

Visit to Broken Hill (June 2025)

Summary:

1. Met with 3 people from local history groups:
 - 1.1 Margaret Price
Coordinator Synagogue of the Outback Museum
 - 1.2 Donald ? Synagogue of the Outback Museum
 - 1.3 Jenny Camilleri OAM
Secretary BH Family History Group
2. Found a new photo of a team from Broken Hill, appears to be around 1900 based on player names. Also team name is uncertain however could be an BH representative team to play teams in South Australia.
3. First Lacrosse club formed in 1893 (Broken Hill Lacrosse club)
4. Over the years to WW1 there were about 4 to 5 clubs playing at any particular time however the list of clubs is below:
 - 4.1 Broken Hill Lacrosse Club
 - 4.2 Central Mines LC
 - 4.3 Willyama LC
 - 4.4 Banks LC
 - 4.5 Broken Hill North LC
 - 4.6 Broken Hill Souths LC
 - 4.7 Broken Hill West LC
 - 4.8 Broken Hill YMCA
 - 4.9 Commercials LC
 - 4.10 Broken Hill Proprietary LC
5. Some players represented the NSW State Team
6. Lacrosse was also played in schools for both boys and girls. Margaret Price above played back in the 1940's and a friend of hers, who passed away , played in the 1930's.
7. Attached are some research notes provided by Jenny Camilleri, also above.

History on the Broken Hill Lacrosse Club

Lacrosse 20th May 1890 W Baley

Broken Hill Lacrosse Club was formed in Broken Hill at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel 20th May 1893

Dr Joseph Bartley was the President 27th July 1896.

H Gordon was the late secretary of the Lacrosse Club was living in Perth WA 7th September 1896.

Banks, Broken Lacrosse team played on the Hillside Reserve, Willyama, North Reserve 17th June 1896 Captain Richards was with the Willyama Team.

Broken Hill Lacrosse Club held a meeting at the Royal Hotel with Mr Joachim who was the captain of the team. Mr Howard was secretary/ BH lacrosse Club/ Another meeting was held at the Grand Hotel 4th April 1898 and T Forsyth presided. An election took place and F M Mitchell became the patron, President was J Lowrie, Vice President T Forsyth, Captain E A Kingsbury (Photographer) the committee were Kingsbury, Tiver, Cook, Parrington and Bright.

A selection Committee Kingsbury, Tiver and Mackay were engaging the Jubilee Oval every Saturday, and they procured a rule book. Entrance was five shillings. 1898.

Broken Hill Lacrosse Club held a farewell for B Gilles who was leaving for Perth in WA he was a heavy drinker. H Player owner of the Australian Club Hotel 28 July 1904.

Central Lacrosse Club had W Smith as Secretary 29th March 1905 and H G Bright was the Secretary of the Broken Hill Proprietary Club

Broken Hill Lacrosse Association Concert was held at the Freemasons Hall 15th June 1905.

Smoke Social was held 14th June 1906. C Lindsay was a member of the Lacrosse club since it commenced, and he left Broken Hill and went to Melbourne.

Meeting Held at the Australian Club Hotel run by H Player 23rd March 1906 the Patron was J A. Lindsay, President was J Reid, Vice President was T Forsyth, W Adams, secretary S Mackay, Captain E A Kingsbury and W Baley was vice Captain.

14th March 1907 two teams from the Central Club took part in the Association matches at the start of the season.

23rd March 1907 Proprietary Lacross Club annual meeting was held at the Australian Club Hotel in Argent Stret and 22 Members had enrolled for Easter.

A W Jenkinson (Photographer) Presided, Elections took place Patron H Player, Mr J Lowrie, President, Vice President J Whitelaw and J Reid. Secretary/Treasurer G T Thompson, Mr S Mackay, Mr J Gordon, Mr Linton, S Mackay was to assist with the Broken Hill Lacrosse Association.

Canadian Visit to Broken Hill 24th April 1907 also a dance for the Association took place 12 June 1907. ????

Games were played on the BHP Paddock 30 April 1908
The annual meeting of the Broken Hill Lacrosse Association was held 6th April 190009 and the committee agreed to canvas for a 4th Team.

16th June 1910 Broken Hill Lacrosse Association held a meeting at the YMCA to talk about the up coming game between Jamestown and Broken Hill Borth Matchers were held on the Western Oval (Memorial Oval) and they had Northern Miners Colours.

1913 Teams North, South and Central.

21 March 1913 Charles Medlin was listed as the First Lacrosse player and he was visiting Broken Hill at the time to help the North Lacrosse club.

Broken Hill Lacrosse Team played Crystal Brook Team 26th June 1914

H Jhonson early solicitor in Silverton and Broken Hill was one of the first members of the Lacrosse Club.

I am assuming that the game of Lacrosse ceased around 1915 due to the First World War.

Compiled by Jenny Camilleri June 2025