

FERNTREE GULLY CRICKET CLUB

1940 - 1960

The following images are of the Club, its people and the places of interest and influence during & post World War II in the Dandenong Ranges, Ferntree Gully and the Cricket Club. We always welcome others that identify with our origins and are more than happy to scan, copy, process and return originals.



Circa 1942: Wal Tew's 1941/42 A Grade Batting Average Trophy
(An EPNS Cake Stand)



1943: U.K. Headstone of F.C. (Fred) Schultz, FTGCC pre WW2 Secretary, Treasurer & World War II casualty who was Killed in Action – 11/6/1943



Circa 1946: The Ferntree Gully 'Middle' Hotel with its Moorish decorative look – it survived in this guise until the 1990's



Circa 1946: Don Closs – Won the first Post War 1st XI Batting Average in the R.D.C.A. in 1945/46



Circa 1948: Ferntree Gully Post Office; on Burwood Highway's south side (opposite the 7-11), about where the Ferntree Gully Honda Dealership is now located



Circa 1951: Arthur Francis (Frank) Pickett, FTGCC President 1933/34 – 1942/43 & 1944/45 – 1947/48



1948: The first F.T.G.D.C.A. Premiership Pennant, won by the FTGCC when we defeated The Basin #1 Team. We scored 204 with the stars Jim Bradley 94*, Bob DeCoite 47 & Bill Dinsdale 27. In reply The Basin were dismissed for 89 (Alan Barber 5/9, Roy Sidebottom 2/19) & 72 (Snowy Hicks 2/14, Alan Barber 2/19) with Roy Dinsdale involved in 6 dismissals. We won the first F.T.G.D.C.A. Premiership by an Innings & 43 Runs.



1948: 1937 Life Member – Noel Sanford's 1948/49 FTGCC Member's Ticket (Showing the previous Hat Trick of Premiership successes)

Circa 1953: Alan Kirkpatrick – 30 Year Member, Life Member & father of a great dynasty of FTGCC players



1949/50: The 1st XI Premiership Team, Back (L-R); W.L. Long (Scorer), L.W. Lancaster, R.M. Dockery, I.J. Ewart, A.R. Barber, R.M. Dixon, W.H. Tew, A.W. Hicks, R.J. DeCoite, H.K. Padgett, J.R.A. Bradley & Crouching: L.K.B. Ewart



Circa 1950: Original FTGDCA 'B Grade' Shield – One of two FTGDCA Shields now in the possession of the FTGCC after they were found at the Wantirna Trash & Treasure Market in 2004!



Circa 1953: Walter Harry (Wal) Tew, the Clubs major Administrator for 30 years, Sec./Treasurer pre War & President 1948/49 to 1963/64



1955/56: Wal Tew, 11.3 Overs (8 Ball), 2 Mdns, 13 for 29 (6/21 & 7/8 inc. Hat Trick*) in Match vs Wantirna Sth. (20/10 & 5/11/1955)



1955: Ivan Light's 1954/55 Premiership Cap, which was never worn on the field, after he entered Teacher's College in 1955 and didn't return to play again (The Premiership Flag is below).



1958: J.H. (Joe) Hill's 1957/58 C Grade Batting Average Trophy



1959: 1953 Life Member – Bob DeCoite's 1959/60 FTGCC Member's Ticket, featuring Secretary, legendary FTGDCA Administrator: Jack Feaver



1955: The 1954/55 C Grade (2nd XI) Premiership Pennant, which was won without a Ball being bowled, when it was discovered by the FTGDCA that both opponents in the other Semi Final has played ineligible players and were disqualified from the Grand Final – we won our Semi and the Premiership!