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BROTHER MACARTAN MICHAEL KEEGAN (RIP) 1885-1941 **Founder of the Glebe District Hockey Club**

A recent inquiry from Harry Wark, honorary historian of the Glebe District Hockey Club regarding its forerunner, the St James' Sports Club, stimulated the writer to look further into what is known of Brother Macartan Keegan. This writer's first article on Brother Macartan was published in the July 1996 issue of *THE GREEN SASH* following the receipt of correspondence from the Congregational Archivist in Ireland, Brother Linus Walker, which included the following obituary by Brother Boniface Carroll:

"Michael Keegan was born at Bowling Green, Galway City, Co. Galway, Ireland on January 3, 1885. He was educated at the Patrician Brothers' Primary school nearby and at St. Joseph's Seminary, Nuns' Island. Having passed the Public Examinations of the Intermediate Board of Education he became a Pupil Teacher with the Brothers at Lombard Street Monastery School, Galway [City] and after qualification took a post as Assistant in a National school at Drogheda, Co. Louth.

"After two years he resigned to join the Patrician Brothers. He entered the Brotherhood, on September 1, 1906 at Tullow, Co. Carlow, taking the name in religion of Macartan [a 5th century Irish saint, friend and disciple of Saint Patrick and uncle of St. Brigid.] Professed on August 15, 1908, Brother Macartan, in September 1908 and in the company of two other Brothers, sailed for India via Genoa. He made his Final Profession on January 7, 1912. In India he had spent his time mainly at St. George's College, Mussorie in the Punjab and had, at one time, been selected in an All India Hockey team.

"Brother Macartan remained in India until April 1926, when he returned to Ireland for vacation.

"He was then appointed Principal of the Secondary School at Mallow, Co. Cork where Brother Macartan remained for two years before his transfer to Australia in November 1928."

[The Bowling Green (otherwise known as Saunder's Lane) was immediately to the rear of the Brothers' Monastery, Lombard Street, Galway. The fact that the boy attended Primary School at Nun's Island, where a small fee was payable indicates that his parents were slightly better off.

The term National School indicates a Primary School in connection with the Government's Commissioners for National Schools, Ireland; that is, receiving State Aid. *The Congregational Archivist in Ireland, Brother Linus Walker, included these comments by way of explanation.*]

Brother Macartan Keegan arrived in Sydney aboard the *Otranto* on February 14, 1929. He was first appointed to Holy Cross College, Ryde, where, in 1929, he raised two teams to compete in the hockey competition.

EVOLUTION OF THE GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

Holy Cross College Hockey Teams

1. The Seeding

The Holy Cross College Annual of 1929 devoted pages 47 and 48 to a report headed:

H O C K E Y

This year, for the first time in the history of the College, hockey was introduced due to the Rev. Bro. Macartan, who arrived this year from India where he took an active interest in the sport. Upon his arrival he was anxious to see how Holy Cross would like the game. Inside a month he had two teams playing regularly in competition, and for a new club the results were remarkable. The 'A' team won 21 of its 26 games. [As there are no photos of the teams the following comments are included.]

'A' TEAM

Frank Page, goalie: never misses a shot unless it is unstoppable; was unfortunate to miss his place in the State team.

J. Connolly, left full back: an excellent captain; a hefty, hard hitting player, sound in tackling and clearing and possessed the qualities of an inter-State player.

Harry Johansen, right full-back: a heady player and a good tackler. No one but a 'suicidist' gets in front of Harry when he executes one of famous "stoves".

N. Fox, left half-back: especially skilled in tackling, a good man when things do not look too rosy and an expert "stover".

Ray Walsh, centre half-back: was tried in a number of positions before he came to rest at centre-half, where he used his head and stick to advantage.

F. Bailey, right half-back; good tackler and quick on his feet.

P. Maher, forward: the team's best forward, a fast man and an exceptionally good shot. In one match scored five goals.

Jack Ryan, forward: fast man and a hard man to tackle; seems to have a special knack in getting maimed.

R. Browne, forward: very heady forward who can manipulate his stick uncannily; most difficult to tackle.

Basil Bates, forward: fast and tricky player who netted some rather remarkable goals.

Bro. Macartan Keegan, forward: was always good for a goal or two, but he devoted most of his time in keeping his forward line in order and in helping them by his vast experience to grasp the finer points of the game. He was always in the thick of the battle and once an opponent became accustomed to him he never failed (afterwards) to tackle in the orthodox manner.

The 'B' team, owing to their lack of weight, was not nearly so successful, but put up a few great fights, winning nine of its 17 matches. The side's win over North Sydney was its most creditable performance. The team's best performers were E. Reardon, S. Wanless, T. O'Donnell and R. Richardson. [Sadly the names of the remaining team members were unrecorded.]

Brothers at Holy Cross College in 1929: Brothers Celsus Daly (Superior & Provincial), Canice Grimes, Aloysius Hannigan, Evangelist Hanratty, Macartan Keegan, Baptist McGrath, Austin O'Connell, Fintan O'Neill, Bernard Ryan.

In the 1930 Holy Cross College Annual Report, hockey was moved forward to pages 38 and 39 and was prominently headed:

H O C K E Y

In the Metropolitan B Grade Hockey Competition the College entered two teams – ‘A’ and ‘B’. This was only the second year of competition for the College, yet such was the progress since Brother Macartan introduced the game in 1929 that we saw both ‘A’ and ‘B’ teams in the Semi Finals. The ‘A’ team won the Minor Premiership going through the season undefeated. In the Grand Final the ‘A’ team defeated Cheltenham by four goals to nil, thereby gaining the Premiership for 1930. It created two records; in its unbroken line of successes and in the number of goals – 83 to 10 against. During the season the team played 18 matches which resulted in 17 wins and a draw.

‘A’ Team

Frank Page, goalie: let only ten goals past him this season.

R. Walsh, full-back: captain and an excellent fullback; his tackling and clearing tactics were outstanding.

Harry Johansen, full-back: vice-captain, also an excellent fullback, combined terrific hitting powers with the cunning of a snake, literally worming his way through the opponents.

Macartan Ryan, right half-back: ex-hurley player from Ireland, whose speed and tackling did much towards the team’s success.

Macartan Keegan, centre-half and coach: employed the knowledge of the game which he learnt while playing in India. Always a hard player and was usually at his best when the team was hard put.

K. Seaton, left half-back: good worker, known for his excellent clearing; an exponent of the push stroke.

K. McNamara, right-wing: fast and always on the ball when passed to him and although not a high scorer his excellent centring resulted in many goals.

Jack Ryan, inside-right forward: gained many goals for the team, known as the one-handed player scarcely ever using both hands on his stick.

P. Maher, centre-forward: best centre in the competition, scoring 61 goals for the season.

H. Connolly, inside-left forward: newcomer to the game this season, aggressive with great skill and ability.

Basil Bates, left-wing: very fast, continually tricked his opponents.

Note: Brother Macartan Joseph Patrick Ryan arrived from Ireland aboard the *Maloja* on January 23, 1930 and was at Holy Cross College from his arrival until his death on June 18, 1934, aged 28 years.

‘B’ Team

The ‘B’ team was unlucky in not making the finals of the second division. Among the outstanding performances of this sturdy little team were: 10-Nil win over University Union, 3-1 over the strong City team and decisive wins over Randwick and St. George.

J. Barden, goalie: the large man of the team.

J. McDonnell, right full-back: midget of the team whose size belied his ability, great tackler and clearer.

T. Mulhearn, left full-back: excellent full-back and hard hitter.

W. Ireland, left half-back: captain and a great hitter.

R. Richardson, centre half-back: tricky player; always on the ball, excelling in defence.

P. Dalton, right half-back: well merited his place in the team.

V. Skinner, winger: used all the tricks of the game.

Will Kelly, inside forward: vice-captain, an excellent goal-getter, with greatest numbers of goals to his credit.

B. Franklin, centre-forward: small in build but great goal scorer, started movements with good results.

R. Garforth, inside-forward: good goal scorer.

A. Rowe, winger: very fast with good judgment for the centres.

ST. JAMES' SPORTS CLUB

2. The first blossom

In August 1929, several young ex-students of the St. James' School for Boys, conducted by the Patrician Brothers in the Parish of Forest Lodge, in the suburb of Glebe, formed the St. James' Sports Club. Its President was Jack Dwyer and Jack Taylor, Secretary. It cost two shillings and sixpence (25 cents) to join and sixpence (5 cents) a week for continuing membership.

Though initially a cricket club, the former pupils of St. James exhibited considerable organizational skills to embrace a variety of sports – cricket, tennis, rugby league, soccer and athletics. Non-Catholics were welcomed and many took up the invitation. The Committee was very 'savvy'. Glebe Public School, known to the locals as the 'GPS', produced some outstanding sportsmen. [For those unaware of the connotation of 'GPS' such relates to the elite Greater Public Schools, comprising Sydney Grammar School, Sydney Boys' High School, Shore - Sydney Church of England Grammar School, The Scot's College, Newington College, St. Ignatius' College, St. Joseph's College and The King's School.]

In 1931, Brother Macartan was transferred to Forest Lodge Community. St. James' School for Boys was then located on the corner of Pyrmont Bridge Road and Rosebank Street, Glebe. The Brothers' monastery was at 165 Pyrmont Bridge Road between Rosebank and Woolley Streets. That year the Forest Lodge Community comprised Brother Cyril Boland (Superior), Brother Finian Byrne, Brother Thomas Brennan and Brother Macartan. In July, Brother Oliver Healy also came to Forest Lodge. John Campbell, alumnus of Forest Lodge (1933-1940 Intermediate) recalls that Brother Macartan taught the 4th Class.

Upon arrival Brother Macartan became aware of the St. James' Sports Club. He agreed to captain-coach a team in the Metropolitan Hockey Association 'B' Grade competition of 1931. It would seem to this writer that Brother Macartan's success at Holy Cross College would have influenced the Committee's decision to embrace the then blossoming sport of hockey. Interestingly the Metropolitan Hockey Association in Sydney had been created on April 1, 1931, with Brother Macartan Keegan one of its Vice-Presidents. The team played in yellow shirt with a blue V and white shorts, the colours of the St. James' Sports Club. St. James' Sports Club won the Metropolitan Hockey Association 'B' Grade Premiership in 1931 earning the Club promotion to Reserve Grade in 1932 in which it again was successful.

This writer has no knowledge of the records of the teams matches other than that both won their respective Premierships. Brother Macartan was captain/coach of the 1931 side with Bill Bourke (vice-captain). In 1932 Brother Macartan was non-playing coach with Bill Bourke (captain) and Tom Pearce (vice-captain).

The next step was to enter the A Grade competition but it was necessary that the Club represent a district. It was resolved that by fielding both A and B Grade teams the Club qualified for district status.

ST. JAMES' SPORTS CLUB

'B' Grade Premiers, Metropolitan Hockey Association, 1931



Back Row: Roy Pearce, Tom Barklimore, Walter Batty
Second Row: Ernie McGrade, John Quinlan, George Gold, Mick Cummins,
Jim Burt, John Taylor, Tom Pearce
Front Row: E. 'Ted' Mockler, Brother Macartan Michael Keegan (Captain),
Stephen McCormack, Bill Bourke (Vice- Captain), Jack Ryan.
Note: Bill Bourke was an alumnus of Holy Cross College, Ryde.

ST. JAMES' SPORTS CLUB
Reserve Grade Premiers, Metropolitan Hockey Association, 1932



Back Row: Jim Burt, Mick Cummins, Jack Ryan, John (Jack) Taylor, E. (Ted) Mockler,
Greg Walsh, Tom Barklimore
Second Row: John Quinlan, Bro. Macartan Keegan (Coach), William (Billy) Bourke (Capt.),
J. Denis ('Doc') Donovan (Sec.), Tom Pearce (Vice-Capt.)
Front Row: Mick Dunn, Stephen McCormack, George Mockler.

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

3. The full flowering

The Glebe District Hockey Club was founded on December 20, 1932 at a meeting held in the hall on the ground floor of the St. James' School for Boys, with St. James' Sports Club providing all the membership. The President was E. Mockler, J. "Doc" Donovan, (Secretary) and J.W. Taylor, (Hon. Treasurer). It was moved and carried "that the club colours shall be blue and gold, that is, gold shirt with blue V and blue trousers [shorts]."

The colours were changed to maroon shirt with a white V both back and front with white shorts and maroon socks with white border at the top before the commencement of the 1933 Hockey season in April. "Maroon was the colour worn by all teams that had represented the Glebe District. The Bulletin magazine referred to the Glebe Rugby League thus: 'the Glebe men, known as "the butchers", wearers of the gory coloured guernsey' and on another occasion, the men from Glebe who wear red and live near the abattoirs. Up to 1915 there was an abattoir at Glebe Island, which was a big employer of local people. The blood from the slaughtered animals flowed into Rozelle Bay turning the water a crimson, maroon colour. Legend has it that this maroon coloured seawater of White, Rozelle and Blackwattle Bays provided the inspiration for the choice of maroon for the playing strip for the teams representing the Glebe District."

After the St. James' Hockey Club became the Glebe District Hockey Club the sporting activities of the St. James' Sports Club were confined to rugby league, soccer, athletics, cricket and tennis.

Brother Macartan continued his association with the Glebe District Hockey Club as Patron up to his return to India in November 1937. He left behind a tradition that is embodied in the following examples:

"His determination to instill the creed of 'no train, no game'; together with his general enjoyment and love of the game."

"As a young player in the 1960s, I remember the late Lenny Needham, a Glebe stalwart through and through, frequently telling us in the half-time team talks that what we needed for success in the second half was more 'Punjab'. This expression had been handed down the line, from Brother Macartan to subsequent generations of hockey players."

"The Brother Macartan Keegan Cup is a trophy donated to honour the Founder of our Club. It is awarded to the Under 11 player who the Junior Committee feels has demonstrated the qualities Macartan Keegan instilled into Glebe teams. Quality coaches who have followed in his footsteps have preached it ever since, i.e., to play an unselfish team game, always support your team mates, never give up but at the same time accept defeat graciously and realise the only dishonour in being beaten is when you have not given of your best."

Now returning to Brother Boniface Carroll: "In November, 1937 Brother Macartan returned to India, going first to St. George's, Mussoorie [Uttar Pradesh] and later to Lahore, Punjab [modern Pakistan] where he died from blood pressure [hypertension] on April 12, 1941."

Some 10,000 players have competed with Glebe teams. In 2006 the Glebe First Grade team won the competition for the 27th time and the Club Championship for the 29th. During the 2006 season the Club fielded five Womens' teams, seven Mens' Senior teams, a Mens' Veterans' team, eight Junior teams and had 48 registered Minkey players. Minkey is played every Saturday at Jubilee Oval, Glebe, and is for the players eight years and under.

It is important that a sporting Club maintain a record of its endeavours throughout its history. In 1994, "A History of the Glebe District Hockey Club to 1993" was published by the Club. Reproduced below is part of the Foreword:

“...Sport is many things to many people, but there is no doubt that it has a central position in most societies throughout the world. Max Solling and Harry Wark have captured and recorded the pleasures, aspirations, hopes, disappointments and delights of the ordinary people of an ordinary suburb and their hockey club. The subject material, dealing with the history of the Glebe District Hockey Club, is handled in a sensitive and informative way, and the delights and despairs of the hockey players of Glebe make absorbing reading... This book helps redress the lack of information and the little prominence given to the aspirations of the average Australian sportsman and the hundreds of small sporting clubs around the nation. It chronicles the commitment of one generation to its succeeding generations and reaffirms the devotion and commitment which human beings can have each for the other given the necessary structure through which to operate.

“We, the Glebe District Hockey Club, are delighted with the book and congratulate the authors on a painstakingly thorough history of the best hockey club in Australia

Geoff Paterson
President of the Glebe District Hockey Club
Sydney 1994”

Club Championships

1948-1953, 1956, 1958, 1961-1962, 1964-1968, 1972-1978, 1980, 1982, 1989-1990, 1995-1997, 2006.

Premierships

First Grade (Previously ‘A’ Grade)

1940-1943, 1945, 1947-1953, 1955-1956, 1958, 1962-1965, 1974, 1976-1977, 1980, 1982, 1995, 1997, 2005-2006.

Second Grade (Previously Reserve Grade)

1932, 1934-1935, 1940-1941, 1947-1951, 1953, 1960, 1964-1968, 1972-1974, 1976, 1981, 1986, 2003.

Third Grade (Previously ‘B’ Grade)

1931, 1933, 1946, 1948-1949, 1957-1958, 1962, 1966-1968, 1972, 1974-1976, 1978, 1982, 1985, 1990, 1996-1997, 2005.

As well as the above, the Club has been successful in 4th Grade, Minor B, under 10, 12, 14, 15 & 17 age premierships; Glebe Women have been successful in 2nd, 3rd and 4th Grade Premierships since 1984 and won the 2nd Grade Premiership in 2000-2001.

What Brother Macartan Michael Keegan established in 1931 is still flourishing in Glebe. His contribution to the sport of hockey and the Glebe District Hockey Club is recorded on his gravestone reproduced below.

Sixty-nine years have passed since Brother Macartan left our shores.

BROTHER MACARTAN M. KEEGAN

AGE 56 YEARS

DIED – APRIL 12th 1941

AT LAHORE, PAKISTAN

INTRODUCED HOCKEY INTO AUSTRALIA

In memory of all the departed mentioned in the above.
Requiescant in Pace.

Note: In many references, Brother Macartan is identified as ‘Maurice Macarten Keegan’. It is the opinion of this writer the name Maurice was adopted by the members of the St. James’ Sports Club in 1931. Players in the team would have needed to call across the field to each other. It would have been impractical to address him as Brother Macartan. At that time, there was a well known jockey named Maurice McCarten who rode in Sydney from the mid 1920s to the late 1940s. On December 26, 1928 Maurice McCarten rode Whitta, the winner of the AJC Chelmsford Handicap. Such a play on names may have influenced his fellow players to give him the soubriquet of Maurice and which, in time, caused Maurice to be accepted as his Christian name together with the misspelling of Macartan.

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GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

A GRADE TEAM, 1935



Standing: Danny Mockler (Selector), Michael Schultz, Tom Bourke, Tom Taylor, Jim Burt, Jack Norton (Selector),
Jim Kenny, Jack Mockler (Selector),
Seated: Tom Barklmore, Tom Pearce (Vice. Capt.) Jack Quinlan (Capt.), Jack Andrews, George Mockler,
J. Heckenberg

Photo was taken in the grounds of Jubilee Oval, Glebe, to the northern side of the grandstand. The palm tree now stands 30 metres high and the big rock is still there.

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB
UNDEFEATED 1st GRADE PREMIERS, 1943
HOLDERS OF MARKHAM CUP, 1941-1943



Back Row: Jack W. Taylor (Hon Treasurer), Tom Taylor, Clive Bush, Kelvin Dickey, William Ryan,
Charlie Humphries (President)

Centre Row: Vic Burton, Jack Cummings, Jack Quinlan (Capt.), Jack Taylor, Jim Kenny, Paul Rodgers

Front Row: William Atkinson, Sid Cairnduff, Vern Turner (***Inset***) Tom Irvine.

Photo was taken within the grounds of St. Paul's Oval, University of Sydney, Camperdown

GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

WINNERS, CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, 1948



Back Row: Don Campbell, Paul Rodgers, Reg Matthews, Kevin Ryan, Tom Taylor, Fred Needham, Ron Feld, Jack McParland, Paul Scott, William Caffrey, Jack Cummings

Third Row: Vince Hall (snr), Jack "Barney" Hayes, Ken Wark, Harry Fardouly, Noel Walker, Harry Wark, Les Waight, Frank Murray, Harry Wilson, Alan Halls, Paul Atkins, Benny Austin

Second Row: Jack Sutherland, John Collett, William Ryan, Jack Taylor, Kelvin Dickey, Jack Worley, Vern Turner, Wilfred Murray, Len Dickey, Vince Halls, Allan Cross

Front Row: Bobby Rodgers, Larry Scanlon, Glen Elliott, Jack Buckley, Jim Kenny, David McNiven, Vic Mahoney, Bruce Jeffree, Robert Needham, William Taylor, William Lord,

In Front: Len Needham.

Photo was taken behind the old paddock grandstand in the grounds of the NSW Trotting Club's Harold Park Raceway, Glebe.

Glebe D.H.C Australian Representatives

In 1937 Basil Bates and Tom Pearce were selected to play for Australia while playing for Glebe. Both had learnt the game under Brother Macartan; Basil Bates at Holy Cross College, Ryde and Tom Pearce at St. James' Sports Club, Glebe. Other representatives in later years were Ken Wark 1952, 1954, Terry Reece (snr) 1954, Pat Nilan 1961-1972, Ian Cooke 1974 -1981, Warren 'Buster' Birmingham 1984 -1994 (200 caps), Ken Wark (jnr) 1985 -1996 (214 caps).

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Memorabilia relating to the early history of the **Glebe District Hockey Club**; an old photo, a story, an anecdote etc. would be gratefully received by the Club's honorary historian, Harry Wark. Original documents will be promptly returned. Harry can be contacted by phone 9952 4603, fax 9952 4603 and Email at www.awark@bigpond.net.au

ANOTHER IMPORTANT MESSAGE

The Provincial Archivist, Brother Stephen Sweetman, has asked that the following message be brought to the attention of our readers:

Dear Alumni of Redfern, Forest Lodge and Waterloo,

If you have any archival materials of your Patrician school in your possession that you could donate or lend to the Patrician archives this would be most appreciated. We are looking for any photos, report cards, newsletters, magazines, badges, anything related to the school. Maybe you have some thoughts or stories about the school or Brothers written down we could copy and add to the archives.

Please contact Br. Stephen Sweetman (provincial archivist) if you can help. Phone: 9808 6794 or mobile 4332 4148 Email: ozarchives@patricianbrothers.com

STORIES THAT SHOULD BE TOLD.

Over the past 13 years the writer has recorded the Brothers who taught us. But it would be sad to fail to record the special memories of our fellow readers. Each and every one of us was taught by a Brother or Brothers who left a deep impression of our schooldays.

Accordingly, all are invited and encouraged to forward a pen picture of a fond memory or memories of a Brother or Brothers. Short or long, all will be gratefully received. Do not be deterred by thinking your stories will not be of interest.

Should you perhaps prefer to relate your story over the telephone, just call Kevin at 9975 6481. You will find a very ready listener. If Kevin is unavailable please leave you name and phone number on the answering machine. Rest assured, your call will be returned.

Your recollections are very important. Please let your story be shared with others. All received will be acknowledged by return mail or by 'phone. The personal regret of the writer is that this invitation was not extended in the past years.

As an example, the writer recalls an important event in his schooldays:

"I developed a stutter in 5th Class. Brother Rodan Bergin called my brothers, Barry and Paul, who were in 6th and 3rd Class respectively and myself together and instructed my brothers, 'whenever Kevin stutters, tell him to sing the word'. This may seem strange, but in effect 'singing' the word caused me to both breathe and 'mouth' the word correctly and consequently the stuttering ceased. In later years, I observed a friend of my very early years, who had attended Forest Lodge Public school and had not experienced the benefit of Brother Rodan's 'singing' cure. As a grown man, his 'stutter' was so developed he was unable to effectively communicate by word of mouth. It crossed my mind; 'there but for Brother Rodan, go I.' "

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PASSINGS
Alexander (Acka) James Tracey (RIP)
 May 18, 1925 – November 4, 2006
 In his 82nd year
 Alumnus of Redfern

To the many alumni he met over the past 13 years he was Alec, but to those of the Parish St. Therese, Mascot, all in the surrounding suburbs and his old schoolmates he was “Acka”. Alec played in First Grade as a winger with South Sydney Rugby League Club. He was known as a person who never spoke ill of another. Alec never missed an alumni occasion. Owing to illness he was unable to join with us in 2006, but that didn’t stop him phoning the writer and personally apologizing for his inability to attend and forwarding a donation to support the occasion. On October 8th last Alec was with us in spirit.

We join all who loved Alec in mourning his passing.

Michael John Mullins (RIP)
 May 30, 1929 -November 8, 2006
 In his 78th year
 Alumnus of Forest Lodge

Mick was a member of the Intermediate Class of 1944 and even as a boy he had an outgoing personality with an engaging smile; pleasing traits he carried through life. He was a vigorous rugby league second rower with the Forest Lodge CYO; also St James’ Sports Club and Bing & Swing in the Balmain District Junior Rugby League competition. But Mick’s first love was pigeon racing which he took up as a boy and enjoyed throughout his life.

We join with Val, Greg and Vicki, in mourning his passing.

Requiescant in Pace
RESULT OF GUESSING COMPETITION

Old St. Mary’s Cathedral was destroyed by fire in 1865. The writer apologises for giving a misleading choice of answers. Geoff Vickers of Chiswick was the winner. Our congratulations to Geoff and we thank all who participated.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
For the Year ended December 31, 2006

2005	Receipts	2006	Payments	2006	2005
\$		\$		\$	\$
328	Bank Balance <u>brought forward</u>	923			
	Function Contributions		Function Costs		
2980	and Donations	2903	The Catholic Club	1942	1575
			Annual Mass	200	100
			Guessing Competition	100	100
			Donation – Memorial, Fr. Doyle	-	50
3	Bank Interest	3	Postage & Stationery	534	538
			Photo Reproduction	14	25
2983		2906		2790	2388
			Bank Balance <u>carried forward</u>	1039	923

3311

3829

3829 3311

923 **Bank Balance brought forward**
 January 1, 2007 1039

Kevin Athanasius Scott
Honorary Treasurer January 1, 2007

Comment: The Committee is pleased to report that the Association ended the year with a surplus of \$1039 and expresses its sincere thanks to all who gave financial support throughout the year.

Our budget for the year 2007 is detailed immediately below and the anticipated expenditure, which includes upfront costs for the Mass & Luncheon is, but for \$36, in hand. The Committee approaches the next Annual Mass & Luncheon, scheduled to be held in February 2008, confident of a large attendance in celebration of the bicentenary of the foundation of the Brothers of St. Patrick. The Catholic Club, centrally situated in the Sydney CBD, has proved to be an outstanding venue which meets all our needs.

BUDGET 2007			
Mass/Luncheon	Postage & Stationery	Photos	Total
\$475	\$550	\$50	\$1075

AND A HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY TO ALL