lyndoch was Hugh Kennedy with 21 runs and the bowling figures of 6 for 17 went to new headmaster, Max Thiele. However when the return match was played at Tanunda a month later Tanunda was victorious with 5 wickets for 173 runs after Lyndoch was all out for 146 runs. Lyndoch's best all rounder was A.E.H. Evans who top scored with 77 not out and had the best bowling figures of 5 for 48.

The Lyndoch Cricket Club played Nuriootpa at Lyndoch on 25th February and was victorious defeating the visitors 168 to 94. The massive score of 103 not out by A.E.H. Evans certainly helped Lyndoch achieve a great win.

#### SCORE SHEET

NURIOOTPA		LYNDOCH	
Sean Plush	11	M. Thiele	0
R. Richardson	0	A. Gurner	4
M.T. Ellis	10	A.E.H. Evans not out	103
P. Warnecke	29	H. Juncken	6
F. Strother	4	W. Springbett	11
C. Schulz	0	J. Mitchell	1
W.J. Ponder	4	C. Nicholas	8
E. O'Brien not out	9	H. Springbett	0
Sam Plush	15	A. Springbett	5
A. Sauer	0	A. Edson	14
G. Obst	4	J. Haines	12
Sundries	<u>8</u>	Sundries	<u>4</u>
	94		168

Bowling analysis for Lyndoch – W. Springbett 1 for 9; H. Juncken 1 for 28; A. Gurner 4 for 27; M. Thiele 3 for 17; H. Springbett 1 for 6.

With the start of the new season in October Lyndoch played Barossa in the Barossa and Light Cricket Association match scheduled for 28th October at Lyndoch. The match remained unfinished at the end of the day's play with Barossa scoring 119 runs while Lyndoch were 2 for 56. This match commenced on 28th October at Lyndoch was completed on 25th November when Lyndoch added a further 66 runs resulting in their score being 5 for 122, defeating Barossa who had previously scored 119 runs.

Another Barossa and Light Association cricket match, Lyndoch versus Kapunda, was played at Nuriootpa on 2nd December. Kapunda was victorious defeating Lyndoch 126 runs to 99.

To conclude 1893, Lyndoch cricketers went to Williamstown on 16th December to play a match which resulted in an easy win for the home team. Williamstown scored 119 runs to Lyndoch 43. Lyndoch players were W. & A. & H. Springbett, H. Brooksbank, H. & C. & A. Juncken, A. Gurner, C. Belham, A.E.H. Evans, and C. Nicholas.

Lyndoch commenced the 1894 year marking up several wins for the club. Williamstown challenged Lyndoch to a match held on 6th January at Lyndoch which the home team won easily making 143 runs to the visitors 93. This was helped by openers, A. Rowley and W. Springbett, scoring 42 and 40 runs respectively. Bowlers who contributed were A. Evans 5 for 16, H. Juncken 2 for 16 and both W. Springbett and A. Gurner taking 1 for 9.

The Barossa and Light Cricket Association arranged a match, Nuriootpa v. Lyndoch, played at Nuriootpa on Saturday 27th January. Lyndoch had an easy victory achieving 113 runs to 61 made by Nuriootpa. Players for Lyndoch were – A.E.H. Evans, who top scored with 31, A. Juncken, M. Thiele, H. & W. & A. Springbett, L. Haines, J. Mitchell, C. Belham, A. Milgate and H. Minne. Evans also performed well with the ball taking 4 wickets for 30 while Juncken's figures were 5 for 27.

On 3rd February Lyndoch hosted St George Y.M.F.S. in a cricket match at Lyndoch resulting in an overwhelming victory for the home team who scored 5 wickets for 204 runs to the opposition's 55. Max Thiele was the best player making 92 runs and taking 7 wickets for 23 runs.

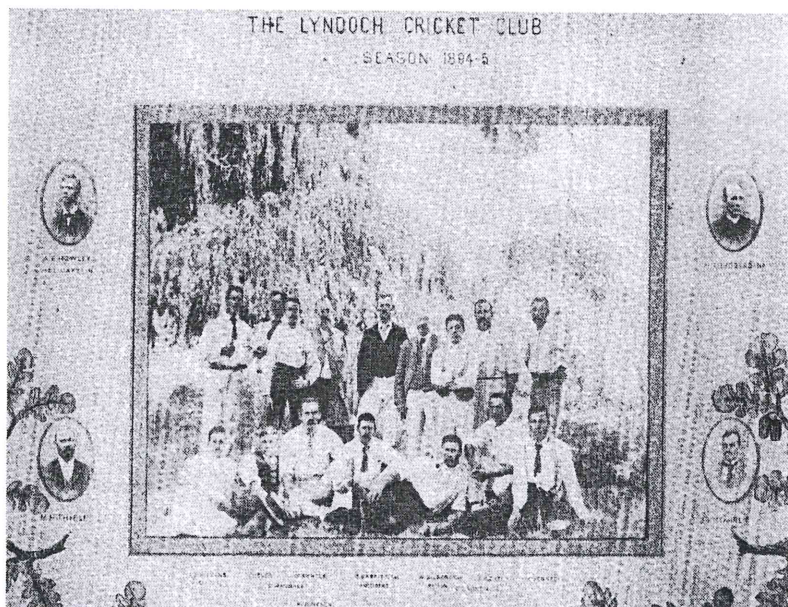
A cricket match programmed under the Barossa and Light Association took place at Lyndoch on 10th March, the home team playing against Nuriootpa. Lyndoch achieved a comfortable win scoring 169 runs to Nuriootpa who only made 95. Hermann Juncken of Lyndoch was the player who enabled the home team to win with figures of 57 retired and 4 wickets for 21 coupled with Arthur E.H. Evans who made 53 and took 2 for 34.

#### LYNDOCH'S SCORE SHEET

A. Rowley	b Plush	6
M.H. Thiele	b O'Brien	8
H. Juncken	retired	57
A.E.H. Evans	run out	53
A. Richter	b Jantke	22
W. Springbett	b O'Brien	8
A. Springbett	not out	1
C. Belham	b O'Brien	1
A. Milgate	b O'Brien	7
Sundries		<u>6</u>
		169

A photograph of the Cricket Club during the 1894 – 1895 season was taken at Pewsey Vale during a game played there. A meeting of the Club was held to organise three framed copies of the photograph – one for William Gilbert, one for the Secretary and one for the Club.

The members of the Lyndoch Cricket Club at the time were – Back Row: A.E.H. Evans (Captain), I. Turner, G. Randall, Dr. Richter, C. Barritt (President), W. Gilbert (Patron), C. Laurent, A. Richter, H. Kennedy. Front Row: H. Springbett, C. Nicholas, H. Juncken (Secretary), A. Springbett, C. Belham, W. Springbett, A. Milgate. Those not present for the photograph were – Left side: A.E. Rowley (Vice Captain), M.H. Thiele. Right side: H.A. Brooksbank, A. Warren.



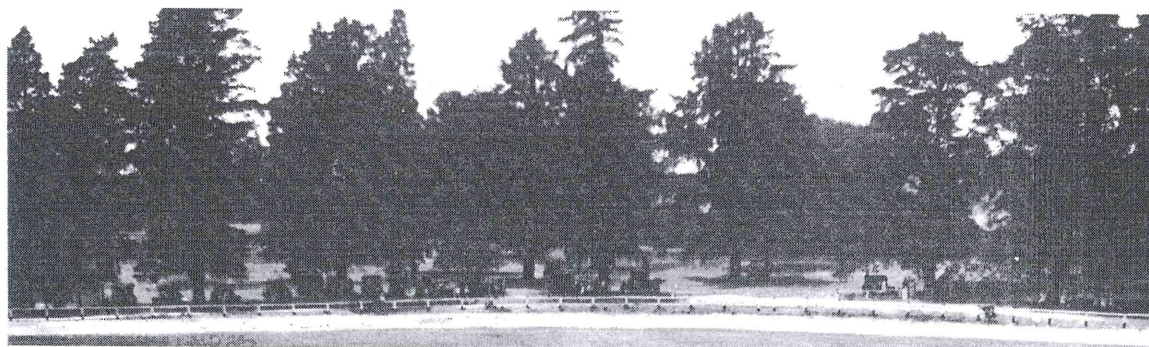
The following year, 1895, a match was played on 23rd March at Lyndoch against St George's team from Gawler. Lyndoch won easily scoring 125 runs to the visitors 43. The low score for the opposition was caused by A.E.H. (Arthur Ernest Herbert) Evans who took 7 wickets for 16 runs.

In the latter part of the year the Agricultural College cricket team played Lyndoch on Saturday November 2nd. Lyndoch in two innings made a total of 88 runs, 60 in the 1st innings and collapsing in the 2nd innings to be all out for 28. College, however, was the winner making 64 in the 1st innings and 1 for 31 in the 2nd innings giving them an overall total of 95 runs.

### ESTABLISHING A SPORTS GROUND

In the early 1890s local residents recognised a need for a permanent recreation ground in the town. A public meeting, with a view to acquiring a suitable site for this purpose, was held in the Travellers' Rest Hotel (now Lyndoch Hotel) on 20th September 1894 and attended by prominent townspeople including Rev Hubert A. Brooksbank (Anglican Minister), Hugh Kennedy, Alfred & Edward Springbett together with those chosen as trustees. A decision was made to lease about nine acres from the South Australian Company for fourteen years at a yearly rental of 1/-. The lease was later renewed for a further five years. The location was Lot 22 of Section 535. The first trustees were Dr Alexander G. Richter, a son of the town's doctor, Messrs David Nicholas, Charles Juncken, John Mitchell, and William Springbett most of whom were involved with the cricket club. The trustees, helped by interested local residents, set about planning the grounds and planting trees. However the newly acquired ground did not come into use until about two years later. This is evident from the report of a cricket match printed in The Bunyip of 27th November 1896.

*A match was played on Saturday at Lyndoch between a team from Agricultural College and the local knights of the willow. The weather was extremely hot, making the match a labor [sic] instead of a pleasure to the players. Notwithstanding this they all played with vigor [sic] and determination and resulted in a win for Roseworthy. Previous to the match the College boys were entertained at luncheon in the Lord Lyndoch Hall by the local club. This is the first match that has been played on the new Recreation Grounds, which were kindly donated [sic – leased from] by the South Australian Company. The Cricket Club have [sic] lately put down a splendid slate and brick pitch, which on Saturday gave players satisfaction. The ground has been planted with trees already, and otherwise improved. Scores:– Lyndoch 62; M. Thiele 19; C. Nicholas 22. Roseworthy 87; Gordon 11; James 30; Birks 12.*



Lyndoch Recreation Ground

A match took place on the Lyndoch Oval on Saturday 19th December 1896, between Lyndoch and Sandy Creek that ended in a win for Lyndoch who scored 132 runs to Sandy Creek with 26 runs. The damage was done by Max Thiele who made 63 runs before he retired not out and had bowling figures of 9 for 11.

On 20th November 1897 Lyndoch hosted the Union cricket team at the oval but unfortunately the visitors were successful making 5 for 73 as opposed to the home team's 51 runs. Max Thiele was the best player making the top score of 22 and taking 4 wickets for 35 runs.

The return cricket match was played on the Gawler Oval on November 27th against the Gawler Union team. Lyndoch was badly defeated only scoring 80 runs to the Union's 4 wickets for 143. Best batting figures for Lyndoch were made by the Springbett trio, Walter John 27; Herbert 16 and Alfred 12. Once again Max Thiele was the best bowler for Lyndoch taking 4 for 46.

Committee Meeting held at Travellers Rest Hotel  
Lyndoch  
Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1898

Present Messrs W.A. & H. Springbett & H. Thiele  
Capt in chair  
Propd Secd by Messrs A & H Springbett  
That they write to the Secy Tourists Club  
to ask them to come out to play a cricket  
match on our ground Monday Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1898,  
if Tourists unable to play Secy to arrange  
a cricket match with the Lyndoch Union  
Club.  
The following team was selected to play in  
above match.  
Messrs J Mitchell W.A. & H Springbett  
M.A. Thiele J.M. Berry W. Sage & Randall S. Lovridge  
F. Randall & H. Thiele.

W. J. Springbett  
(Chairman)

Copy of actual minutes of Cricket Club Committee Meeting 5th November 1898

Some two years later towards the end of 1898, the playing field left much to be desired as is evidenced by The Bunyip report of a game played in December. The Lyndoch Cricket Club was rather late in starting operations this year but it is hoped that they will in the latter part of the season make up for lost time. Their second assay was made against Williamstown on Saturday December 10, on their ground.

Now that the residents of the town have secured an excellent area for a recreation ground, the cricket club should bestir themselves to get a pitch laid down. The present ground is the despair of the fieldsman and sometimes causes him to think strong adjectives. For lack of time the match ended in a draw.

Lyndoch made 139 runs while Williamstown were 6 for 74 when the time ran out. Lyndoch's best player was Max Thiele who made 63 runs and took 3 wickets for 13 runs.

## A SECOND LYNDOCH TEAM

Committee Meeting held at Travellers Rest  
Hotel Lyndoch Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 1898

Present Messrs J Mitchell A Springbett  
H Springbett M A Nicholas

Business To arrange matches.  
Prop & Secd by Messrs J Mitchell & A Springbett  
That the Secy be instructed to try to arrange  
matches with the following Clubs.  
Lyndoch Union, Sandy Creek, Tamindas,  
Williamstown, Kurboopa, Argastou,  
Greenock, Roseworthy. Carried  
Secy instructed to procure 1/2 doz Duke's  
treble seam cricket Balls  
The following team was selected to play  
against W. Williamstown Saty Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 1898  
Messrs J Mitchell, W.A. & H Springbett  
J M Berry, M.A. Thiele, S Page, W Randall  
G Laveridge & M A Nicholas

J. Mitchell  
Acty Chairman

Minutes of Lyndoch Cricket Club Committee Meeting 22nd November 1898

On 4th February 1899, Lyndoch played a cricket match at Sandy Creek beating the home team 71 to 33. The bowling of A. Springbett taking 7 for 19 and H. Springbett with 3 for 14 was instrumental in obtaining victory for Lyndoch. The return match took place on 18th March when Sandy Creek visited Lyndoch for a cricket match which resulted in a very low scoring game. Lyndoch won with a first inning of 37 and second innings of 3 for 19 to the opposition's result of 24 and 6 for 27. A Springbett for Lyndoch had bowling figures of 3 for 10 and 5 for 16 and M. Thiele 6 for 8.

Lyndoch played another match at Sandy Creek two weeks later on 1st April where unfortunately no decision was reached as 'time was called' with the scores being Lyndoch 73 runs and Sandy Creek 5 for 65. Results indicate that Sandy Creek would have gone on to win the game unless a drastic collapse would have occurred.

Later that month on Good Friday the Forest Range team visited Lyndoch with a win to the visitors who were 9 wickets for 84 runs to Lyndoch being all out for 73. Best figures for Lyndoch went to C. Richter who top scored with 24 runs and A. Nicholas 3 for 5 and H. Juncken 4 for 20 providing the best bowling results.

When the season commenced again after the winter break Lyndoch played Sandy Creek at Lyndoch on Saturday September 23rd with the win going to the visitors who scored 6 for 109 to 86 runs by the host club. A few weeks later on 7th October, Lyndoch journeyed to Williamstown to play a cricket match which resulted in a win for Lyndoch who made 74 runs to Williamstown's 59. Good bowling by W. Springbett and C. Nicholas secured the victory.

A further match between Lyndoch and Sandy Creek took place at Sandy Creek on Saturday October 14th with Lyndoch again being defeated making only 101 runs to Sandy Creek scoring 138.

General Meeting held at Travellers Rest Hotel Lyndoch April 19<sup>th</sup> 1899

Present Messrs A Springbett (chair)  
O Klingebiel A Springbett C Richter  
F Randall F Nicholas & A.S. Nicholas

Prop & Secd by Messrs C Richter & A Springbett that no more matches <sup>be arranged</sup> for this season. Carried

Prop & Secd by Messrs A Springbett & C Richter that the Annual General Meeting be held May 16<sup>th</sup> 1899. Carried

Prop & Secd by Messrs C Richter & A Springbett that matters be bound if funds allow after out standing subscriptions are paid. Carried.

A. Springbett  
Vice Captain

Copy of General Meeting Minutes of Lyndoch Cricket Club 19th April 1899

During this period Lyndoch had two teams – one being the regular Lyndoch team and the other going by the name Lyndoch Union. After operating for two years the teams amalgamated. The following report is the only recorded one available referring to both these teams in competition.

Both local teams, Lyndoch and Lyndoch Unions, played each other on 28th October at the recreation ground and the result was a win for the Lyndoch team. [It is thought that the Union team was made up of members of the Lyndoch Farmers' Union that had been established.] Scores – Lyndoch 89; Lyndoch Unions 45.

SCORE SHEET

Batting Figures		Bowling Figures	
Lyndoch: G. Randall	21	Lyndoch: W. Springbett	8 for 21
C.A. Nicholas	18	C.A. Nicholas	1 for 2
H. Nicholas	13	M.H. Thiele	1 for 15
P.G. Richter	11	Lyndoch Unions: O. Blucher	2 for 26
M.H. Thiele	10	F. Menzel	2 for 19
Lyndoch Unions: F. Menzel	12	A. Reu	1 for 6
E.A. Brown	10	E.A. Brown	1 for 14

General Meeting held at Travellers  
Rest Hotel Lyndoch May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1899

Present Messrs W Springbett (Chair)  
J Mitchell R & A Springbett  
J Nicholas F Randall & A. S. Nicholas

Prop & Secd by Messrs A Springbett  
& J Mitchell that Balance Sheet be  
adopted. (Carried)

Prop & Secd by Messrs A Springbett  
& J Mitchell that a levy of 3/- be made.

Prop & Secd by Messrs A Nicholas & A Spring  
bett that Mr Sage be written to first if  
if Mr Sage does not say the term to be made  
Amendment Carried

Prop & Secd by Messrs J Mitchell &  
A Springbett that a series of concerts  
be got up to (aid) raise funds  
in aid of the Cricket Club

Prop & Secd by Messrs A Springbett  
& F Randall that Messrs J Mitchell  
A Kennedy W J & A Springbett J M & J Thie

Part of General Meeting Minutes of Lyndoch Cricket Club 23rd May 1899

Lyndoch was challenged by a new team called the Lyrics. The game was played at Lyndoch on Saturday November 4th and resulted in a draw with time not permitting both sides having all players bat. The scores were Lyndoch all out for 221 with Lyrics only 2 wickets for 64. At the end of the month on 26th November, Tanunda played a match against Lyndoch having made the trip to the recreation ground. In a close game Lyndoch was victorious by 10 runs scoring 130 runs to 120 by Tanunda.

A cricket match at Lyndoch on December 9th had Williamstown 3 for 126 defeating Lyndoch who was only able to make 114 runs. Batting figures for Lyndoch were C. Nicholas 33, A. Tummel 27, W. Springbett 18, E.A. Brown and J. Sands both 10,

A new team had been formed from workmen at the Barossa Waterworks and Lyndoch went to their ground on Saturday December 16th to play a cricket match. Lyndoch soundly defeated the host team by 80 runs. Scores were - Lyndoch 140 runs; Barossa Waterworks 60 runs. The result was brought about by the bowling of Lyndoch players, M.H. Thiele 6 for 12 and W. Springbett 3 for 8 and A. Cheek making 79 not out, supported by J. Mitchell with 20 runs.

The last match for the year between Tanunda and Lyndoch on 23rd December was another close encounter. This time Tanunda won the game by 4 runs, the scores being Tanunda 92; Lyndoch 88.

Cricket matches commenced in the first week in January 1900 when Tanunda played Lyndoch at Lyndoch on Saturday January 6. It resulted in a win for the home team 9 for 131 to Tanunda's total of 113 runs. C. A. Nicholas taking 5 for 30 was Lyndoch's best bowler. Batting honours went to C.A. Nicholas (35), C. Richter (31), and A. Kauffmann 15 not out.

General Meeting held at Travellers' Rest Hotel Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 1900

Present Messrs C. A. Nicholas (Chair)  
 J. Mitchell A. Springbett W. J. H.  
 Springbett C. Richter, J. Richter  
 A. Kauffmann F. & R. Nicholas & Secy  
 E. Lovelidge.

Prop & Secd by Messrs J. Mitchell  
 & A. Springbett that 3/6 call be made.  
 Carried.

The following team was picked to play  
 against Nuriooпа at Nuriooпа  
 Saturday Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1900

Messrs C. A. Nicholas	A. Springbett
J. Mitchell	A. Springbett
C. Richter	W. Springbett
J. Richter	E. Lovelidge
M. H. Thiele	A. R. Kauffmann
H. T. Nicholas	

C. A. Nicholas

Copy of General Meeting of Lyndoch Cricket Club 18th January 1900

The next match played at Sandy Creek on January 13th resulted in an outstanding win for Lyndoch who made 216 to Sandy Creek's 79. Best batsmen for Lyndoch were C. Nicholas 44, and C. Richter and W.J. Springbett both on 42. Bowlers who helped achieve the result were C. Nicholas 8 for 33 and H. Springbett 2 for 42.

The Gawler Waterworks team came to Lyndoch on 28th January where the match result went in favour of the host team. Lyndoch scored 7 for 157 to the opposition team's 68 runs. Best players for Lyndoch were J. Mitchell 62 not out, H. Springbett 2 for 1 and C. Nicholas 5 for 8.

Lyndoch hosted Sandy Creek for the return match that took place on Saturday February 3rd and resulted in an overwhelming win for Lyndoch, its scores being 5 for 199 to Sandy Creek all out for 69. Lyndoch's high score was gained through the batting results of C. Richter 99 and M.H. Thiele 53 not out and W.J. Springbett 22 while A. Springbett took 8 wickets for 34 runs.

Lyndoch travelled to Tanunda for the return match on Saturday February 10th, the game however resulting in a draw as there was insufficient time for both teams to complete their innings. Lyndoch batted first making 143 runs of which C. Nicholas made 39 and C. Richter and M. Thiele each made 27. Tanunda's first innings ended at 5 for 46. H. Springbett with bowling figures of 4 for 11 would have had a win in sight.

On Saturday 26th February it was the Lyndoch junior team's turn to travel to Williamstown where they were able to defeat the host club making 42 and 50 runs to Williamstown with 24 and 33. Youngsters Richard Kauffmann 14 not out and Egbert Button 15 top scored. Lyndoch was also able to produce some good bowling figures – Edward (Ted) Crambrook 4 for 9, Richard. Kauffmann 4 for 14, Herbert T. Nicholas 6 for 8, and Egbert Button 3 for 10.

## AMALGAMATION OF THE TWO CLUBS

General Meeting held at Travellers' Rest  
Hotel Lyndoch Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1900

Present Messrs W J Springbett & Mitchell  
A Kennedy A Cheek G Richter J W Stauffmann  
W J F Nicholas G Sage & A J Nicholas  
G Nicholas G Brambrook G Bluge & G Richter

Mr Mitchell voted to the chair  
Sec Union Cricket Club Moved  
Prop by ~~with~~ Mr Kennedy that the  
question of amalgamation be not  
considered but if Unions wish to join,  
~~to pay~~ <sup>to join</sup> on usual conditions

Prop & Secd by Messrs G Richter & W J Spring  
bett that the Unions be allowed to  
join our Club on payment of 2/6 ball  
& throw in their tools free of charge  
Carried

Prop & Secd by Messrs G A Nicholas &  
J W Stauffmann that new committee is  
formed if two clubs amalgamate for  
rest of season  
Carried

Part of a General Meeting of Lyndoch Cricket Club 1st February 1900

The Gawler Waterworks team journeyed to Lyndoch for a cricket match Saturday October 6th. The result was a draw as Lyndoch was not able to complete its innings being 2 for 31 with Max Thiele being 18 not out compared to the Waterworks making 66. Bowling figures had A. Springbett taking 6 for 22 and M. Thiele 3 for 18. Had there been sufficient time Lyndoch most likely would have been successful.

The following week on 13th October, Lyndoch was destined to again have a draw this time against Nuriootpa. Batting first Lyndoch made 167 but Nuriootpa who scored 5 for 52 were not able to complete their innings. Batting for Lyndoch A. Cheek made 101 runs with F. Juncken 22 and M.H. Thiele making 16. Bowling figures for Lyndoch were F. Juncken 2 for 6, O. Blucher 1 for 4, and A. Springbett 2 for 16.

On Saturday November 17th Lyndoch travelled to Williamstown for a game of cricket. With Williamstown batting second they were unable to finish the innings being 5 for 87 when time was called. Once again Lyndoch had to be satisfied with a draw after making 92 in their innings.

## TWENTIETH CENTURY CRICKET

In spite of the Boer War being in progress games of cricket were played but reports of the outcomes were not published as frequently. The following is the only report found between 1901 and 1910 even though football and tennis matches were reported with scores and players.

On November 1st 1902 a game was played against Williamstown who won making 89 runs to 60 by Lyndoch. Best batting scores and those who reached double figures were made by W. Tucker (17 runs), A. Schluter (13 runs) and H. Springbett (10 runs). W. Tucker took 3wickets for 8 and W. Springbett 4 wickets for 36.

### CONTINUED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RECREATION PARK

In its early years the Recreation Park was administered by a Committee chosen from local residents who supported the Park through a form of subscription. This Committee charged sporting bodies using the grounds ten shillings per annum plus a third of the gate takings. However, the sporting bodies apparently allowed free admission to their games and took up a collection from patrons once inside the grounds. This denied the Park Committee the revenue it needed to maintain the grounds. To raise funds the Park Committee organised a Gala Sports Day on 5th January 1905 but incessant rain caused the event to be abandoned. More successful Gala Sports Days were held in later years. In 1907 the Park Committee arranged for more trees to be planted as part of Arbor Day celebrations that year. The Public School children marched to the grounds and planted pine trees. When they had finished they were given oranges donated by Mr F.K. Warren of 'Springfield', Mt Crawford.

In 1909 the railway line was surveyed through Lyndoch and this resulted in the loss of part of the Recreation Park's land. The Park Committee was unsuccessful in its attempt to gain compensation from the South Australian Railways as the Park was held only on lease from the S.A. Company. In 1911 the Company offered to sell the land to the Park Committee at £15 an acre, and at the expiration of its lease in 1913 the Committee purchased the property. A deposit of £5 was paid and the rest of the purchase price was met by donations from residents and a fancy dress football carnival that raised £10. The Barossa District Council accepted trusteeship of the property and Council minutes of 18th August 1913 record '*Draft of Trust deed by which subscribers proposed to hand over to Council the fee simple [title] of the Lyndoch Recreation Ground. [Council] Agreed to accept land and affix Council seal to trust deed. Meeting of subscribers be called to appoint a Committee of Management [on] Monday September 15th 1913.*

An indenture for the purchase was signed on 1st September 1913, the property being described as part of Section 535, hundred of Barossa, containing eight acres, three rods, twenty nine perches, to be known as the Recreation Ground. The Park Committee of Management henceforth was to consist of ten subscribers of not less than two shillings a year, the members to be elected annually.

The Park Committee was duly elected, comprising Messrs. David Nicholas, Heinrich Klauber, Hugh Kennedy, Edward Springbett, Arthur Crambrook, Edwin J. Filsell, Freidrich A. Menzel, Johann E. Linke, Arthur Springbett, and Gerald C. Randall. At the end of 1913 the council notified the Committee of Management that the Recreation Ground had been assessed at a value of £100 for rating purposes.

### CRICKET DURING THE TEENS DECADE

Cricket reports began appearing in both the Barossa News and The Bunyip. In February 1911 a cricket match was played when the Lyndoch team scored a decisive win over a team from Gawler. The following day a match was played against Williamstown. Later in the year another game was played at Williamstown on 16th October when Lyndoch was soundly beaten by a strong Williamstown line up that made 148. Lyndoch languished making only 62 with Edward (Ted) Bitter making more than half the total score when out for 35 runs.

On February 3rd 1912 Angaston II met Lyndoch at Lyndoch, resulting in an easy win for Angaston who made 230 runs to 55. E. Goesch took 10 for 27 with E. Bitter making 33 runs, the only Lyndoch player to reach double figures. In the latter part of 1912 scores from several matches were recorded. *On Saturday 16th November, the Lyndoch cricket team visited Williamstown and defeated them on their own ground. Scores were 103 to 68. The following Saturday 23rd, the Tanunda team defeated Lyndoch on their ground. Scores were 90 to 73.*

#### LYNDOCH SCORE SHEET FOR EACH MATCH

AGAINST WILLIAMSTOWN			AGAINST TANUNDA		
E. Bitter	b Howarth	5	E. Bitter	c Schulz b Goddart	8
R. Kauffmann	b Cundy	2	H. Bitter	b Kroemer	2
A. Bennett	b Cundy	31	J. Blake	b Goddart	9
J. Blake	b Howarth	45	A. Bennett	b Kroemer	6
B. Springbett	b Cundy	0	B. Springbett	b Goddart	13
H. Springbett	b Howarth	0	W. Williams	b Goddart	20
W. Williams	b Howarth	5	R. Kauffmann	b Goddart	3
H. Jarman	b Lane	0	H. Springbett	run out	0
T. Wilson	not out	4	E. Lange	b Goddart	0
E. Lange	b Lane	2	T. Wilson	not out	8
W. Rushall	b Lane	0	(one player short)		
Sundries		<u>9</u>	Sundries		<u>4</u>
		103			73

On 23rd November, *Tanunda cricket team visited Lyndoch and scored a win over the home men.* Playing only a first innings each Lyndoch scored 73 while Tanunda went on to make 90. W. Williams was Lyndoch's best player top scoring with 20 runs and taking 3 wickets for 6 runs.

*On Saturday December 7, the Lyndoch cricket team visited Pewsey Vale, and played a team representing the station. After the match the players adjourned to the school room, where afternoon tea was provided by the ladies of the station. Capt A. Bennett expressed the thanks of the visitors for their reception and the kindness of the ladies.* Lyndoch who made 71 runs was successful winning by an innings and 18 runs, Pewsey Vale making 35 and 18. The batting line up and scores for Lyndoch were C. Bitter (1), H. Bitter (11), A. Bennett (11), E. Bitter (9), W. Williams (10), B. Springbett (2), L. Wilson (14), H. Jarman (0), J. Lange (9), F. Menzel (0), J. Harrison (2 not out) and Sundries being 2. Bowling figures for Lyndoch were B. Springbett 6 wickets for 9, T. Wilson 1 for 4 and A. Bennett 0 for 5.

On Saturday 14th December to end the year of 1912, *Nuriootpa journeyed to Lyndoch where they played the local team. The match resulted in an easy win for the visitors.* Nuriootpa batted first and scored 172 runs. In spite of 39 made by Andy Bennett and 21 by Richard Kauffmann, the rest of the team gave no support leaving Lyndoch with a final score of 73.

Only one match report has been located for the summer of 1913 regarding a game between Lyndoch and Tanunda in early January with Lyndoch being soundly beaten. The following scores appeared in the Barossa News 17.1.1913.

#### SCORE SHEET

LYNDOCH			TANUNDA		
H. Bitter	b Godden	2	J. Goers	c & b Bitter	17
A. Bennett	st b Godden	20	S. Thomas	b Bennett	7
W. Williams	b Tuohy	0	J.F. Schulz	c & b Bitter	11
B. Springbett	b Tuohy	0	W. Tuohy	lbw b Bitter	21
A. Kauffmann	b Tuohy	2	L. Hacket	b Williams	10
T. Wilson	b Tuohy	0	W. Hamann	b Bitter	8
E. Bitter	b Tuohy	2	C. Yates	not out	0
O. Lange	not out	1	C. Powning	lbw b Bitter	10
E. Bitter	c & b Godden	3	J. Godden	b Williams	2
F. Menzel	c & b Godden	4	G. Lushcombe	b Bitter	2
A. Schroeder	b Tuohy	0	C. Kroemer	c & b Williams	1
Sundries		<u>1</u>	Sundries		<u>4</u>
		35			93

Bowling: W. Tuohy 6/4; J. Godden 4/30

Bowling: E. Bitter 6/39; W. Williams 3/20  
A. Bennett 1/29

Later that year on 25th October the Barossa News gave a report of *the first match of the season played at Nuriootpa against the Lyndoch team who was easily defeated. The local team batted first and in quick time made 220 runs for the loss of 6 wickets. Joe Hatch who was in a hitting mood made 61 runs, in his score were 3 sixes and 7 fours. He also bowled well scoring 5 wickets for 16 runs including the hat trick.* Lyndoch was faced with a colossal target to reach. Ted Bitter top scored with 18 after being bowled by O'Brien and Bill Rushall, the only other player to reach double figures, was bowled for 14.

On 1st November Lyndoch played Tanunda on the Tanunda oval with the game resulting in a win for Tanunda, the scores being 94 to 63. Best for Lyndoch was Bill Rushall who was not out on 23. Lyndoch's bowling figures were Ted Bitter 3 for 35, Jasper Barritt 2 for 20, and Andy Bennett 3 for 30.

Lyndoch was finally successful on 15th November when the Gawler Railway team travelled to the Lyndoch Recreation Park and the local lads were able to double their score of 36 runs due to the bowling of Ted Bitter 6 for 18 and Andy Bennett 4 for 14. Andy Bennett top scored after being caught for 21 and Richard Kauffmann who was bowled contributed 17 runs. Sundries with a total of 10 was the next best score with the others making only a handful of runs.

The situation was reversed the following Saturday on 22nd November, when Smithfield came to the Lyndoch Recreation Park. The visitors doubled the home team's score of 62 runs with Bennett and Kauffmann the only ones to reach double figures.

Lyndoch continued to have home games as the Pewsey Vale team paid a visit on Saturday 29th November. The visitors batted first making a total score of 58 runs with the wicket takers being Bennett, Bitter and Blake. Lyndoch replied by making 147 runs for 3 wickets with A. Bennett retiring on 48, E. Bitter retiring on 54, H. Bitter not out 27, B. Springbett bowled for 16 and sundries amounting to 2.

Their success was soon replaced with a devastating defeat again on the Park on 13th December when Nuriootpa took on Lyndoch. The visitors batted first making 181 runs. Lyndoch's score amounted to 56 runs of which Andy Bennett top scored with 26 followed by sundries of 12 and Herbert Jarman not out on 8.

### CRICKET DURING WWI YEARS

Although references to tennis and football have been found during 1914 no cricket match details are available. Later in the year the Great War commenced and over the following four years a number of Lyndoch men joined the services. In spite of this cricket matches were organised. During January 1915 Lyndoch played Bonnie Flat both at Lyndoch and then journeyed to Bonnie Flat for the return visit. Both games were won by Lyndoch who was a much stronger team. The local eleven won the first encounter 117 to 61. The second match played when *the sun was exceptionally hot, but notwithstanding this, much vigor [sic] was put into the game.* The final scores were Lyndoch 156 to Bonnie Flat 84. The Lyndoch team in batting order were Andy Bennett (5), Ted Bitter (20), Arch Wellman (10), Harry Bitter (28), Richard Kauffmann (4), Hermann Ludewig (18), Albert Geue (32), Fred Barnes (11), Herbert Jarman (3), Carl Lange (5), Tom Wilson (8), Bill Haese (not out 5). Bowling figures – E. Bitter 7 for 22, H. Bitter 2 for 10, A. Wellman 1 for 12, A. Bennett 1 for 34, and H. Ludewig 0 for 1.

In February the Angaston "non wowers" team came to Lyndoch and played a match that resulted in a win for the home team 118 runs to 63. Ted Bitter with an excellent 63, the total score of the opposition, was best with the bat and added bowling figures of 5 for 41 as well. He was supported by Andy Bennett who took 5 for 17. The next game saw Gawler Railway travelling to Lyndoch and being successful making 193 runs to Lyndoch's 134. This time Lyndoch's best batsmen were Andy Bennett with 71 and Harry Bitter with 42.

Tanunda came to the recreation park in March and beat Lyndoch by 31 runs. Tanunda made 95 runs in their innings while Lyndoch could only manage to reach 64 when they were all out to the bowling of W. Tuohy 6 for 20 and G. Kroemer 3 for 13. This was followed in April by a game played at Williamstown between Lyndoch and Bonnie Flat. Lyndoch ran out easy winners making 108 runs to 65 by Bonnie Flat.

During March the junior cricketers also played a couple of successful matches against neighbouring Williamstown. *A cricket match of a most interesting character was played between the two teams on the Lyndoch Recreation Park and resulted in a win for the local lads.* Scores were 123 to 64. The Lyndoch team in batting order consisted of Oswald Reu (18), Lawrence Edson (1), Albert Engel (17), Walter Chapman (8), Reginald Sands (19), Herbert Sands (26), Frank Engel (not out 0), Claude Copp (16), Keith Lange (16), and Roy Williams (2). *The return match between these teams was played at Williamstown on Saturday March 20, and again resulted in a win for the Lyndoch boys.* Williamstown batted first and were all out for 37 runs while Lyndoch took the match at 7 wickets for 46. Albert Engel and Oswald Reu shared the wickets between them taking 5 each.

With the war in progress fund raising by various groups in the town was undertaken to enable "comforts" to be sent to those serving "King and Country". One such occasion involved the cricketers. *A collection was taken up at the Ladies v Gents cricket match, in connection with the Red Cross, when 18/6 (\$1.85) was collected towards that fund.*

At the commencement of 1916 cricket reports were being published in the local papers. The first match was played between teams representing Lyndoch and Williamstown. *It resulted in a win for the home team with 90 runs to spare. Mr R. Kauffmann was the highest scorer with 60.*

#### SCORE SHEET

LYNDOCH			WILLIAMSTOWN		
W. Glasson	b Heath	25	H. Cundy	c & b Bitter	20
R. Kauffmann	b Heath	60	H. Hall	run out	2
H. Bitter	b Pinson	23	W. Woolford	c & b Bitter	7
E. Bitter	b Pinson	4	W. Pinson	b H. Bitter	1
J. Fewster	b Brown	18	P. Heath	b E. Bitter	0
W. Caldicott	b Brown	0	A. Marriott	b H. Bitter	1
C. Bitter	b Brown	0	H. Glastonbury	b E. Bitter	1
F. Williams	not out	8	G. Brown	b Bitter	2
C. Reu	b Brown	2	E. Springbett	b E. Bitter	8
E. Kauffmann	c & b Brown	0	L. Wiltshire	not out	8
C. Caldicott	b Pinson	0	S Gee	b J. Fewster	5
Sundries		<u>11</u>	Sundries		<u>6</u>
		151			61
Bowling: E. Bitter 6 for 31, H. Bitter 2 for 19			Bowling: G. Brown 5 for 8, W. Pinson 3 for 59		
J. Fewster 1 for 5			P. Heath 2 for 33		

The next game was played at Lyndoch against Nuriootpa with the home team winning by 21 runs. The visitors batted first but due to the good bowling of Andy Bennett taking 5 for 26 and Ted Bitter with 4 for 22, Nuriootpa was contained to a total score of 51. In reply, Lyndoch were all out for 72 runs.

4th February saw Lyndoch and Williamstown contesting the cricket match which went the way of Lyndoch who scored 159 runs to Williamstown's 92.

#### SCORE SHEET

LYNDOCH			WILLIAMSTOWN		
A. Bennett	b Howarth	16	W. Pinson	c & b Bitter	0
H. Bitter	b Howarth	6	H. Glastonbury	b Bitter	1
W. Glasson	b Marriott	36	H. Springbett	c & b Bennett	2
E. Bitter	b Marriott	58	A. Marriott	b Bitter	0
R. Kauffmann	b Marriott	6	Howarth	not out	52
C. Bitter	b Marriott	1	E. Brown	b Bitter	0
F. Williams	stp	1	L. Wiltshire	b Bitter	0
O. Reu	b Howarth	16	O. Lane	c & b Bitter	24
F. Menzel	run out	1	J. Fry	b Bitter	0
S. Glasson	b Howarth	0	S. Gee	b Bitter	0
A. Gottwald	not out	2	L. Lane	b Bitter	4
Sundries		<u>10</u>	Sundries		<u>9</u>
		159			92
Bowling: E. Bitter 8 for 28, C. Bitter 1 for 16 A Bennett 1 for 39			Bowling: Marriott 4 for 23, Howarth 4 for 45, G. Brown 1 for 31		

On 10th March a match was played at Nuriootpa. *In a match against Lyndoch, a late start was made owing to the late arrival of the visitors. Lyndoch batted first and scored 130 runs. Nuriootpa with only an hour left to bat made a bold bid for victory and just succeeded in doing it, Kretschmer playing a brilliant innings of 75 runs not out. He gave chances but they were not accepted, and off the last over scored 21 runs, including 2 sixes, 2 fours and a single. He was ably assisted by L. Plush and E. Crambrook. E. Bitter with 28 and W. Glasson with 25 top scored for Lyndoch.*

#### CRICKET REVIVAL

No cricket results featured from 1917 to 1919 in fact no sporting results of any genre have been located. The reasons are not clear for this – possibly more men enlisted leaving fewer to make up the team and travelling would have been difficult with austerity measures in place during wartime. However at the start of the 1920 – 1921 season, a revival of cricket took place. The Barossa News of the 10th October contained an account of the second game played by Lyndoch. *A cricket match was played on the Lyndoch oval on Saturday last between the Greenock and Lyndoch teams. The Greenock's won the toss and elected to bat, but were only able to make 38 against the bowling of the home team. The Lyndoch's replied with 90, thus recording their second win for the season. The principal scores were Greenock – O. Handtke 9, P. Edwards 7, R. Radford 7, T. O'Brien 5. Bowling – E. Bitter 8 for 19, R. Northey 2 for 17. Lyndoch – W. J. Glasson 43, E. Crambrook 18, R. King 7, T. Wilson 5. Bowling – O. Handtke 4 for 15, W.E. Lunn 3 for 10, M.W. Ellis 1 for 15, G. Schluter 2 for 3.*

That there was a cricket revival is supported by a correspondent's report for The Bunyip on 26th November 1920. *After a lapse cricket has been revived in Lyndoch. A club has been formed, and a keen interest is taken in the national game. At a meeting held recently the following officers were elected – Captain, Mr E. Crambrook; Vice Captain, Mr A. Bennett; Secretary, Mr F. Nicholas; Selection committee, Captain, Vice Captain and Secretary. Frequent practice has been indulged in and the first match against Williamstown took place on Saturday, November 13th, and resulted in a win for Lyndoch. Williamstown made 55 following the excellent bowling of E. Bitter who took 6 for 8 and A. Bennett 3 for 4. Best batting figures showed E. Crambrook 28 and E. Bitter 17 making half the total of Lyndoch's 81 runs.*

*On Saturday, November 20th, the Lyndoch team journeyed to Greenock, and tried conclusions with the local team. The weather was ideal and the drive through the hills was very enjoyable. The match proved a very interesting one, Greenock winning by 11 runs. Lyndoch with a total of 99 runs fell short of Greenock's total of 110. E. Bitter 4 for 27, W.J. Glasson 3 for 29, and E. Crambrook 2 for 4 took bowling honours for Lyndoch while E. Bitter 34 and A. Crambrook 20 were best with the bat.*

*A cricket match was played on the Lyndoch oval on Saturday, December 4th, between the Greenock and Lyndoch teams. The Greenocks won the toss and elected to bat but were only able to make 38 against the bowling of the home team. The Lyndochs replied with 90 thus recording their second win for the season. Edward (Ted) Bitter 8 for 19 and Robert Northey 2 for 17 brought about Greenock's collapse. William (Bill) J. Glasson 43 and Edward (Ted) Crambrook 18 did their part with the bat.*

*On Saturday December 11, the Williamstown and Lyndoch cricket teams met on the Lyndoch oval. Lyndoch's captain won the toss and elected to bat. From the start the scoring was rapid, and the innings closed with the total at 200. The feature of the innings was the batting of W.J. Glasson who made 104 not out. The Williamstown's replied with a total of 56. The principal scores were Lyndoch – W.J. Glasson 104 not out, F. Nicholas 35, R. Kauffmann 26, R. Northey 13, H. Bitter 7, A.G. Bennett 5. Bowlers – G. Cundy 2 for 40, F. Conlin 2 for 49, R. Crooks 1 for 23, W. Pinson 0 for 15, W. Lane 2 for 24, A. Marriott 0 for 8. Williamstown – W. Pinson 23, H. Trestrail 14. Bowlers – E. Crambrook 3 for 1, A.G. Bennett 4 for 13, E. Bitter 1 for 10, R. Northey 1 for 28.*

The Lyndoch cricketers played Tanunda shortly before Christmas on Saturday 18th December and their big scores continued. The Tanunda players came to Lyndoch to *try conclusions*. The home team batted first declaring their innings closed at 4 wickets for 218 runs. The visitors batted in reply but were only able to score 48 runs with Ted Bitter taking 7 for 29 and Andy Bennett 3 for 18, allowing Lyndoch to have a huge victory. The Lyndoch players used to amount the massive score were W. Glasson (95), H. Bitter (12), E. Bitter (5), E. Crambrook (53 retired), F. Nicholas (35 not out) and A. Bennett (3 not out) with sundries of 15 adding to the total.

## CRICKET DURING THE TWENTIES DECADE

The 1920 season continued into 1921 when on 19th February *the local cricket club organised a very enjoyable trip ... A match had been arranged to be played at Greenock, and occasion was taken to pay a visit to Seppeltsfield en route. The tourists were conveyed in a motor lorry under the charge of Mr J. Kluge. An early start was made, and Seppeltsfield was reached in good time. Here the visitors were courteously received, and a thorough inspection of the various processes in the wine making industry was made. The journey was resumed and Greenock was reached in time for lunch, an event which was duly appreciated by all. In the afternoon the match between the visiting and local teams was played and resulted in a win for Lyndoch. The principal scores were – Lyndoch – H. Bitter 35, W. Glasson 12, E. Bitter 9, F. Nicholas 8, and R. Kauffmann 7; total 81. ... Bowling – E. Bitter 3 for 29, W. Glasson 4 for 27, E. Crambrook 2 for 8. The return journey was safely negotiated and the homeward drive in the cool evening made a pleasant finale to a very enjoyable trip.*

On Saturday 12th March, a team representing the Paradise Cricket Club journeyed to Lyndoch to play a match against the local eleven. An early start was made both teams playing 12 men. The visitors won the toss and elected to bat. The principal scores of the visitors were contributed by H. Payne 91, L. Colver 23, R. Ridley 33. The innings closed with the total of 179. The successful bowlers for Lyndoch were A.G. Bennett 5 wickets, E. Bitter 3 and R. Northey 2. Lyndoch responded with a total of 170 leaving the visitors victors by the close margin of 9 runs. The principal scores for Lyndoch were made by T. Kretchmer 38, J.W. Schulz 34, R. Northey 31, W. Glasson 17, R. Kauffmann 15, E. Crambrook 8, and R. Wilson 7. The bowlers who secured wickets for the visitors were Green 5, H. Payne 2, R. Ridley 3 and Mayne 1.

On 19th November the Lyndoch Cricket Club signalled the opening of the season by making a trip to Kersbrook to meet the local wielders of the willow. The outing proved to be a very enjoyable one. The match resulted in a win for the Lyndoch team. The scores were – Lyndoch, A.G. Bennett 46, E. Bitter 9, W. Bitter 7 not out. Total 77 For Kersbrook, Warner 5 wickets and Rehn 3 wickets were the most successful bowlers. The Kersbrook team replied by compiling 52 runs. For Lyndoch the most successful bowlers were E. Bitter 3 wickets, with E. Crambrook, A. Kauffmann and A.G. Bennett each taking 2 wickets.

In January 1922 Lyndoch played Tanunda on the Lyndoch oval, where *the Tanunda team was badly beaten by their opponents. The Lyndoch team rattled up 188 for 5 wickets and Tanunda replied with 65 runs. Later The Bunyip published on 17th March 1922 contained the following report. The Lyndoch Cricket Club has had a very successful season so far being beaten for the first time on Saturday last by Union (Gawler) team at Lyndoch. The game was well contested the Lyndochs were minus the services of several of their players. ... The total scores were – Union 140, Lyndoch 103. Principal Lyndoch scorers were E. Crambrook 24, L. Harper 15, W. J. Glasson 13, H. Springbett 12, and A. Engel 13. Best bowling figures went to L. Harper 4 for 28, A.G. Bennett 4 for 54, and H. Springbett 1 for 14.*

During 1923 and 1924 a number of cricket reports appeared in the local papers but were published under the heading Junior Cricket Association. Most of the games were played in the vicinity of the Gawler area so perhaps the Association for that district may have been known as the "Junior Cricket Association".

The first game played was on 10th November when College (Roseworthy) played Lyndoch. Lyndoch, batting first, declared their innings closed at 135 with W. Glasson, the top scorer, making 40. L. Harper 22 and H. Bitter 29 not out helping to add to the score. When stumps were drawn at the end of the day, College were 8 wickets down for 98 runs making the result a draw. Best bowling for Lyndoch went to Les Harper 3 for 21 with both Ted Bitter and Richard Kauffmann 1 for 8.

Another game played in November 1923 had Lyndoch competing against the Gawler Unions. Lyndoch defeated them well making 157 runs to the opposition's total of 59. Several of the players were sons of the adult team's players. Lyndoch's players in batting order were J. McDonald 41, L. Harper 28, W. Glasson Snr 27, R. King 20, E. Bitter 10, H. Bitter 12, E. Crambrook 10, H. Dix 0, R. Kauffmann 1, J. Springbett 4, W. Glasson Jnr 0 not out. In the bowling statistics W. Glasson took 6 for 27, J. McDonald 3 for 17 and E. Bitter 1 for 7.

The next recorded game was played on Saturday 1st December. Lyndoch played Freeling who only made a total of 68 in reply to Lyndoch's score of 129. Les Harper top scored with 67 supported by W. Glasson Snr 37. E. Bitter took 6 for 13, L. Harper 1 for 3, J. McDonald 1 for 16 and W. Glasson 1 for 30.

This was followed by a game on Saturday 15th December when Gawler South played Lyndoch. Gawler South made a total of 88 runs but Lyndoch, who had a player short, was only able to make 68 with Les Harper making 32 runs. Lyndoch bowlers shared the wickets with H. Springbett taking 3 for 9, W. Glasson 3 for 31, L. Harper 2 for 21, E. Crambrook 1 for 7 and E. Bitter 1 for 13.

Mid January 1924 Lyndoch played the Gawler Unions again and continued with a victory after scoring 202 runs to 96. The large score was due to J. McDonald who made 92 runs just four short of the Unions' total. The opposition's score was curtailed by the bowling of H. Springbett taking 3 for 11 and W. Glasson 3 for 22. It appears that H. Springbett was not present to take part in the batting line up for Lyndoch but was present and able to take the field when required to bowl.

On 2nd February Gawler South had a return match against Lyndoch with a similar outcome. In spite of having a full side, Lyndoch was only able to make a total of 54. South on the other hand put together a score of 113. McDonald with 30 runs was the only Lyndoch player to reach double figures. Bill Glasson 5 for 50, Les Harper 2 for 26, Ted. Bitter 1 for 8 and Andy Bennett 1 for 9 were the successful Lyndoch bowlers. At the end of the month a game was played against Freeling but final scores were not provided.

The season commenced again after the winter break with the Club's Annual Meeting held in the Institute last week (of September). The team had a very successful season last year, being one point below South Gawler for premiership honours. Mr McDonald secured the prize for highest batting average in the association. The balance showed a credit balance of nearly £7. The officers for the ensuing season are as follows: – Patron, Mr J. Rushall; President, Mr H. Springbett; Captain, E. Crambrook; Vice Captain, L. Harper; Secretary, H. Dix. The prospects for a successful season appear bright.

The Gawler Unions went to Lyndoch for the first Gawler Association match that was played over two Saturdays. This was the first mention of Lyndoch joining any Association for a formalised competition. The Unions went to Lyndoch on October 11 and 18, the cricket team in that town having joined the Gawler Association. The Union Captain, C Wasley, winning the toss, decided to bat, sending in C. Forgie and P. Rix. Forgie was caught with the score at 14, and Wasley who went in next was bowled with the score at 23. R. Roberts joined Rix (who was batting well), and the total was carried to 119, when Roberts put his leg in front of a straight ball and retired with a well made 26. Dawkins joined Rix, who was batting in fine style, although suffering from cramp and the partnership carried on in fine style until Rix was stumped with his score at 71. Dawkins knocked up 67, when he was caught in deep field. He hit five fours and two sixes. The Union team being two men short closed the innings at 233. Glasson and McDonald took three wickets each. The Lyndoch team went to the wickets, but no batsman stayed there long. Sherwood batted very steadily for 36, being let off on two occasions. Smith, who hit out, reached 23, and the innings terminated at 96. French bowled well and took three wickets for five runs, and Davis kept a fine length and gained two for nine. Lyndoch men had their "follow on". McDonald batted very well for 37, and Sherwood again showed form with 27. Harper batted firmly and defied all bowlers to shift him, remaining at the sticks for 22. At the call of time the score was 128 for 8 wickets. Wasley came off well bowling in the second innings, getting the best average, with three for seven.

#### LYNDOCH'S SCORE SHEET

1st Innings			2nd Innings		
E. Bitter	b Robinson	0	J. McDonald	c Forgie b Roberts	37
E. Sherwood	b Davis	36	W. Glasson	run out	12
J. McDonald	b Roberts	5	E. Sherwood	lbw b Davis	27
W. Glasson	b Wasley	9	E. Bitter	b Roberts	0
L. Harper	b Forgie	5	L. Harper	not out	22
E. Crambrook	b Forgie	10	S. Smith	b French	7
S. Smith	b French	23	E. Bruce	c Dawkins b Wasley	9
E. Bruce	b French	1	E. Crambrook	b Wasley	0
R. King	b French	0	H. Dix	b Wasley	3
H. Dix	b Davis	2	R. King	not out	0
C. Higgins	not out	1	(C. Higgins – not listed)		
Sundries		<u>4</u>	Sundries		<u>11</u>
		96		8 wickets for	128

Another two day match Lyndoch versus College (Roseworthy) played on the College oval on November 8th and 15th was reported in The Bunyip on 21st November 1924. *The first day's play Lyndoch scored 85 and the College lost two wickets for 15 runs. On returning the following Saturday the College players were quickly dismissed for the total of 67. Lyndoch followed but were [sic] dismissed for 29 runs. Martin was responsible for this collapse, and obtained the phenomenal bowling average of eight wickets for five runs. At one stage of the innings his average read six wickets for no runs. With 28 minutes to make 48 runs and to avoid defeat the College started their second innings. Williams and Scott were soon dismissed, but Drew and Eaton partnered a match winning stand. Drew's batting was sensational. He hit three sixes. At six o'clock College had 3 wickets down for 76.*

#### LYNDOCH'S SCORE SHEET

1st Innings			2nd Innings		
L. Harper	c Drew b Nannes	38	J. McDonald	not out	24
E. Sherwood	thrown out	6	E. Sherwood	b Martin	1
J. McDonald	b Williams	5	W. Glasson (Snr)	b Martin	0
W. Glasson (Snr)	b Sinclair	10	L. Harper	b Martin	0
H. Bitter	b Williams	8	E. Crambrook	b Martin	1
E. Bruce	b Williams	3	E. Bitter	b Martin	0
E. Bitter	b Curlewis	6	H. Bitter	b Martin	1
H. Dix	c Scott b Curlewis	0	H. Dix	b Martin	0
W. Glasson (Jnr)	b Nannes	3	W. Glasson (Jnr)	run out	0
E. Crambrook	c Drew b Williams	1	C. Higgins	b Martin	0
C. Higgins	not out	2	E. Bruce (absent)		0
Sundries		3	Sundries		2
		<u>85</u>			<u>29</u>

Lyndoch played Gawler South shortly afterwards in a two day game. Gawler South made 109 runs in their first innings followed by 202 runs in the second innings. Lyndoch managed 99 runs in their first innings falling short by 10 runs. However it appears that time was up resulting in Lyndoch's second innings ending at 1 wicket for 47 runs.



*Lyndoch Cricket Team circa 1923 – 1924*

*Back row: J. McDonald, H. Springbett, G. Missing, unknown, unknown, H. Bitter, E. Bitter, unknown, A. Springbett  
Front Row: E. Crambrook, A. Rushall, L. Harper, A. Kalms, A. Bennett, unknown*

On 16th January 1926 Lyndoch travelled to the Gawler oval to play against Gawler South B grade and was still unable to find the measure of the Gawler teams. South B scored 133 with Lyndoch only able to make 46 runs. The batting line up for Lyndoch was L. Harper 10, E. Sherwood 10, E Crambrook 0, E Bitter 9, W Patterson 0, H. Bitter 0, H. Dix 2, H. Springbett 2, R. Mewett 9, C. Higgins not out 2, J. Springbett 1, sundries 1. Bowling for Lyndoch – Crambrook 3/12, Mewett 3/29, H. Bitter 2/10, E. Bitter 1/13, and Harper 1/38,

The following month Gawler was the venue for a cricket match played against Gawler Union. Lyndoch made 106 runs only to be defeated by the Union team who made 137 runs. Lyndoch batting results – Harper 39, Mewett 24, and E. Bitter 13. Bowling figures – Sherwood 3/26, E. Bitter 2/7, and Harper 2/36.

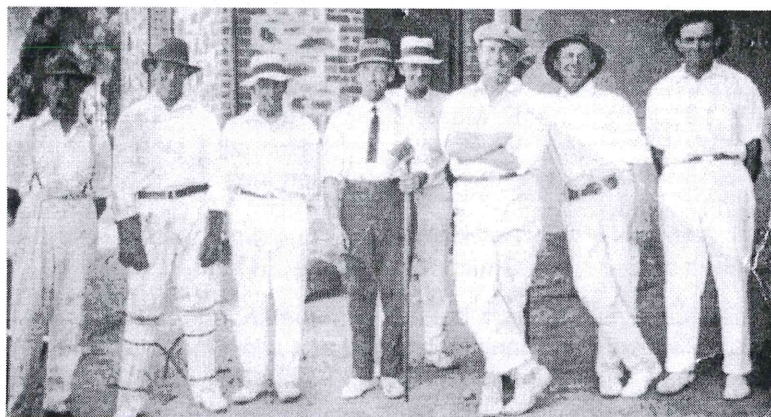
A fancy dress masquerade ball was held in the hall on Wednesday evening, April 14 to augment funds of the cricket and tennis clubs. Mr E. Bruce, (secretary of the cricket club), assisted by the ladies of the tennis club, worked very hard to make the evening a pleasant one. The hall was decorated with coloured streamers and balloons, and the attendance was large. The judges for the various prizes were Mesdames J.H. Armitage, J. Balnaves and Mr W. Neville. The music was performed by Mr Langbein, and Mr Filsell was M.C. This event would have celebrated the end of the 1925-1926 sporting season for both groups.

The Gawler B grade Cricket Association began its first round on Saturday last, November 6. Lyndoch drew the Essex XI and started the season well taking the honours with 207 runs to 104.

LYNDOCH			SCORE SHEET	ESSEX XI		
L. Harper	lbw b Rawlins	50	M. Leopold	c & b Mewett	3	
T. Sherwood	b Lucas	0	A. Jordan	b Harper	7	
T. Bitter	b Bennett	12	R. Bennett	b Harper	1	
T. Crambrook	b Mortimer	29	K. Lucas	b Bitter	5	
H. Bitter	b Bennett	9	W. Mortimer	b Crambrook	22	
R. Mewett	b Rawlins	49	H. Rawlins	b Sherwood	6	
G. Reynolds	retired	17	J. Tehan	not out	12	
A. Rushall	b Lucas	6	J. McCann	b Reynolds	25	
H. Springbett	b Bennett	8	A. Jeisman	b Harper	15	
G. Missing	b Lucas	2	J. McLeod	b Harper	4	
A. Filsell	not out	3	A. Parham	b Harper	0	
Sundries		<u>22</u>	Sundries		<u>4</u>	
		207			104	

It appears that Lyndoch remained part of the Gawler Cricket Association for the rest of the decade as the teams played against were from Gawler and further afield. On 12th February 1927 Essex travelled to Lyndoch for a cricket match. Perhaps it was the "home ground advantage" coming into play that helped Lyndoch defeat the visitors 202 runs to 93. Les Harper was "man of the match" scoring 51 retired with the bat and taking 8/60 with the ball. Ted Crambrook assisted making 30 runs and taking 2/0.

The Barossa News published on 21.4.1927, carried a report of the **first premiership** won by Lyndoch. *The Lyndoch Cricket Club have had a very successful season and claimed the right of premiers to the Gawler Association. The final challenge match was played at Freeling between Freeling (minor premiers) and Lyndoch. Freeling won the toss and elected to bat but collapsed miserably and were all out for the small total of 43 runs. E. Crambrook 7 wickets for 18 runs and E. Bitter 3 wickets for 8 runs being responsible for the failure of Freeling. Lyndoch passed this score with all their wickets in tact. L. Harper making 32 not out and T. Sherwood 14 not out. Play was stopped as soon as this score was made. The outstanding feature of the season is the remarkable performances of the captain, L. Harper, who finished the season with a total of 602 runs for 11 completed innings; he also took 53 wickets for 446 runs. E. Crambrook has the best bowling average taking 36 wickets for 202 runs.*



Photograph taken in front of the pavilion

Left to Right:

Bert Springbett, Harry Bitter, Ted Crambrook, Bill Glasson,

Frank Nicholas, Frank McDonald, Ted Bitter, Les Harper.

At the commencement of the season in September the cricket club held an Old Timers' masquerade dance in the Institute on September 15. There was a good attendance and the old fashioned costumes caused much amusement. The judging was done by Mr and Mrs P. Uren and Mr and Mrs F.P. Denholm. Prize winners were – Mesdames R. Kauffmann and L. Harper, best pair Old Timers; Mr F. Chapman, Granny; Mr E. Bassett, Ghost; Mr G. Randall, absent-Minded Gentleman (special prize). The stroller waltz was won by Miss Marjory King and Mr W. King. Music was supplied by Mrs Wilksch and Mr Coppins acted as M.C. Supper followed.

Further success occurred for Lyndoch at games played in November 1927. Les Harper and Ted Crambrook were amongst the better performers. In the match against Gawler Railway, Lyndoch declared at 4 wickets for 219 with Les Harper being caught and bowled by Greenwood for 100 runs and Ted Crambrook being caught by Hubber for 70 runs. In reply Gawler Railway was all out for 87 with Les Harper taking 5/11, Allan. Rushall 3/9, and Ted Crambrook 1/12.

On 26th November Smithfield came to Lyndoch who was again successful making 153 runs to Smithfield's 89. Lyndoch's batting line up was L. Harper 20 retired; F. Patterson 23; C. Higgins 8; E. Bitter 27; E. Crambrook 47 retired; A. Rushall 10; H. Bitter 5; R. Kauffmann 0; G. Missing 5 retired; A Kalms 2 not out; H. Kennedy 0; sundries 6. Bowling figures for Lyndoch were E. Bitter 4/19; L. Harper 2/24; A. Rushall 1/7; and E. Crambrook 1/25.

A return match played at Smithfield in February 1928 saw Smithfield victorious with 169 runs to Lyndoch's 116. In the same month Lyndoch played Gawler Rail on 4th February at Gawler and on February 18th Roseworthy came to Lyndoch. The early match was easily won by Lyndoch 2 wickets for 133 to 111 runs for Gawler Rail. However the other game was the reverse with Roseworthy scoring 111 runs to Lyndoch's total of 77.

#### LYNDOCH'S SCORE SHEETS

LYNDOCH v GAWLER RAIL (4th Feb)			LYNDOCH v ROSEWORTHY (18th Feb)		
L. Harper	not out	69	L. Harper	c & b Mitchell	10
C. Higgins	c & b Bradshaw	30	C. Higgins	b Mitchell	15
E. Bitter	b Bradshaw	0	E. Crambrook	b Teakle	12
C. Fergusson	not out	21	E. Bitter	b. Mitchell	1
Sundries		<u>13</u>	H. Bitter	b Mitchell	2
		133	A. Rushall	b Mitchell	10
			G. Missing	b Mitchell	0
			R. Kauffmann	b Carr	1
			H. Springbett	not out	18
			A. Kalms	b Carr	0
			C. Bitter	b Carr	4
			Sundries		<u>22</u>
					77

Results of two other matches were incomplete. On 25th February Lyndoch played Gawler South at Gawler. Lyndoch made 141 runs with South finishing with 1 wicket for 52. Another game played at Lyndoch on 10th March had the Co-operative (Gawler) making 197 runs with Lyndoch finishing the day with 3 wickets for 76 runs. These games probably would have been classed as a draw.

On 17th March 1928 a semi final was played at Gawler between Lyndoch and South with Lyndoch winning by 2 runs. This is the first occasion found where Lyndoch has featured in a final and unfortunately the result of the following grand final game has not been located.

#### SCORE SHEET

LYNDOCH			SOUTH		
E. Bitter	b Donohue	0	F. Donohue	hit wicket b Harper	4
L. Harper	b Chirgwin	24	A. Rose	b Crambrook	7
E. Crambrook	b Donohue	23	J. Donohue	b Harper	4
H. Bitter	c & b Griffiths	13	W. Wilton	b Springbett	14
A. Rushall	run out	19	O May	b Bitter	32
H. Springbett	st b Griffiths	4	N. Draycott	lbw b Bitter	12
R. Kauffmann	b Neve	6	H. Chirgwin	b Crambrook	18
G. Missing	b Donohue	1	Griffiths	not out	12
D. Kennedy	not out	2	Folland	b. Crambrook	0
R. Menzel	b Neve	0	R. May	b Rushall	2
A. Kalms	c & b Neve	12	W. Neve	b Rushall	4
Sundries		<u>13</u>	Sundries		<u>6</u>
		117			115
Bowling: E. Crambrook 3/18; A. Rushall 2/15;			Bowling: F. Donohue 3/22; W. Neve 2/2;		
E. Bitter 2/18; L. Harper 2/36; H. Springbett 1/23			Griffiths 2/37; Chirgwin 1/24		

On the 19th October 1928 Lyndoch played a match against Tanunda but *owing to the shortage of time, resulted in a draw*. Tanunda batted first making a total of 123. Lyndoch's innings finished at 4 wickets for 74. Those who batted for Lyndoch were C. Higgins (2), J. Reynolds (19), H. Springbett (7), M. Fiebig (not out 11), A. Rushall (not out 8), L. Harper (19) and sundries of 8 byes.

Later in October Lyndoch went on to play Roseworthy College. Only the first inning results were found published in The Bunyip of 9th November 1928 showing Lyndoch scoring 109 runs to College 60. The batting line up for Lyndoch was Les Harper 22; Colin Higgins 4; Charles Fergusson 7; Roger Wilson 0; Ted Bitter 24; Harry Bitter 12; Allan Rushall 0; Max Fiebig 14; Angus Kalms 6; W. Elliott 2; David Kennedy 1 not out with sundries of 17. Bowling figures – E. Bitter 5/11; H. Bitter 2/9; A. Rushall 2/24.

Results of games played in January and February of 1929 saw Lyndoch play Souths (Gawler). Making a score of 6 wickets for 210 Lyndoch declared the first innings closed. Souths could only make 41 and were made to follow on with the second innings that resulted in the score being 2 wickets for 45 at the close of play. Les Harper (72) and Bill Guiney (60) starred with the bat while Les Harper 6/18 and Ted Crambrook 3/17 took bowling honours.

One February game was against the Co-operative (Gawler) who batted first and made 166 runs. Lyndoch finished the day's play with 4 wickets for 114 runs. Les Harper took the honours both batting and bowling with 69 not out and 6/43. Another was against Tanunda resulting in a low scoring game which the home team (Tanunda) won on the first innings by 1 run.

#### SCORE SHEET

LYNDOCH			TANUNDA		
C. Higgins	c Schulz b Graue	6	C. Juttner	c Menzel b Bitter	21
W. Wood	c Chick b Graue	5	H. Wallent	b Rushall	0
W. Guiney	c & b Graue	3	H. Graue	b Rushall	0
A. Rushall	b Grau	2	H.R. Schulz	stp b Rushall	0
E. Bitter	c Summers b Graue	0	C.P. Chick	c Bitter b Rushall	0
H. Bitter	b Schulz	7	J. Summers	b Wood	3
M. Fiebig	c Schulz b Handke	3	B. Wuttke	c Higgins b Wood	1
W. Elliott	b Handke	2	V. Lindner	b Wood	4
R. Menzel	b Graue	0	W. Standish	b Wood	1
L. Bitter	c Wallent c Handke	0	O. Handke	b E. Bitter	3
D. Kennedy	not out	1	J.C. Meyer	not out	2
Sundries	8 byes, 1 no ball	<u>9</u>	Sundries	4 byes	<u>4</u>
		38			39
Bowling: W. Wood 4/13; A. Rushall 4/16, E. Bitter 2/2			Bowling: E. Graue 6/17; O. Handke 3/4 H. Schulz 1/6		

It appears that Lyndoch was at last establishing a talented cricket team and in March played in another semi final game against Gawler South. South batted first and made a total of 91 runs and in reply Lyndoch was 6 wickets for 99 runs at the end of play. Les Harper made 42 runs with sundries of 19 the next highest total. W. Wood 6/25 and L. Harper 3/25 took bowling honours. Unfortunately no report showing final match figures has been located but in the Club's annual meeting report it indicated that Lyndoch was defeated by the Essex team in the grand final match.

The following report featured in The Bunyip 20th September 1929. *The annual meeting of the Lyndoch Cricket Club was held on Thursday 12 September 1929. It was decided to again reform the club for the ensuing season. Election of officers: – Mr J.K. Barritt, President (re-elected); Patron Mr J. Rushall (re-elected); Mr Ken Appleton, secretary and treasurer (re-elected); Vice Presidents Rev C. Noon, P.N. Collins; Auditor Mr A.T. Wiener. It was unanimously decided not to affiliate with the Gawler B Grade Association for the ensuing season. The team was very successful last season in the Gawler Association, but failed to hold the title of being the superior team of the season, being defeated by the Essex team in the final by four wickets, this being the only match the team was defeated in. Mr Les Harper (captain) was again successful in having the highest batting average 55.8 and Mr H. Springbett the bowling 6.5. Two trophies were awarded, one for the most catches and the other for the most improved junior. Mr Collin Higgins being the successful player for the former and Mr Max Fiebig for the latter. The club will be pleased to arrange matches with any club team on off Saturdays or otherwise during the forth coming season. At the close of the season 1928-29 the club showed a credit balance of £8/12/9.*

The period known as the Great Depression occurred at this time but did not seem to have much influence on the locals as they were still able to field a cricket team and play some cricket matches travelling to various locations. On 23rd November 1929 the Tanunda cricket club journeyed to Lyndoch and was defeated by 49 runs. Lyndoch made a total of 132 runs with Colin Higgins run out for 55 and Harry Bitter 23 and Les Harper 22 having the next best batting figures. Tanunda was only able to make 83 runs due to the magnificent bowling of Les Harper who took 8 for 32 supported by Ted Crambrook 1 for 11 and Allan Rushall 1 for 16.

The following season a few match results were published for Lyndoch games. The first was played at Lyndoch on Saturday October 25th 1930 against Essex. The Gawler team was no match for Lyndoch who doubled their score making 127 to 62. Several new players had joined the Lyndoch Club with the batting line up being C. Higgins (3), M. Fiebig (3), E. Bitter (27), E. Crambrook (13), H. Norsworthy (29 retired), H. Bitter (0), A. Rushall (5), L. Harper (5), A. Kalms (23), L. Bitter (4 not out), J. Down (2 not out) and sundries of 13. Bowling honours went to E. Bitter 4/15; E. Crambrook 3/11; L. Harper 2/0; and H. Bitter 1/5.

On November 8th, Lyndoch was again successful on their home ground defeating One Tree Hill after having declared their innings closed at 7 wickets down for 164. In reply the visitors were only able to make 85 runs having been bowled out of the game by Ted Bitter who took 5/9. Ted Crambrook had 2/25, Les Harper 1/23 and Allan Rushall 1/24. The run getters for Lyndoch were H. Bitter (45 retired), M. Fiebig (43), and A. Kalms (37).

A team from Smithfield came to the Lyndoch oval on 13th December. The home team was lucky to survive with a draw finishing the day at 7 wickets down for 86 runs. Smithfield who batted first made 221 runs with their opener, H. Jarvis, carrying his bat with a score of 106 not out. Colin Higgins and Les Harper top scored for Lyndoch both making 27 runs.

Lyndoch had a great victory to finish off the year at a game played on December 29th against Angaston on the Angaston oval. *The home team put up 119. E. Miles 30 being the best scorer. Lyndoch tried 8 bowlers, the most successful being E. Crambrook 3 for 6, and Rushall 4 for 21. Lyndoch made a very solid reply to Angaston, and by fast play ran up the huge total of 329 for 9 wickets. Higgins 96 and Fiebig 76 were the opening batsmen, and their solid defence demoralised the bowling. With the first wicket down, Wood also plied the willow, and retired with 52 to his credit. The balance of the team did from fair to indifferent; but "Mr" Sundries ran up the good tally of 31. Angaston tried every man as a bowler, but it was left to four to get the wickets – Short 3, Whelan 2, A, Chinner 2, R. Chinner 2.*

### **ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS AT THE PARK IN THE 1920s**

In August 1922 a report appeared in The Bunyip. *The Lyndoch Park Committee have been busy making arrangements for the erection of a pavilion on the recreation ground. Their efforts so far have met with success in that plans of a building have been passed and an immediate start has been made in the erection. When completed the building will supply a long felt want. Provision is being made for two dressing rooms and a pavilion for the convenience of spectators. In 1923 plans were accepted to erect a stone building that would meet several needs. Its design included two dressing rooms and a pavilion for spectators. The cost of £63/10/- and much of the material was donated and carted free of charge. The E.S. & A. (later ANZ) Bank lent the necessary money on the personal guarantees of Messrs Evans, Randall and Springbett. Unfortunately the building had a defect and extensive repairs were needed only two years later. The Barossa News published a report on the New Lyndoch Pavilion on 8th March 1923.*



*The pavilion under construction*

*The foundation stone of the Lyndoch Recreation Park Pavilion was laid by the Rev J.H. Waters, Rector of Holy Trinity Lyndoch on Saturday afternoon March 3rd, at 3.30 p.m. The building which will supply a long felt need is to be of stone, and will be 65 ft long and 20 ft wide. At either end there is to be a dressing room, 12ft 6 in wide. The stone for the building has been presented by Messrs Springbett Bros., and quarried and carted by an enthusiastic band of voluntary workers. The members of the Committee with Mr E.N. Evans as Chairman and Mr H.C. Randall as Hon. Secretary are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts. The Contractor for the building is Mr R. Kauffmann.*

With only a small income the Park Committee faced the continuous difficulty of maintaining the grounds and buildings. In looking for help from the District Council of Barossa, the Park Committee was advised early in 1928 to increase charges to groups using the oval, and to make an admission charge when games were played there. Soon after this, the problems must have seemed too hard to solve and the Park Committee apparently ceased to function. A public meeting was held in the Institute on 25th November 1929 with the objective of reforming the Park Committee. The Bunyip of 13th December 1929 reported: *For some time there has not been a Committee [of the Recreation Park at Lyndoch], and therefore, the park requires a great deal of attention. Mr E.C. Filsell was elected chairman and Mr Ken Appleton secretary and treasurer, with the committee to be constructed of those present, with power to add. A motion was unanimously carried in favour of holding a sports meeting on January 1st, 1930, to endeavour to raise sufficient funds to carry out the necessary requirements on the oval and buildings.*

A sports meeting was held and resulted in a net profit of £15. The new Committee planned some landscape changes to the grounds and in 1930 Council approval was obtained for the removal of two rows of sugar gums on the western side of the oval and the replanting with approved ornamental trees. Council permission was also given in 1930 to remove trees along the front fence of the oval. In 1943, during the Second World War, the Park Committee again ceased to function and the Barossa District Council assumed the management of the property

## CRICKET DURING THE THIRTIES DECADE

*At Lyndoch on Saturday, January 3, (1931) the home team met Rosedale. The visitors could not show up against the bowling of L. Harper, who secured 8 wickets for 29, Jordan 29, being the only scorer of note. The innings closed for 51. In their second knock, Rosedale could add but a unit on their first tally, being disposed of for 52. This time Wiebusch made 20. Harper was again destructive, getting 6 for 23. Lyndoch knocked up 99 for 6 wickets, Fiebig 41, Bitter 21 and Higgins 18. Seven bowlers were tried, Nettlebeck being successful with 3/25.*

The Gawler Cricket Association match on Saturday, January 20th saw Lyndoch travel to One Tree Hill's ground. Here they were trounced by the opposition who made 119 runs to 36 with no Lyndoch batsman reaching double figures, and the top score being 8 runs. The following day, Sunday, Lyndoch played Williamstown on the Lyndoch oval and the change in the team's performance was incredible. *Lyndoch put up a solid score of 265. The most outstanding were C. Higgins 44, A. Kalms 62 and Max Fiebig 103 (retired). Bowlers found Fiebig a solid batsman, placing them to any point. Williamstown tried out 9 bowlers, M. Adams being most successful. The Williamstown batsmen were not as superior as the home team with the bat, scoring 107. The home team put on only 4 bowlers, C. Higgins taking 5 wickets at a cost of 60 runs; E. Bitter 5 for 29.*

Lyndoch's luck continued when they went to the Railway ground on Saturday 31st January. They were able to score 124 runs against Gawler Railway bowlers and in reply were able to get Railway out for 101 runs mainly due to Colin Higgins who took 4/35 and Les Harper with 4/46. Ted Crambrook took 1/2 runs. Batting honours for Lyndoch went to Ted Bitter (52) and Max Fiebig (25).

*Lyndoch Cricket team met the Royal Oak team from North Adelaide on February 1st, which resulted in a win for the home team. Lyndoch opened the match and C. Higgins and M. Fiebig, opening batsmen, made the winning score, 91 and 22 respectively; sundries 12. The remainder of the team went very cheaply, only scoring 6 runs – total score 132. Royal Oak team put on five bowlers; the most successful were Conlin, taking 3 for 28, and Forde 3 for 44. The batting of the visiting team was not as superior as the home team, the outstanding scores in their first innings were Williams 26, Teague 12; total score 77. Lyndoch returned the visitors to bat. Royal Oak made a score of 97; outstanding scores were Teague retired for 20, and Talbot 20. In the first innings Lyndoch put on seven bowlers; A. Rushall and E. Bitter were the most successful, taking 2 for 6 and 3 for 13 respectively. In the second innings Rushall proved to be the superior bowler of the day taking 7 for 43.*

In November 1931 Lyndoch played Smithfield declaring their first innings closed at 3 wickets for 216 runs. Max Fiebig was not out 101 and Colin Higgins was caught and bowled for 79. Smithfield was only able to make a total of 66 runs due to the bowling of Les Harper 6/32, Ted Crambrook 2/10 and Colin Higgins 2/14.

During the next three years no results of cricket matches have been located. Football and tennis games were played so it is highly likely some games of cricket would have taken place. By the time the 1933-34 season arrived the Lyndoch Club was well established. With the nucleus of players from the mid 1920s forming the team it is not surprising that another premiership was at hand. Lyndoch won the semi final against Smithfield and met South Gawler in the final on the Gawler oval on 3rd and 10th March 1934. At the end of two hard fought days the match was unresolved as scores stood at Lyndoch 306, South Gawler 5 for 151. A third Saturday, 17th March, was required to get a result with South being dismissed for 192. Lyndoch had won **another premiership**. The bowling strength of the team was with spinners Ted Crambrook, Ted Bitter and Les Harper. Members of the premiership team were Les Harper (Captain), Colin Higgins, Harold Bennett, Max Fiebig, Rob Cameron, Angas Kalms, Ted Crambrook, Ted Bitter, Allan Rushall, Harry Bitter, and Norm Reu.

At the commencement of 1935 results were again being published in the local papers. *Although the Lyndoch oval on Saturday (5th) was rather "dead" owing to the wet weather, Souths on winning the toss decided to bat and opened their innings with May and Donohue. Three wickets had fallen for 45 when Lawrie (playing his first game in this Association) became associated with his captain (May) in a partnership of 63. Nottle helped May to add another 64 for the sixth wicket, and Dangerfield and the skipper added 105 for the seventh wicket, the innings ending all out for 331. May's innings of 155 came to an end when going for runs, being caught on the boundary. Apart from a badly missed chance of being caught when 45, his innings was without blemish. Dangerfield (45), Laurie (39), and Nottle (32) all batted soundly. Although L. Bitter took 2 wickets for 5 he was called on to bowl when the batsmen were taking risks to score quickly, and Harper's 4 wickets for 87 off 13 overs was the better effort. The game continued the following week on Saturday January 12th with Lyndoch batting. The home team's first three batsman (Higgins, Fiebig and Hearl) gave their team a good start in the effort to overhaul South's score of 331, made on the previous Saturday. With the second wicket falling at 105, Lyndoch appeared to still have a chance of averting defeat, but Kalms (who scored 28 by hard hitting) was the only following batsman to offer any resistance to South's' attack, the remaining 8 wickets adding only 7 runs. Lyndoch in its second innings had lost 4 wickets for 40 runs when stumps were drawn. While runs were of little use to Lyndoch in the second innings, there seemed little justification for the refusal of Higgins to respond to his partner's (Crambrook) call on the few occasions when "safe" singles could have been gained. Dawkins 7 for 75 and C. Wasley 3 for 12, were the most successful bowlers. Lyndoch made 152 runs in their first innings and had to follow on with their second innings reaching 4 wickets for 40 runs. Max Fiebig top scored with 50 runs, followed by Colin Higgins with 30 runs.*

Lyndoch's next game was against Smithfield and Lyndoch was placed in a good position at the end of the day being 5 wickets for 295 runs. *The partnership of 209 by Higgins and Fiebig is a record for Lyndoch Cricket.* Lyndoch's batting results were C. Higgins 112, M. Fiebig 142, J. Hearl 3, R. Cameron 0, E. Bitter 4, N. Reu not out 18, L. Bitter not out 0, and sundries of 16. The following is a premiership table published in The Bunyip 1st March 1935.

**CRICKET**  
PREMIERSHIP TABLE  
Grade A1

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Souths	7	6	1	--	13
Lyndoch	7	5	2	--	10
Co-Operative	7	4	3	--	8
Smithfield	7	4	3	--	8
Railways	7	1	5	1	3
College	7	--	6	1	1

Co-operative third position on Percentage

Results of cricket matches during the State's centenary year have not been located. However in October 1937 a game was played over two weeks and the outcome published in The Bunyip. Lyndoch played Gawler Central and in the first innings Lyndoch had the lead making 130 runs to 116 by Central. Continuing the following week, Lyndoch made 150 runs in their second innings but could not get Gawler Central's team out. They were 3 for 39 when insufficient time had the match resulting in a draw.

By December 1937 the A1 Cricket premiership table showed a different line up as published in The Bunyip at the time.

**CRICKET**  
PREMIERSHIP TABLE  
Grade A1

Central	21 points
College	15 points
Freeling	15 points
Lyndoch	14 points
Smithfield	9 points
Sandy Creek	8 points

On 22nd January 1938 Lyndoch again met Central in a game that also ended in a draw in spite of Lyndoch's good first inning total of 324.

LYNDOCH'S SCORE SHEET

First Innings				
C. Higgins	c Wasley b Dangerfield	24	Central First Innings	84 runs
M. Fiebig	stpd b M. Alexander	107	Lyndoch bowling figures:	
R. Turvey	b M. Alexander	27	N. Reu	2/14
E. Bitter	b Dangerfield	3	C. Higgins	5/33
L. Bitter	b Dangerfield	4	A. Engel	1/6
A. Engel	b Dangerfield	47		
H. Bitter	b A. Alexander	23	Central Second Innings 5 for 234	
R. Cameron	lbw b Dangerfield	0	Lyndoch bowling figures:	
O. Krieg	b Dangerfield	4	N. Reu	0/37
C. Kalms	not out	36	C. Higgins	3/26
N. Reu	c & b Lawrie	26	A. Engel	1/45
Sundries		13		
		324		

By February 1938 the A1 Cricket premiership table as published in The Bunyip still showed Gawler Central on top.

**CRICKET**  
PREMIERSHIP TABLE  
Grade A1

Central	37 points
Smithfield	33 points
Lyndoch	30 points
Freeling	24 points
College	9 points
Sandy Creek	11 points

In January 1939 Lyndoch played against Smithfield on the Lyndoch oval in the second round of matches in the Gawler Cricket Association. Lyndoch player, E. Crambrook, took 6 for 2 runs including a hat trick. The Bunyip published the following report. A remarkable bowling feat was performed by Ted Crambrook during a cricket match against Smithfield in 1939. *On Saturday afternoon last, January 20, the Lyndoch Cricket Club met the Smithfield team on the Lyndoch oval in the second round of matches in the Gawler Cricket Association and rather a remarkable feat of bowling was accomplished by our veteran, Mr E. Crambrook, he taking six Smithfield wickets for two runs, including the Hat Trick. In Ted's long association with cricket, he has, I don't think, ever done better. He has all his life taken a keen interest in the game, and it is pleasing to see him still taking his place in the team helping to keep the club together and fostering the game in our town.*

Lyndoch had successful matches and by March had worked its way up the premiership ladder to be in top position.

**CRICKET**  
**PREMIERSHIP TABLE**  
**Grade A1**

Lyndoch	50 points
College	43 points
Smithfield	43 points
Central	35 points
Sandy Creek	28 points
Railway	14 points

Unfortunately even though Lyndoch finished the season as minor premiers, they were defeated in the final by College.

*On display in Lyndoch Historical Society museum  
Cricket ball used by Ted Crambrook*



When matches resumed after the winter break the premiership table in November 1939 showed Smithfield with 20 points, Lyndoch 18 points, Central 13 points, Sandy Creek 8 points, Railway 3 points, and College, last year's final winners on 2 points. However by the end of the season Central was minor premiers with 58 points and Lyndoch just making the fourth spot on 42 points. The batting aggregate for the Association was won by Max Fiebig with 522 runs. In a match during the season he had scored 100 runs in 90 minutes.

In the first week in January 1940, Lyndoch travelled to Greenock for a game. *On Sunday a cricket match was played at Greenock between the local team and Lyndoch. The match was won by Lyndoch by 19 runs. The outstanding performance of the afternoon was the excellent double by M. Fiebig who dismissed five Greenock batsmen for only 14 runs and then, as opening bat for Lyndoch, retired at 59. In Greenock's innings R Payne, opening bat, top scored with 62.*

**SCORE SHEET**

LYNDOCH			GREENOCK		
M. Fiebig	retired	59	R. Payne	c Down b Bitter	62
R. Cameron	b Mewett	6	J. Gniel	c Cameron b Adams	0
A. Engel	b Gottwald	43	R. Mewett	c Fiebig b Bitter	47
W. Adams	b Schluter	1	N. Gottwald	b Fiebig	4
A. Bitter	retired	16	T. Hempel	b Fiebig	2
E. Bitter	retired	15	B. Beckmann	lbw b Fiebig	0
M. Down	b Cundy	0	A. Payne	c & b Fiebig	0
H. Snelling	not out	2	G. Schluter	b Fiebig	0
Daniels	c & b Gottwald	0	V. Kalleske	c & b Snelling	3
O. Krieg	absent	0	M. Cundy	not out	3
Jackson	b. Cundy	0	C. Hage	c Down b Snelling	0
Sundries		<u>17</u>	Sundries		<u>9</u>
		149			130
Bowling: M. Cundy 2/3; N. Gottwald 2/40; G. Schluter 1/19			Bowling: M. Fiebig 5/14; H. Snelling 2/9; E. Bitter 1/3; W. Adams 1/28; A. Bitter 1/32		

On Good Friday of that year Central, Association premiers, played a match against 'The Rest' on the Lyndoch Oval. Central went on to defeat 'The Rest' proving to be one of the best sides Gawler has had for many years. Max Fiebig was Lyndoch's representative in the team for 'The Rest'.

At the end of the year results of two unsuccessful cricket matches by Lyndoch, both against Railway, were published. The first saw Lyndoch making 89 being defeated by Railway who scored 136 in a game played at Lyndoch. Lyndoch batsmen were M. Fiebig 22, R. Cameron 14, A. Springbett 0, M. Down 21, A. Engel 6, J. Hissey 9, E. Crambrook (Capt) 2, K. Reu 2, R. Haese 5, M. Bitter 2, sundries 6. Bowling figures were A. Engel 2/29, J. Hissey 2/42, M. Fiebig 0/46, M. Down 0/20, E. Crambrook 3/18, A. Springbett 3/30, and R. Haese 0/7. In the game a week later Railway made 209 runs dismissing Lyndoch very cheaply for 82 runs, and winning easily. Lyndoch's batting line up was R. Cameron 9, J. Hissey 0, M. Down 14, M. Fiebig 15, A. Springbett 6, K. Reu 0, R. Haese 2, E. Crambrook 24, M. Bitter 0, D. Dwyer 0, with sundries 12.

## CRICKET IN THE FORTIES DECADE

At this time most of the local groups were involved in fund raising for the war effort and organising a game of cricket for this purpose would have been seen as a good idea. A social game was organised in April 1941. *Mr R. Cameron was organiser of a Cricket match between Married and Single players at the Lyndoch oval on Saturday. The married men proved too good for their opponents, the scores being 144 runs to 114. For the successful team R. Cameron top scored with 68, whilst E. Bitter, besides a very handy 30 runs, was outstanding with the ball, claiming six wickets. A. Bitter scored 64 of the single men's total. Proceeds were for the Sweets Stall which will benefit to the extent of £1/8/6.*

At the beginning of October 1941, Messrs E. W. Crambrook and R. Cameron (delegates) represented the Lyndoch Cricket Club at the Meeting of the Gawler and District Cricket Association held at Gawler. *It was decided to again form the association for organised competitive play, the following teams giving immediate indication of again affiliating: Gawler Centrals, Roseworthy College, Gawler Railway, and Lyndoch. Arrangements are being made for One Tree Hill and Smithfield to combine to put in a team, whilst there is a possibility of one other club also coming in with a team. The first series of the 1941-42 season commences next Saturday 11 October, when the Lyndoch XI will be at home to Roseworthy College.*

A couple of weeks later the Barossa News had the headline for a sports report **Lyndoch Cricket XI Defeated by Roseworthy College**. *In the second day of play, Roseworthy College continued their innings, which stood at 3 for 24. They went on to score 121, defeating Lyndoch by 51 runs on the first innings. In their visit to the batting creases, the home team had lost seven wickets for 71 runs at stumps.*

### SCORE SHEET

<p>LYNDOCH (1st Innings)    Total 70 runs</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">LYNDOCH (2nd Innings)</p> <p>Fiebig                    c &amp; b Yeo                    5</p> <p>Lukeman                c &amp; b Krause                17</p> <p>Hameister              b Woon                      2</p> <p>Down                    b Hilton                    29</p> <p>Dyer                     b Woon                      1</p> <p>Klauber                 b. Hilton                    1</p> <p>A. Crambrook        lbw b Barlow                7</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Sundries                    9</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">7 wickets for              71</p> <p>Lyndoch bowling figures:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Hameister 3/15; Fiebig 3/30;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">W. Rushall 1/5; Dyer 1/12;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Crambrook 1/17; Down 1/25</p>	<p>COLLEGE 3 wickets for 24 runs</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">COLLEGE (1st Innings continued)</p> <p>Chapman                b Down                      23</p> <p>Potts                    st b Hameister              3</p> <p>Harrison                c &amp; b Hameister              14</p> <p>Harris                    b E. Crambrook              2</p> <p>Krause                    lbw b Fiebig                 9</p> <p>Yeo                        lbw b Fiebig                 13</p> <p>Day                        b Fiebig                      5</p> <p>Barlow                    b Dyer                        23</p> <p>Broderick                not out                      17</p> <p>Woon                     b Hameister                 7</p> <p>Hilton                    b Rushall                    2</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Sundries                    13</p> <p style="text-align: right;">121</p>
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A few weeks later the results were reversed with the headline **Lyndoch Cricketers Easily Defeat Gawler Railways**. *With no play on the first day of this match on account of rain, the game was confined to one day only, each side batting a set time. Lyndoch had first use of the wicket, and at the close of their allotted period, had scored 125 for the loss of six wickets. The opening batsmen, Cameron and Lukeman gave them a good start, putting 59 runs on the board before the former was dismissed. The latter remained not out for 57. Matthews proved Railways most successful bowler, securing five wickets at a cost of 46 runs. Wickets fell quickly in the Railways' innings; Hameister and Fechner bowling unchanged, took all the wickets to dismiss the Gawler side for a total of only 36 runs. Gordon was the only batsman to reach double figures.*

The results for Lyndoch see-sawed with each headline when later in November the headline read **Centrals Score Freely in Match at Lyndoch**. *The home team spent the afternoon in the field last Saturday, on the first day of their match with Centrals (last year's premiers). The visitors had scored 289 runs for the loss of only 5 wickets at stumps and hold a strong grip on the game. ... I. Dangerfield in a forceful and productive innings reached his century in very quick time and in his last over before stumps. His tally included 9 sixes and 4 fours. K. Fechner (3/73) and B. Lukeman (2/33) were the only bowlers to meet with success.*

Lyndoch's bad luck continued with the headline **Lyndoch Cricketers Again Set Big Score to Chase**. *At Riverside on Saturday, in the first day of play in the match against Lyndoch, the local eleven declared their first innings closed with the total at 231 for the loss of seven wickets. The visitors in reply had lost three wickets with only 20 runs on the board when stumps were drawn. Bowling – A. Searle 1/0; A. Crambrook 1/6; E. Crambrook 2/23; M. Down 2/29; M. Fiebig 1/85. Other players included Lukeman, A. Klauber, R. Haese, and R. Cameron.*

Early in December another devastating headline for Lyndoch appeared in the Barossa News stating **Lyndoch Defeated by Centrals in Association Match**. *In the second day of play in their match versus Gawler Centrals at Lyndoch on Saturday, the home team scored 91 in reply to the visitors' total 289 (for 5 wickets). Only two batsmen reached double figures, K. Klauber scoring 34 and M. Fiebig 29. Centrals put on 55 for the loss of one wicket in their second visit to the crease.*

A fortnight later the headline read **Lyndoch Cricket Club Withdraw From Association**. *In view of the international situation and also an endeavour to assist in the very necessary conservation of petrol – now more imperative than ever – the Lyndoch Cricket Club has decided to withdraw from the Gawler and District Association for the duration. The match in progress against Riverside has therefore been forfeited, and the Lyndoch club's share in the balance of the 1941-42 programme abandoned.*

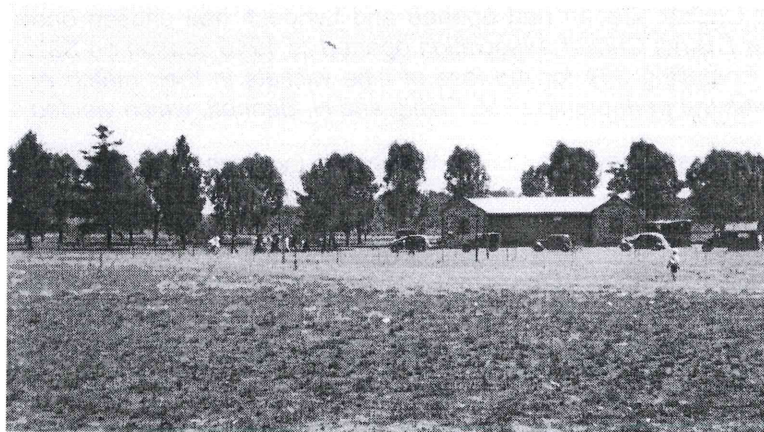
With World War II coming to an end in August 1945 it was not long before cricket in Lyndoch was taken up and in March 1946 the local team played a couple of games against Tanunda. In the first one Tanunda defeated Lyndoch by 99 runs, the scores being Lyndoch 33 – Tanunda 132. Lyndoch's team consisted of Harold Bennett, Max Fiebig, Max Bitter, Allan Bitter, Kelvin, Klauber, George Daly, Crad Jones, John Fuss, Graham Fuss, Cliff Kalms, and Roly Haese. A week later *Lyndoch returned Tanunda's visit on Sunday when they won the match by a single run, final scores being 113 to 112. Tanunda batted first.*

LYNDOCH			SCORE SHEET	TANUNDA		
K. Klauber	b Fechner	12		V. Stoll	b Bennett	18
M. Bitter	b Richter	18		F. Kowald	b Bennett	6
H. Bennett	b Stoll	25		L. Richter	b Bitter	8
M. Down	b Fechner	31		K. Fechner	b Down	8
A. Bitter	b Stoll	1		R. Zander	b Down	14
G. Fuss	b Fechner	4		N. Fechner	b Jones	16
R. Haese	b Zander	2		K. Goers	retired	20
H. Snelling	b Meyer	9		J. Meyer	not out	5
C. Jones	b Fechner	0		C. Meyer	b Fuss	10
D. Searle	b Zander	1		R. Mibus	not out	1
O. Krieg	not out	1				
Sundries		<u>3</u>		Sundries		<u>6</u>
		113		Declared 7 wickets for		112

### A NEW START FOR THE LYNDOCH PARK

In 1948 a new and vigorous Park Committee was formed which raised money and conducted working bees and by these means improved pavilion and grounds of the Park. This continued to be the pattern of the Park management over the years as dedicated groups of volunteers, one after another, and with only limited finance, worked to improve and maintain the facilities.

The Council's annual grant remained constant at \$400 (£200) until 1979 when Council grant to each of the three parks in its area was increased to \$7000. While this was a welcome increase the Lyndoch Park committee felt disadvantaged in relation to the other two parks (Williamstown & Curdnatta) which had other income producing assets apart from hire of grounds.



In September 1949 at the annual meeting of subscribers to the Lyndoch Recreation Park when Mr T. Hunt-Cooke presided over a fair attendance, extensive improvements were planned for the future. Among the main items was the erection of a social room to assist indoor sporting activities, and the extension of the electric light to the pavilion ... The secretary's report showed an expenditure over the past 12 months of approximately £50 in improvements and repairs, with a credit balance of £85 still in hand.

To raise funds for the proposed improvements it was decided to again hold a Gala Day, the date of which will be decided at the next monthly meeting. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr T. Hunt-Cooke, secretary, Mr E. R. Ahrens, committee Messrs R. Dahlitz, S. Virgin, A. Bitter, M. Springbett, H. Fuss, H. Snelling, S. Walker, E. Harms and G. Daly.



Working bees at the Lyndoch Pavilion during early 1950s

### ANOTHER CLUB REVIVAL

The club reformed for the 1946/47 season and had a great nucleus of players to draw from in both batting and bowling. Players travelled to matches initially on Fiebig's Fargo truck and later Pinson's Reo utility at a cost of £1 per day. The team usually stopped for a pre match drink as in those days the return journey would have been too late for the hotel's required six o'clock closing time. An A-grade team was entered in the Gawler & District Association that season and of the eleven matches played, Lyndoch won eight. Players who took part in the matches were Max Fiebig (Captain), Harold Bennett, Graham Fuss, Max Down, Kelvin Klauber, Louis Bitter, Allan Bitter, Max Bitter, Angas Kalms, William Walker, Arthur Engel, Norman Menzel, and Otto Semmler.

In September 1946 the Lyndoch Cricket Club was ready to return to competition matches. Prior to the start of the Association draw, Lyndoch played a couple of social games. *The Clarence Park Turf Cricket Club met Lyndoch at the latter's oval on Sunday and after a most interesting match, the Lyndoch Club won by 68 runs.* Clarence Park made a total of 118 runs curtailed by the bowling of A. Bitter 4/24, and M. Down and G. Fuss both taking 3/23. Lyndoch finished with a total of 186 runs with M. Fiebig top scoring with 49 runs, supported by L. Bitter not out 35 and H. Bennett on 25. the same month another game was played against Tanunda. *The outstanding feat in Tanunda's first win in the 1946-47 cricket season when they played at Lyndoch on Sunday was Claude Schultz's 112 runs, including 16 "fours" and two "sixes". This performance assuredly won the day for the visitors, as three of their staunchest players by some miscalculation, failed to register any score. Lyndoch batted first and reached 145 runs in the hour and three quarters allotted for each innings.*

By October the District Cricket season had opened and Lyndoch had chosen once again to join the Gawler Association. *The Gawler District Cricket Association opened its 1946 season on Saturday, when Lyndoch made an auspicious start by compiling 339 for the loss of nine wickets in their match against Gawler Central. The highlight of the match was the partnership of M. Fiebig and H. Bennett, which yielded 163 runs in 84 minutes.*

The following week the Barossa News continued the report. *Lyndoch defeated Gawler Central by 43 runs in a hard fought match on Saturday, when the last Central wickets fell four minutes before stumps. A. Causby compiled a brilliant 103 for Centrals, whilst M. Down and G. Fuss starred with the ball for Lyndoch.*

#### SCORE SHEET

LYNDOCH		
M. Fiebig	b Wasley	104
H. Bennett	lbw b Coleman	77
M. Bitter	b Woods	56
W. Walker	lbw b Wheeler	38
A. Angel	b Edmunds	0
N. Down	b Edmunds	0
L. Bitter	b Coleman	19
K. Klauber	b Hill	12
A. Bitter	b Wheeler	0
G. Fuss	not out	0
Semmler	(did not bat)	
Sundries		<u>24</u>
Total 9 wickets for		339
Bowling: M. Down 5/72; G. Fuss 4/63		

GAWLER CENTRAL		
A. Causby	b Fuss	103
F. Taylor	b Down	4
G. Dangerfield	run out	65
W. Wood	b Down	6
G. Wasley	b Fuss	69
V. Clark	b Fuss	0
D. Hill	b Down	2
S. Edmunds	b Fuss	9
M. Siostrom	b Down	0
R. Wheeler	b Down	8
R. Coleman	not out	11
Sundries		<u>19</u>
Total		296
Bowling: Wheeler 2/30; Edmunds 2/41		

At the end of the month the headline read **Lyndoch Have Easy Win Over College**. At Lyndoch on Saturday, the home team scored 164 to their opponent's (College) 44. A. Bitter (Lyndoch) bowled well to secure five wickets for 16 runs.

#### SCORE SHEET

LYNDOCH			COLLEGE		
M. Fiebig	b Roe	16	A. Ford	b Fuss	0
H. Bennett	b Collett	33	R. Buller	lbw b Fuss	4
M. Bitter	b Roe	0	J. Barry	b Down	2
W. Walker	b Collett	0	D. Roe	b Fuss	6
A. Kalms	c & b Yeo	36	D. Yeo	run out	4
M. Down	b Roe	61	D. Collett	b Bitter	11
K. Klauber	b Collett	6	R. Shipton	b Bitter	9
L. Bitter	not out	9	G. McHugh	lbw b Bitter	5
G. Fuss	b Roe	0	A. Brook	not out	1
A. Bitter	st b McHugh	0	R. Fawcett	b A. Bitter	0
N. Menzel	b McHugh	0	L. Hennicker	b A. Bitter	0
Sundries		<u>3</u>	Sundries		<u>2</u>
		164			44

The following are the match results for Lyndoch over the 1946/47 season culminating in the grand final.

Lyndoch 340 runs defeated Centrals 296 runs	[G. Fuss 4/63; M. Down 5/72]
Railways 139 & 151 defeated Lyndoch 102 runs	[A. Bitter 3/25; H. Bennett 2/25; ] [G. Fuss 3/32; H. Bennett 22; K. Klauber 31]
Lyndoch 164 runs defeated College 44 & 96 runs	[G. Fuss 3/11; A. Bitter 5/16; L. Bitter 5/23] [H. Bennett 33; M. Down 61]
Lyndoch 165 runs & 3/84 defeated Centrals 135 runs	[G. Fuss 3/24; L. Bitter 3/30] [H. Bennett 64; M. Fiebig 14; H. Bennett 44]
Railways 9/239 runs defeated Lyndoch 190 runs	[M. Down 3/60; L. Bitter 3/67] [M. Fiebig 114; H. Bennett 26]
Lyndoch 145 runs defeated College 94 runs	[G. Fuss 3/23; L. Bitter 4/19]
Lyndoch 105 & 152 runs defeated Centrals 103 runs	[G. Fuss 4/34; H. Bennett 21; A. Engel 19]
Railways 150 & 8/124 defeated Lyndoch 141 runs	[G. Fuss 4/43; L. Bitter 2/28; A. Bitter 3/15] [M. Fiebig 48; H. Bennett 34]
Lyndoch 174 runs & 8/106 defeated College 102	[G. Fuss 7/36; M. Fiebig 77; M. Bitter 36]
Semi-final played at the Gawler Oval:	
Lyndoch 195 runs defeated Centrals 106 runs	[L. Bitter 5/30; G. Fuss 2/23] [H. Bennett 47; L. Bitter 51; A. Bitter 21]

The grand final of the Gawler and District Cricket Association was played between Lyndoch and Railways over two Saturdays on 22nd and 29th March 1947 at the Gawler oval. A report of the game was published in The Bunyip on the following consecutive Fridays. *Mortimer won the toss and did not hesitate in deciding that Railways would bat and M. Gordon and Morgan went to the wickets at 2.25 p.m. Gordon took strike to Fuss, whose opening over was a maiden. Down took up the attack from the other end and the batsmen ran for a leg-bye and 4 balls later Morgan hit an over-pitched delivery to the leg boundary. In Fuss's second over, Morgan again turned the ball to the leg boundary, but was dropped at first slip off the next ball. When 15, a very confident appeal against Gordon for a catch by keeper Kalms, was not upheld. Morgan had another life at 29, when a difficult chance of catching was missed at mid-off. L. Bitter leg break bowler, relieved Fuss when the score was 29. He was inclined to overpitch his deliveries and Morgan scored 10 off the first over.*

*Seventy-two runs were made in the first hour; Morgan out-scoring his partner with 42 to 27. The first wicket fell at 85, when L. Bitter knocked back Gordon's off and middle stumps. Only two more runs were on the board when Morgan was out for a valuable 47. A. Gordon had not opened his account when he was bowled with a well-flighted ball from the leg-break bowler. Mortimer failed to score and Bain added only 2 runs.*

*Railways were hard pressed with 5 wickets down for 95. R. Gordon and Keynes then made a stand that again swung the game in Railway's favour. Two hours' play produced 119 runs. Fiebig made frequent changes in his bowling and Klauber succeeded in breaking the Keynes-Gordon stand when the latter player hit a ball hard into the hands of L. Bitter at square-leg. R. Gordon's total was 33 and Keynes had 14 runs to his credit at that stage; six wickets were down for 137. Kumnick was missed after scoring a single, but then settled down and he and Keynes, running well between wickets, carried the total to 161 before Keynes' fine innings ended. Railways innings closed at 174 made in 175 minutes. Fuss, Lyndoch's youthful fast bowler, thoroughly deserved his 4 wickets, which could well have been increased if catching chances had been accepted. L. Bitter, too, after his opening over or two, bowled with the same consistency that has proved him to be the best leg-break bowler in the Association.*

Lyndoch had to open its innings in a failing light and with shadows cast over the pitch, but Fiebig and Bennett weathered the opening attack. Lyndoch had scored 18 runs without loss at stumps. It was generally recognised that Railways' 174 would be sufficient for them to win if they could break the Fiebig-Bennett partnership early. Railways nearly achieved this success, as with the total at only 22, Bennett was missed at point. It was a low, hard chance. Fiebig, too, was missed at short fine leg, when he was in the forties, but otherwise his and Bennett's innings were faultless and they fully deserved their success. The first and only wicket fell at 125. Fiebig had hooked M. Gordon for 6, but attempting to repeat the stroke was well caught by Bob Gordon off the next ball.

Lyndoch was then only 49 runs in arrears, but Railways still had a fighting chance if only they could then dismiss Bennett, who appeared to be very tired. The former East Torrens batsman gave his best display for the season, and when Lyndoch passed Railways' total, he was still unconquered at 90. M. Bitter was 17 not out. After being defeated by Railways on three occasions earlier in the season, Lyndoch had decisively beaten the Gawler Railways team by 9 wickets in the Grand Final.

#### SCORE SHEET FOR GRAND FINAL

RAILWAYS		LYNDOCH	
M. Gordon b. L. Bitter	36	M. Fiebig c. R. Gordon b. M. Gordon	60
E. Morgan c. Kalms b. A. Bitter	47	H. Bennett not out	90
A. Gordon b. L. Bitter	0	M. Bitter not out	17
V. Mortimer lbw. b. Fuss	0	Sundries	9
R. Gordon c. L. Bitter b. Klauber	33	Total	1 wicket for 176
A. Bain b. Fuss	2		
J. Keynes c. Bennett b. L. Bitter	27	Bowling: K. Reincke 0/25; H. Kumnick 0/20;	
H. Kumnick c. Bennett b. Fuss	15	M. Gordon 1/57; V. Mortimer 0/18;	
J. Matthews c. M. Bitter b. L. Bitter	2	A. Bain 0/53; A. Gordon 0/4	
P. Cole c. Kalms b. Fuss	6		
K. Reincke not out	1	Bowling: G. Fuss 4/50; M. Down 0/45;	
Sundries	5	H. Bennett 0/8; L. Bitter 4/45;	
Total	174	A. Bitter 1/15; K. Klauber 1/6	



1946/47 Premiershipe team

Back Row: Max Fiebig (Captain), Harrold Bennett, Graham Fuss, Bill Walker, Allan Bitter.  
Front Row: Jasper Down, Max Bitter, Angas Kalms, Kelvin Klauber, Max Down, Louis Bitter.

The **Premiership** was won in the Club's first year back following the five year recess that occurred because of World War II. This was destined to happen again with history repeating itself for the reformed team in the 1968/69 season.

During this period the Club had its own umpire and scorer who attended each match. Mr Ross King would umpire while his wife, Mrs May King would undertake the scoring. The couple would arrive at the grounds on their motor cycle and side-car. To raise finances the Club held a fortnightly dance in the local Institute, an event that was so well patronised that the club finished the year with a surplus of some £100.

The only report of a cricket match found for the 1947/48 season was that of a semi final game played in February 1948. *In the semi-final of the Gawler & District Cricket Association, commenced on Saturday last, Lyndoch amassed a total of 308 in their first innings against Gawler Centrals. M. Fiebig, opening bat for Lyndoch, was run out at 123.* The other batsmen were M. Bitter 38 runs, A. Engel 74, L. Bitter 42, A. Kalms 1, D. Gordon 0, A. Bitter 1, C. Kalms 1, K. Klauber 7, R. Hankel 0, G. Fuss not out 1. Unfortunately the final result is unknown.

By January 1950 the premiership table for the Gawler & District Cricket Association A Grade showed Centrals on top with 31 points; College with 26; South Railways 17 points and Lyndoch with 7 points. With the poor performances the Club appears not to have continued in Association competition for a couple of years.

## CRICKET IN THE FIFTIES DECADE

The 1952/53 season saw the reformed Lyndoch Club again compete in the Gawler and District Cricket Association with the team in the A-grade. This was reported in The Bunyip newspaper under the headline **New Blood At Lyndoch**. This reformation brought new names to the club's committee. Mr Jack Deer was President, George Virgin, Secretary and Max Fiebig, after playing for Williamstown last season, was selected captain. Several other members of the 1947 premiership side also returned and several new players, the Lee brothers, Robert Hankel and Peter Fiebig. Sunday afternoon matches were organised throughout the season with neighbouring towns, including Tanunda, Nuriootpa and Angaston, to improve the team's performance.

The first game of the season played on 24 October 1952 was against Williamstown. Lyndoch was dismissed for 19 runs (6 ducks with M. Bitter the top scorer with 6 runs). Williamstown made 105 and 6 wickets for 43 (M. Bitter taking 6/14). This was the lowest score in Gawler cricket for over a decade, the lowest score being when Sandy Creek made 14 runs against Roseworthy College in 1947. It seems strange that Lyndoch was not made to follow on, but no second innings score was given for them. Early in December, Lyndoch with 108 and 4/43 showed better batting form when they defeated Williamstown who made 77 runs. Best figures for Lyndoch – Max Bitter 27 (1st innings) and 16 not out with Graham Fuss taking 7/17.

During the 1952/53 season, ten matches were played with four being won, five lost and one a draw. In spite of this close competition the club managed to win the premiership. Players were Roly Haese, Glen King, Harold Lee, Max Fiebig, Neil Ahrens, Peter Fiebig, Graham Fuss, Arthur Engel, Ron Lee, John Byrnes, Max Bitter, Neville Deer, Ted Noble, George Virgin, Eric Lee, Des Schulz, Alfred Klose, and David Hausler.

The following are the match results for Lyndoch over the 1952/53 season culminating in the grand final.

Lyndoch 19 runs lost to Williamstown 105 runs & 6/43 (6 ducks were made and M. Bitter top scored with 6 runs)	[Lee 7/49; R. Haese 2/14]
Lyndoch 60 runs lost to College 168 runs	[N. Ahrens 5/43; E. Lee 4/45]
Lyndoch drew with Centrals 86 runs (match washed out)	[R. Haese 5/20; H. Lee 2/10]
Lyndoch 74 runs lost to College 98 runs & 3/63	[G. Fuss 2/27; R. Lee 2/28] [M. Fiebig 43 not out]
Lyndoch 108 runs & 4/43 defeated Williamstown 77 runs	[G. Fuss 7/17; H. Lee 2/17] [M. Fiebig 22; M. Bitter 27]
Lyndoch 153 runs lost to Centrals 217 runs	[G. Fuss 21 & 5/56; M. Fiebig 52]
Lyndoch 286 runs defeated Williamstown 128 runs	[G. Fuss 8/47]
Lyndoch 62 runs & 3/99 lost to Centrals 5/158 runs	[G. Fuss 2/6]
Semi-final:	
Lyndoch 3/158 runs defeated Centrals 156 runs	[M. Fiebig 72; M. Bitter 53; R. Lee 11]

The grand final, played between Lyndoch and Williamstown on the Roseworthy College oval, took a record four Saturdays to achieve an outcome commencing on 7th March 1953 and continuing on 14th, 21st and 28th March. Umpires were J.L. Mann and K.J. Busbridge. A report featured in The Bunyip over four consecutive editions. *Lyndoch won the toss and opened with Fiebig and Bitter. Fry was given the new ball and Fiebig got the first delivery backward of point for 3. Bitter scored a single off the next ball. Runs came at the rate of one per minute. The first change in the bowling took place at 39 – Alcorn relieved Fry and F. Needle took over from I. Harris. Oats and R. Needle had turns with the ball but Lyndoch passed the hundred without loss. A. Harris was the seventh bowler used.*

*In his first over Bitter played forward but deflected the ball on to his stumps, to give Williamstown its first wicket for 114. R. Lee made 2 singles before being caught by the 'keeper. Ahrens was Harris' third victim with the total at 133. Byrnes, a powerfully built player, batted forcibly in an unfinished fourth wicket stand to take Lyndoch's total to 176. A. Harris, the only bowler to take wickets, bowled well, so did Oats, with the rest of the attack useful. The ground fielding was good, but a couple of catches were dropped. Lyndoch's total was made in even time – quite a satisfactory rate on the big ground. Fiebig required only one run for his century when stumps were drawn at 5.30 p.m.*

*The not out batsmen, Fiebig (99) and Byrnes (20) resumed their innings. Fiebig passed his century off the third ball. Both batsmen increased the scoring rate and the 24 runs to bring Lyndoch's score to 200 were made in 18 minutes.*

Twenty-six runs later Byrnes was out – the fourth wicket had added 97 runs. A. Harris took his fifth wicket when Engel was out lbw. Fiebig then monopolised the strike to bring his side's total to 250 for 5 wickets. Up to this stage an attacking field was set, but fieldsmen then fell back deeper. Alcorn was demonstrating the brittleness of Lyndoch's tail-enders, but the youthful Fred Needle brought Fiebig's fine innings of 174 to a close when that batsman was bowled with a ball that failed to rise from the pitch. Four minutes later the last wicket fell to Alcorn. Lyndoch's 294 runs were made in 285 minutes a big score in good time considering the big ground.

Williamstown had a little under an hour to bat. A. Harris and Alcorn who had taken 9 of Lyndoch's wickets between them, faced the pace attack of Fuss and E. Lee. Both batsmen immediately attacked the bowling. With Harris outpacing his partner, 24 runs were made off the first 3 overs. Then both Fuss and Lee sent down a maiden over. Lee was relieved by Byrnes when Williamstown were 34. His first over was a maiden, too, but 11 runs came from his next. Fuss bowled six overs after which he was replaced by R. Lee. Alcorn, who had been trailing Harris, ignoring the fact that it was the last over for the day, showed scant respect for the spinner. Each batsman had 31 runs to his credit with 6 sundries to reduce Lyndoch's lead from 294 to 226.

Trailing Lyndoch by 226, but with all wickets in tact, Williamstown batted dourly throughout the third Saturday afternoon for an additional 144 runs. In doing so 5 wickets fell, but the lead was reduced to 82. By contrast to the bright opening by Alcorn and A. Harris the previous week, the same batsmen began with infinite care on the third day. E. Lee bowled a maiden over to Alcorn, then Harris hit 3 twos off Fuss, but that was more expensive than the next 18 overs. Byrnes replaced Lee, whose 3 overs had cost only 3 runs, and in his second over Williamstown lost its first wicket at 85 – Harris out lbw for 41. Ron Lee took up the attack and the field spread out deeper and soon after the 100 was posted. The first 68 were made in 58 minutes the previous Saturday, but the balance of the century (32) occupied 72 minutes.

Fuss bowled unchanged for nearly 1½ hours. The first boundary of the day came from Alcorn off R. Lee. I. Harris followed the example by punching Haese to the fence. The scoring rate improved and when 150 was posted the last 50 had taken only 48 minutes. Alcorn was batting confidently when Bitter was called to the bowling crease. Alcorn attempted to pull a full toss to the leg side boundary, but Haese brought off a fine catch to dismiss the captain for 71. Fry hit hard for 19 before he was bowled. His partner, I. Harris, was then 50, and Williamstown's total 198 for 3 wickets.

With the addition of 6 runs, Blucher was R. Lee's first victim. F. Needle (lbw) was his second when the batsman attempted to turn a straight ball past mid-on. Five wickets were down for 209. Loud appeals came when Warner snicked the last ball of the day to the wicket-keeper, who after appearing to hold the catch, grassed it. At stumps Williamstown had 212 runs with 5 wickets in hand. I. Harris was 59 not out, having played patiently, but never appearing to be in trouble.

Williamstown's not out batsmen, I. Harris and Warner, faced the opening attack on the fourth day's resumption of play. Runs came slowly and 52 minutes had passed before Harris hit over a ball that kept low from Fuss. The young batsman's long innings yielded 73 runs. His defence was always sound and his leg glances a delight to watch. Warner was out without any increase in the score of 246, neatly stumped by Engel off R. Lee. Williamstown's hope of winning then became almost non-existent. To add to their misfortune, two players were run out and the team's fighting innings ended with 253 runs, the last 4 wickets producing only 7 runs. Leg-spinner Ron Lee troubled the batsmen more than other bowlers and was rewarded with 3 wickets for 60. Lyndoch's skipper showed his confidence in Fuss, who at resumption of play, had taken a single wicket for 67 runs, by bowling him unchanged on the final day to finish with 3 wickets for 80 runs off 33 overs. Lyndoch won the 1952/53 premiership by 41 runs. This final would be considered one of the hardest fought and longest match in local cricket history.

#### SCORE SHEET

LYNDOCH		WILLIAMSTOWN	
M. Fiebig b. F. Needle	174	H. Alcorn c. Haese b. Bitter	71
M. Bitter b. A. Harris	38	A. Harris lbw. b. Byrnes	41
R. Lee c. Warner b. A. Harris	2	I. Harris b. Fuss	73
N. Ahrens b. A. Harris	5	R. Fry b. Fuss	19
J. Byrnes c. Needle b. A. Harris	37	L. Blucher lbw. b. R. Lee	3
A. Engel lbw. b. Alcorn	0	F. Needle lbw. b. R. Lee	0
G. Fuss lbw. b. Alcorn	15	W. Warner st. Engel b. R. Lee	18
H. Lee b. Alcorn	9	G. Harris b. Fuss	1
R. Haese lbw. b. Alcorn	0	R. Needle run out	2
E. Lee b. Alcorn	1	K. Kluske run out	3
A. Klose not out	1	J. Parmenter not out	0
Sundries	12	Sundries	22
Total	294	Total	253
Bowling: H. Alcorn 5/56; I. Harris 0/51		Bowling: G. Fuss 3/80; E. Lee 0/16;	
R. Fry 0/49; F. Needle 1/33;		J. Byrnes 1/43; R. Lee 3/60;	
A. Harris 4/58; A. Oats 0/19		R. Haese 0/9; M. Bitter 1/23	
[A. Oats broke his thumb on the first day and took no further part in the game.]		R. Needle 0/21	

Some interesting facts to come from the **premiership** match were also recorded. Lyndoch players Fiebig and Fuss both played for Williamstown the previous season. Lyndoch, in its opening match of the season against Williamstown, made the lowest score of 19 runs yet beat them in the final. Ted Crambrook, a member of Lyndoch's first A-grade premiership XI in 1934 was present at the match. The former Lyndoch player had the distinction of taking a "hat trick" against Smithfield. He had Clucas caught by Colin Higgins, bowled Joe Judd with his second ball and then had George Saxon out lbw.

The new season commenced in October 1953 with Lyndoch organising a Sunday match against Tanunda. *Tanunda scored 163 in the home cricket match against Lyndoch. At stumps Lyndoch had lost 8 wickets for 109.* Batsmen for Lyndoch were N. Ahrens 14, D. Schulz 9, R. Haese 1, M. Wood retired 43, P. Fiebig 20, N. Deer 0, L. Thomas 0, I Schulz 0, B. Wuttke not out 2. Bowlers for Lyndoch were M. Wood 4/21; I. Schulz 1/7; D. Schulz 1/17; L. Thomas 1/24; N. Ahrens 1/39. The unsuccessful bowlers were R. Haese 0/12 and P. Fiebig 0/20.

In February 1954 the cricket premiership table showed Souths 41 points, Centrals 39 points, Lyndoch 35 points, College 33 points, Sandy creek 33 points, and Williamstown 14 points.

In November 1956 in a cricket match between Lyndoch and Central, Lyndoch's batting collapsed with 4 wickets falling before a run was scored by Artie Engel. Lyndoch was dismissed for 18 runs with Artie Engel top scoring with 10 runs. Central made 104 runs with Peter Fiebig and Neville Down taking 7 wickets between them. Lyndoch's bad luck continued later in the month when College, who made 3/138, defeated Lyndoch with David Hausler 21 n.o. the top scorer and Lou Jenzen making 16 runs. T. Filsell took 3/23.

In January 1957 the Barossa News reported a victory for the Lyndoch cricketers. *Lyndoch cricketers scored a meritorious victory in the match played at Sandy Creek and completed on Saturday last (12th January) when they defeated Gawler & Districts top team in the Gawler & district Association. Lyndoch captain (Lou Jenzen) was most enthusiastic about the performance of 14-year-old High School boy N. Down, who was responsible for a fine bowling effort in taking six wickets for 27 runs. Lyndoch dismissed their opponents for the moderate total of 116. Their own total was 9 for 150, largely contributed to by the solid batting of C. Fechner, A. Engel and N. Down, aided by a few dropped catches.*

On the Sunday a social match was played. *An interesting cricket match was played at Lyndoch on Sunday, when the local Tennis Club defeated the Cricket Club, the scores being: Tennis 5/137; Cricket 7/101. Each team batted for 1½ hours. For the winners R. Goddard scored 62 not out, and A. Bitter 26, whilst J. Filsell took 4/27 and Goddard 2/0. The Cricket club was represented by R. Warner (22 n.o.) and D. Hausler (21 n.o.); K. Engel took 2 wickets for 1 run. A return match will take place in the near future.*

The last match played by the Lyndoch Cricket Club was in 1957 against Gawler South who thrashed them by almost 300 runs. Due to poor performances taking place together with the unavailability of players, the Club was again disbanded.

## CRICKET IN THE SIXTIES DECADE

In 1968 a number of local ex-Williamstown players as well as newcomers to the town discussed the possibility of a revival for the Lyndoch Cricket Club. On 14th August 1968, seventeen interested people met at the Lyndoch pavilion and formed the Lyndoch Cricket Club. The committee elected at the meeting comprised Hedley Zerk, President, Bill Gregory, Vice President, Tony Johnson, Secretary, Michael Koch, Assistant Secretary, and Herman Thumm the Club Patron. One senior team was fielded in the Para District's Cricket Association that season. Subscriptions were \$4 with a ball levy of 20 cents a week. As with the 1948 revival the new team went on to win the 1968/69 A Grade Premiership as well as completing the back-to-back effort of adding the 1969/70 A Grade premiership to its achievements.

### A FURTHER REVIVAL

The new team started its season with its first game against Gawler which resulted in a draw in spite of Mick Koch scoring 79 with the bat. The second round against Mallala resulted in Lyndoch's first win due to the bowling of Dave Hausler who took 7/13. Other games saw Lyndoch reach 5th place on the premiership ladder but with solid performances in the new year secured third spot and a chance to play in the finals round. Lyndoch played Riverside in the semi final and was able to score 8 for 293 runs that included a record fourth wicket partnership by Tony Johnson (129) and John Deacon (67). The players successfully defended their total the following week with David Hausler taking 4/36.

This success propelled the team into the grand final against Elizabeth. Lyndoch batted first and made their highest score of 6/317, mainly due to Tony Johnson (105), John Koch (75) and Grant Burge (65). Elizabeth was dismissed for 125 with John Deacon taking 4/18. Like 1948 history repeated itself with the **premiership** going to Lyndoch in the first season of its revival.



*Jubilant Lyndoch players leaving the Riverside ground at the end of the grand final game.*



**1968/69 PREMIERSHIP A.TEAM**

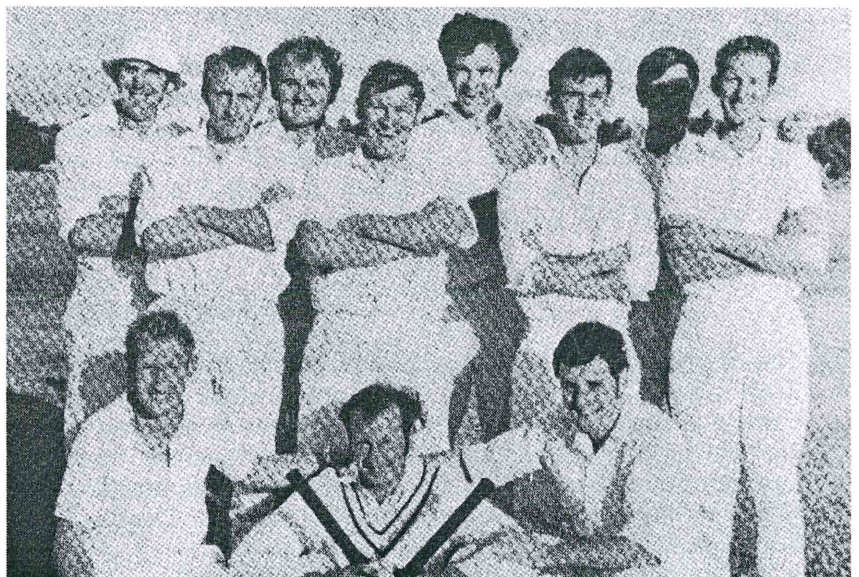
*Back Row:  
Jeff Schwartz, Grant Burge, James Zerk,  
John Koch, Bob Prime, Michael Koch,  
Rodney Chapman, Tony Johnson, and  
John Deacon.*

*Front Row:  
Rodney Bannister, David Hausler  
(Captain),  
Paul MacKenzie.*

**1969/1970 PREMIERSHIP A TEAM**

*Back Row:  
Cyril Minge, Allan MacKenzie, John Deacon,  
Michael Koch, Andrew Craig, Rodney  
Bannister, Tony Johnson, and Allan Turvey.*

*Front Row:  
John Koch, David Hausler(Captain), and  
Paul MacKenzie.*



Not only did Lyndoch take out the Back-to-Back A Grade Premiership but was also successful with its B Grade team winning the Premiership making it a **dual premiership** success for the Lyndoch Cricket Club. The team made 160 and 4/98 to defeat Virginia who made 129. The report of both games appeared in the Barossa Herald 2.4.1970.

**"A" and "B" Finals to Lyndoch Cricketers**

Lyndoch Cricket Club teams made local history when they won the "A" and "B" Grade grand finals completed last Saturday.

The feat was all the more meritorious as it was the first year the club has been represented by two teams in the district competition.

The double premierships success should be well and truly celebrated at the annual dinner gathering to be held on April 18th. All players and club officials are to be congratulated on the triumphant climax to a memorable season.

The "A" team defeated Para Hills at Broadmeadows Oval. The Para Hills score of 183 included a fine effort by A. Sacree (81), with the outstanding Lyndoch bowlers being Alan Mackenzie (3-38) and A. Johnson and J. Deacon (ea. two wickets).

**EXCELLENT START**  
In reply, Lyndoch scored 175 for the loss of nine wickets. There was a battling collapse after a fine opening partnership (52) by J. and M. Koch. The collapse was brought about by J. Baines' splendid bowling - he sent down 22 overs, conceded 56 runs and took six wickets.

**RECORD PARTNERSHIP**  
Lyndoch's seventh wicket fell with the score at 102 - a win appeared a remote possibility. Then came the nail-biting fighting eighth-wicket partnership by C. Minge and A. Mackenzie.

Minge and Mackenzie combined to score 64 to give Lyndoch the premiership title and then retired - the partnership sets a new Association record for the eighth wicket.

**31-RUN WIN IN "B" GRADE GRAND FINAL**  
Lyndoch (scored 160 a week before) had a 31-run win at the expense of Virginia. With seven down for 118 Virginia still had a chance, but the tail-enders managed another 11 runs only. Best of the Virginia bowlers had been Brook (5-25) and Whiting (3-42).

Like Alan Mackenzie in the "A" Grade match, Rodney Chapman completed a fine double by taking 3-21 of 16 overs. Zerk (also a good double), Semmler and Rosenzweig each took two wickets. Features of the Lyndoch wins were the obvious team spirit and the dedicated fielding.

**FULL MATCH DETAILS**  
(Suitable for framing)  
Complete details of both matches are listed as follows: "A" Grade: Lyndoch v Para Hills (at Broadmeadows Oval)

**Para Hills**  
A. Sacree, c Minge, b Mackenzie ..... 81  
E. Goldthorpe, c J. Koch, b Mackenzie ..... 2  
E. Kirby, b Hausler ..... 1  
J. Moss, b Mackenzie ..... 8  
R. Jones, c Bannister, b Deacon ..... 12  
G. Leray, c M. Koch, b Johnson ..... 39  
C. Arnold, b Minge ..... 0  
T. Saunderson, c Craig, b Deacon ..... 8  
J. Baines, st J. Koch, b Bannister ..... 5  
R. Eldridge, b Johnson ..... 0  
D. Gardiner, not out ..... 0  
Sundries ..... 7  
Total ..... 163  
Fall of wickets: 9, 10, 35, 61, 123, 128, 144, 163, 163, 163.

**Bowling:** O. M. R. W.  
A. Mackenzie ..... 14 2 38 3  
D. Hausler ..... 5 0 14 1  
A. Johnson ..... 9 5 2 20 2  
J. Deacon ..... 12 0 34 2  
R. Bannister ..... 4 0 16 1  
M. Koch ..... 3 0 19 0  
C. Minge ..... 4 0 15 1

**Lyndoch**  
J. Koch, b Baines ..... 9  
M. Koch, c Moss, b Baines ..... 36  
A. Craig, c Jones, b Baines ..... 6  
A. Johnson, c Goldthorpe, b Baines ..... 3  
J. Deacon, b Baines ..... 29  
A. Mackenzie, b Baines ..... 7  
D. Hausler, run out ..... 0  
C. Minge, retired ..... 32  
P. Mackenzie, retired ..... 23  
A. Turvey, not out ..... 7  
R. Bannister, not out ..... 2  
Sundries ..... 21  
Total (for 9 wks.) ..... 175  
Fall of wickets: 52, 55, 63, 84, 74, 89, 102, 166, 166.

**Bowling:** O. M. R. W.  
J. Baines ..... 24 5 56 6  
E. Kirby ..... 6 2 17 0  
G. Leray ..... 7 0 30 0  
O. Gardiner ..... 10 0 39 0  
T. Saunderson ..... 1 0 3 0  
A. Sacree ..... 1 0 0 0

**"B" Grade: Lyndoch v Virginia (at Gawler Oval)**  
Lyndoch  
W. Gregory, b Whiting ..... 0  
J. Gerhardy, run out ..... 19  
J. Zerk, c Whiting, b Brook ..... 81  
M. Semmler, c Stoyanoff, b Whiting ..... 9  
R. Chapman, b Brook ..... 35  
J. Schwarz, c Wisdom, b Brook ..... 1  
G. Rosenzweig, c Wisdom, b Whiting ..... 7  
G. Bannister, b Forby ..... 0  
A. Engel, b Brook ..... 4  
A. Bitter, c Whiting, b Brook ..... 4  
R. Prime, not out ..... 0  
Sundries ..... 6  
Total ..... 160  
Fall of wickets: 1, 33, 43, 126, 127, 130, 151, 152, 156, 160.

**Bowling:** O. M. R. W.  
Elbourne ..... 5 1 18 0  
Whiting ..... 12 0 42 3  
Forby ..... 10 1 45 1  
Allan ..... 4 0 23 0  
Brook ..... 7 1 25 5

**Virginia**  
Forby, b Zerk ..... 19  
Allen, c Gerhardy, b Chapman ..... 0  
Elbourne, c Zerk, b Bannister ..... 21  
Brook, b Semmler ..... 7  
Stoyanoff, c Gerhardy, b Chapman ..... 17  
Wisdom, b Chapman ..... 9  
Whiting, b Zerk ..... 24  
Goodwin, not out ..... 5  
Georgeff, c Engel, b Rosenzweig ..... 0  
Collins, b Rosenzweig ..... 4  
Georgeff, b Semmler ..... 4  
Sundries ..... 15  
Total ..... 129  
Fall of wickets: 9, 35, 49, 60, 82, 90, 118, 119, 123, 129.

**Bowling:** O. M. R. W.  
G. Bannister ..... 12 1 47 1  
J. Zerk ..... 12 2 38 1  
M. Semmler ..... 5 0 17 2  
C. Rosenzweig ..... 2 0 6 2

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**1969/70 B GRADE PREMIERSHIP TEAM**

Standing: Geoff Bannister, Geoff Schwartz, Michael Semmler, Gary Rosenzweig, Bob Prime, Andrew Bitter, Rod Chapman, Robert Zerk, James Zerk, Ossie hebart, Artie Engel, and John Gerhardy

Front Row: Les Favell, Hedley Zerk (President) and Bill Gregory (team captain).

Les Favell attended the Presentation Dinner in the Lyndoch Institute to present trophies to the recipients.



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