

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE NORTH ADELAIDE LACROSSE CLUB

The North Adelaide Lacrosse Club was founded on 22 March 1887, and is the oldest continually existing lacrosse club in South Australia. Nobel Laureate Sir William Henry Bragg, previously a member of the Adelaide Lacrosse Club, was a founding member of North Adelaide as well as the Adelaide University Lacrosse Club later in 1889. NALC is currently located in the suburb of Gepps Cross. Below is an excerpt from The South Australian Advertiser 23/3/1887 "LACROSSE".

"At a meeting of lacrosse players held at the Prince Alfred Hotel on Tuesday evening it was decided that there was sufficient encouragement to warrant the formation of a new club, to be called the North Adelaide Lacrosse Club, and the following were appointed as a temporary committee:—Messrs. H. Davenport (secretary), W. H. Bragg, J. Gow, W. J. Bonnin, and L. Cavenagh.



1897 Premiers

North Adelaide had early success in the South Australian A grade league, including unofficially winning the premiership in 1887, a year before the South Australian Lacrosse Association was formally constituted.

A Grade Premierships: 1888, 1889, 1897, 1909, 1910, 1927, 1928, 1929 & 1960



Back row: Barry Monahan, Dennis Taylor, Anthony Melbourne (Vice-capt), Vern Medlin (Coach), William Watts, Brian Cherry, Rex Langford, Thomas McCormick (Captain)

Front row: Allan Magor, Allan Gandy, Bob Johnston, Ken Bemold, Robert Magor

In 1960 North Adelaide defeated Port Adelaide 20-10 (Gandy 9, Cherry 3, A. Magor 2, R. Magor 2, Bemold 2, Taylor 1 & Melbourne 1).

Ken Bemold, Allan Gandy and Bob Johnston were all members of the 1959 Australian team.

Prominent members

Throughout the years a number of prominent people have been members of the club:

Professor William Henry Bragg was awarded a Nobel Prize for Science in 1915 for his services in the analysis of crystal structures by means of X-rays

Alfred Bertram- Cox was in the Guinness Book of records as the person who had travelled to the most countries in the world - 200 of the then 203 possible in 1989. He was NALC club secretary in 1923 and played 101 games

Griffith Mostyn Evan- more popularly known as Mostyn G. Evan played for NALC in the 1920's and was also a renowned cricketer. He served as President of the South Australian Lacrosse Association for 22 years.

Chief Justice Dr J. Bray was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Australia and Chancellor of the University of Adelaide

Sir John Glover served as Lord Mayor of Adelaide from 1960-1963

Women's Lacrosse

A women's B grade team was formed at North in 1968 as an affiliated ladies club, the Northern Districts Women's Lacrosse Club. Girl's under-age teams began in the early 1970's.

The Northern Districts club merged with North Adelaide in 1978 and became the North Adelaide Lacrosse Club, winning several B grade premierships.



2010 B Grade premiers