

Ferntree Gully Cricket Club

Established 1882/83, formally commenced 1889/90

1896/97

1st XI Scorebook

Arranged Matches

Scorecards for Season 1896/97

AFFILIATION: Arranged Matches

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>H/A</u>	<u>FTG</u>	<u>Opp</u>	<u>Result</u>
10/10/1896	Black Flat	H	57 & 3/52	51	Won by 6 runs
17/10/1896					Result Unknown
24/10/1896	Vermont	H	24	53	Lost by 29 runs
31/10/1896	Unknown Opponent				
7/11/1896	Unknown Opponent				
14/11/1896	Unknown Opponent				
21/11/1896	Unknown Opponent				
28/11/1896	Unknown Opponent				
5/12/1896	Unknown Opponent				
12/12/1896	Unknown Opponent				
19/12/1896	Unknown Opponent				
16/1/1897	Unknown Opponent				
23/1/1897	Unknown Opponent				
30/1/1897	Unknown Opponent				
6/2/1897	Unknown Opponent				
13/2/1897	Unknown Opponent				
20/2/1897	Unknown Opponent				
27/2/1897	Unknown Opponent				
6/3/1897	Unknown Opponent				
13/3/1897	Unknown Opponent				
20/3/1897	Unknown Opponent				

GAMES PLAYED: 3 (18), (6 Ball Overs) **WON:** 1 (XX), **LOST:** 1 (XX), **DRAWN:** Nil, **TIED:** Nil, **OTHER:** 19
WIN/LOSS ORDER: W, U & L

<u>Name</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>N/O</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Ave</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>Ave</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>D</u>
E. Hughes	1	1	9	1												
E. McGuigan	1	1	13													
G.J. Williams	1	1	19								5	22				
O.S. Williams	1	2	36	1							5	21				
W. Williams	1	2	33													

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Perf</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Played</u>
10/10/1896	O.S. Williams	5/21	Black Flat	Ferntree Gully Hotel Field
10/10/1896	G.J. Williams Snr.	5/22	Black Flat	Ferntree Gully Hotel Field

Newspaper Notes

15/10/1896 **DA** The [Secretary of the FERNTREE GULLY CRICKET CLUB \(Possibly George Williams\)](#) wishes to acknowledge, with thanks, the donation of £1 1s from Wm. Adamson Esq. The FERNTREE GULLY CRICKET CLUB opened the season with a match against BLACK FLAT CRICKET CLUB on Saturday (10/10/1896) at the ground of the latter. The Scores were FERNTREE GULLY 57 & 3/52 against BLACK FLAT 51. O. Williams with 16 & 20*, W. Williams 3 & 30, G. Williams 19, E. Hughes 9* were the best batsmen while with the ball; O. Williams 5/21 and G. Williams 5/22 divided the Bowling efforts.

17/10/1896 **OFTG** The [Secretary of the FERNTREE GULLY CRICKET CLUB \(Possibly George Williams\)](#) wishes to acknowledge, with thanks, the donation of £1 1s from Wm. Adamson Esq.

21/10/1896 **DEXP** The FERNTREE GULLY CRICKET CLUB won their first match of the season against BLACK FLAT (on the ground of the latter) on the first innings - the scores being FERNTREE GULLY 57 and BLACK FLAT 51. The GULLY had three wickets down for 52 in their second innings. The Hon Sec ([Possibly George Williams](#)) acknowledges a donation of £1 1s from Mr. Wm. Adamson.

30/10/1896 **BHR** VERMONT played FERNTREE GULLY on the latter's ground on Saturday (24/10/1896) and won a very exciting match by 29 runs. The scores were VERMONT 53 and FERNTREE GULLY 24 (E. McGuigan 13).

4/11/1896 **BHR** The recent decision to publicise the Ferntree Gully Shire notes in the Box Hill [Reporter](#) has made much sense to the people of the Ferntree Gully Shire as now the Railway line is installed between these two shires communication has become more timely than that previously associated with Dandenong. Each set of notes from Council Meetings and other Shire information will be provided in the [Reporter](#).

4/11/1896 **DEXP** Ferntree Gully Shire Council notes: From Hon Sec. FERNTREE GULLY CRICKET CLUB informing the Councillors that they had been elected patrons of the club – Received.

25/11/1896 **DEXP** [Final edition of the Dandenong Express \(Vol VII, # 47\) which is yet to be verified, though notes on the masthead of the nominal 'final edition' show in black fountain pen – 'Expired on this date' and in blue chalk marker '1897' and in grey lead 'D 24'.](#)

Other notes from the 'final edition' include...

- R.J. (Richard John) Rolls, Proprietor (b 1860, d1944)
- Motto – 'Nec temere, nec temide' – "Neither rashly, nor timidly"
- Printed and Published by James P. Troy for the Proprietor, R.J. Rolls at the Express Office, Scott Street Dandenong in the Colony of Victoria

COUNTRY NEWSPAPER PEOPLE – Bill Trevena (1985 MA Thesis) – from the Centenary Edition of the Dandenong Journal, "As 1890 drew to a close two prominent members of the Journal staff gave a week's notice, apparently with the idea of launching a third newspaper in Dandenong. Early in the following year the Dandenong Express appeared, giving Dandenong its third paper. It was published by three former Journal employees – Messrs R.J. Rolls, Jas. Troy and J.J. Keating, and for a time there was a strong rivalry between all three papers". [\[NOTE: R.J. Rolls also founded and ran the Gippsland News \(from Trafalgar, where he resided for 40 years\) until his sons took it on and ran it from 1924 & 1944 when he died \(Aged 85\)\].](#)

From this point until November 1897 no further reference to the Club has been located making the history of the second half of the 1896/97 season a regular topic of research when new methods or material becomes known.

The seasons 1896/97 (3 Matches), 1897/98 (4 Matches), 1898/99 (8 Matches), 1899/1900 (22 Matches), 1900/01 (4 Matches) and 1901/02 (3 Matches) are among the sparsest records retained by the Club, with any other references or hints as to where this material may reside always welcomed in the Club's pursuit to record this era in its history.

2/1/1897 **OFTG** The trustees of the public park are showing no regard in the object of their trust. By the natural surroundings there is no place that could be more easily and cheaply turned into the prettiest pleasure ground anywhere near Melbourne for a day's outing. For 17 years absolutely, nothing has been done to beautify the spot. Depletion and destruction seem to have been the order of the days in the past years. We shall hope for better things to come from the new order of management. It is believed a sum of money is to be expended in planting 400 ferns around the camping ground where they should be grown, not where they are now.

10/2/1897 **SBMJ** The total amount of the defalcation, of the late secretary of the Ferntree Gully shire, J.S. Crawford, were stated at last Saturday's meeting to be £628 5s 11d.

26/5/1897 **PROV** [JAMES SHARMAN CRAWFORD \(Prisoner #27355\)](#) released to freedom by remission, having served fifteen and a half months of his eighteen month sentence

17/6/1897 **AGE** BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH – The Board of Public Health met yester-day; the chairman (Dr. Cresswell) presiding. An old standing subject of complaint, namely, an alleged defective drain on the Coburg Roman Catholic Church property, was again discussed, and the board decided to adopt such measures as would compel the local council to repair the mischief promptly.

A letter was received from [MR. J.S. CRAWFORD](#), of St. Kilda, who alleged that the gaol authorities permitted a grossly insanitary system to prevail in connection with the prison cells appurtenances. It was decided to forward the letter on to the Chief Secretary.

