

BELOW IS AN EXTRACT ON GEORGE PENNICOOK, TAKEN FROM BRUCE MOORE'S BOOK ON THE BCC, 60 SUMMERS OF CRICKET".



Berowra prides itself on being a leader in junior cricket in the district and the efforts of two Life Members should not be forgotten. George Pennicook (picture) was Secretary from 1959-1962, having played a significant role in the running of our Club throughout the 1950s. He also held the position of Organizing Secretary of the Hornsby–Ku-ring-gai Cricket Association from 1961/62 to 1963/64. George devised most of the methods still used by Divisional Secretaries to keep track of players and results and is regarded as the “Father” of the Schoolboys’ Competition. His sterling efforts were rewarded when he was granted Life

Membership of Berowra C.C. in 1960 and Life Membership of the HKCA in 1964.

George was the oldest living Life Member of both Berowra CC and HK&HDCA.

BELOW IS SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TAKEN FROM THE DETAILED HISTORY OF THE BCC, From the Northern End".

George Pennicook: 1960 – 2012

Player; 1949/50, 1957/58, 1958/59, 1959/60, 1960/61, 1961/62, 1974/75, 1975/76,

George Pennicook has the distinction of being the only member of Berowra Cricket Club to be honoured with an award by the Queen. On Jan. 1, 1973 he was awarded the MBE (Member of the British Empire) for services to sport and to ex-servicemen.

George played a very significant part in Berowra Cricket Club’s formative years of the 1950’s and 1960’s. From 1955/56 until 1958/59 he was BCC Treasurer and during the following four seasons, ending in 1961/62, he served the Club as Secretary. Given his renowned accounting skills, it is not surprising that once again he took on the role of BCC Treasurer for another period of four years, this time from 1963/64 until 1967/68.

On the coaching front, George gave of his time over several seasons in the 1950’s and 1960’s to manage BCC junior teams. He was also a member of the HKCA Umpires League and officiated as an umpire in various local matches.

In terms of additional administrative responsibilities, George was elected to the position of HKCA Organising Secretary from 1961/62 to 1963/64. This led to his being given the tag of “Father of Schoolboys’ Cricket”, since it was he who set up methods still used by today’s Divisional Secretaries to keep track of players and results. Having been made the second Life Member of Berowra Cricket Club in 1960, he was honoured a short time later by being awarded Life Membership of the HKCA in 1964.

George was a member of the 1949/50 Berowra A Grade side captained by Reg Manton and he later played in teams in various grades up until 1975/76. He was a very keen participant in the early BCC Past v Present matches of the 1980’s before moving to Kincumber.