

NEW ZEALAND CRICKET MUSEUM



Auckland Cricket Team – Plunket Shield Winners, 1907-08
The Historic First Winners of the Plunket Shield

Standing – l to r: A. Howden, W. Brook-Smith, G.W. Cummings, A.E. Reif, W. Robinson
Seated – l to r: J. Watts (secretary), J.M. Hussey, A. Haddon (captain), R.H. Froude (manager),
L.G. Hemus, L. Prime, C. Hay (treasurer)
Front – l to r: P.C. White (12th man), F.R. Mason
Absent: A. Kerr
Photo: Unknown
Parnell Cricket Club Collection

EDUCATION / MARKETING

Visits to the Museum

Museum visitations are up by 13% on the same seven-month period for last year i.e. 823 visitors to 727 visitors or 117 per month on average compared to 103 per month between 01 June and 31 December. This is largely due to school and cricket age-group visits. The museum has successfully marketed the museum to local schools and has also hosted school groups from Christchurch (Medbury School) and Wanganui (Wanganui High School). Education programmes were conducted with the Wellington Under-12, 13 and 14 Age-Group Teams during August and September; students from the "Making Futures Happen" Academy in November; librarians from Massey University; and students from Francis Douglas Memorial College (New Plymouth) in December. A range of cricket heritage programmes were prepared to meet the needs and requirements of each group.



Marketing to Overseas Visitors

In anticipation of groups of English supporters following the test series between New Zealand and England in February/March 2008, the museum is providing discount vouchers in partnership with New Zealand Cricket. Also, the museum has contributed three articles on displays with a NZ/England connection to the Souvenir Test Series Programme – Black Caps v England 2008. These marketing strategies should help to increase visitations and awareness of the museum.



Students from the "Making Futures Happen" Academy being introduced to the "1970's & 1980's" display 30.11.07
Photo: Stephen A'Court
New Zealand Cricket Museum Archives

Students from Wanganui High School looking at "The Origins of the Game" display 28.11.2007
Photo: Stephen A'Court
New Zealand Cricket Museum Archives

VISITS TO THE MUSEUM

The Old Grandstand, Basin Reserve, Wellington

Public Hours

Summer Season: 10.30 – 3.30pm Monday to Sunday and all match days i.e. 01 November to 30 April.

Winter Season: 10.30 – 3.30pm Weekends only i.e. 01 May to 31 October or by special arrangement.

Schools & Group Hours

Summer Season: Open Monday to Friday 10.30 – 3.30pm by prior arrangement (not match days).

Winter Season: As above but by special arrangement.

Admission Charges

\$5 adults; \$2 students/children. Children (12 years & under) free if accompanied by an adult.

School groups \$1 per student and \$2 per adult.

Other group visits by arrangement.

Bookings

The museum welcomes school/group visits by prior arrangement. We appreciate at least two weeks notice to enable successful liaison time with the Host/Guide and to ensure that you are able to book the most suitable times.

Note: The museum can comfortably accommodate 25 students and accompanying teachers and adults, split into two groups, at one time.

Phone: 04 385 6602

Email: cricket@wmt.org.nz

Website: www.nzcricket.co.nz

Basin Reserve Tours

Tours can be organised to the New Zealand Cricket Museum, the R.A. Vance Stand, the Groundsmen's Shed and the perimeter of the ground to view famous historical cricket plaques.

Facilities

Museum toilet including disabled toilet.
Bus & car parking adjacent to the museum.
Museum shop stocks a variety of books, postcards, miniature cricket bats, balls etc.

Lending Library

The library is available for lending, research and study purposes. Hours by arrangement. A cornucopia of cricket history.

How To Find Us

By Car: Drive in/enter by the southern (J.B. Reid) Gate at the Basin Reserve.

By Bus: Stagecoach Wellington. Buses 1, 42, 43, 44 travel to/from Kent and Cambridge Terrace to the Central Railway Station.

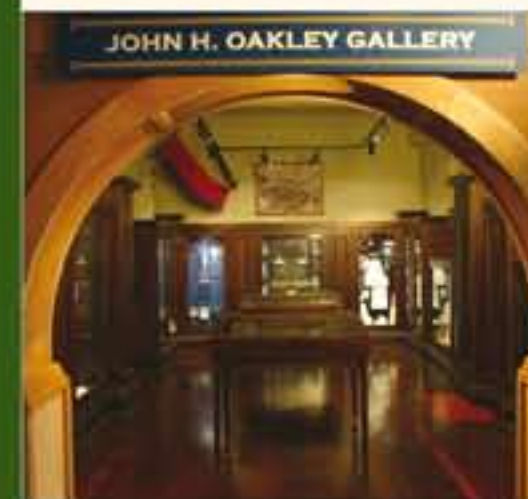
By Rail: NZ Tranz Metro units depart from the Central Railway Station.

By Foot: Enter the Basin by the northern or southern Gates and proceed to museum.

General

Smoking, food or drink are not permitted.

EXHIBITION / DISPLAYS



The Plunket Shield
Photo: Unknown
Private Collection

The Plunket Shield

This wall-mounted display panel features a short history of the Plunket Shield. It was given by Lord Plunket in the 1906-07 season as a challenge trophy for competition among the major associations. On the basis of performances that season the New Zealand Cricket Council awarded the Shield to Canterbury. The first challenge match was played at Hagley Park, Christchurch, in December 1907 when Auckland made a successful challenge (see story inside this newsletter), and held it against Otago at the beginning of January 1908. This system remained until 1920-21 after which it was won by the team with the best record in the season.

Fittingly, the first four years of this system saw each of the four associations – Auckland, Wellington, Canterbury and Otago – win the Shield. Central Districts was admitted as the fifth team to compete for the Plunket Shield in the 1950-51 season and Northern Districts as the sixth team, in the 1956-57 season. The Shield was last played for between the six major associations in the 1974-75 season when it was replaced by the Shell Trophy competition. After 69 years as New Zealand's premier cricket trophy the New Zealand Cricket Council decided that the Plunket Shield was to be held by the winner of the infrequent North Island v South Island matches.



John Wright Testimonial Brochure 1987
Derbyshire C.C.C. Benefit Year Publication
Private Collection

Also showing:

The Collins 'Cousins' Cricket Story

Forthcoming Display:

New Zealand Cricketers in County Cricket
(to commence 28 February 2008)

COLLECTION MANAGEMENT

Museum Collection Treasures

Recently the museum had a number of its treasures photographed for use in a new cricket website established by John Morrison, the ex-Wellington and New Zealand test cricketer. This page features a small selection of those treasures.

Collection Management Update

Significant progress has been made documenting the collection with 508 objects now entered into the Vernon Systems collection management database since the start of the financial year in June (644 in total by 03.01.08). The target for the year ending 31 May is 800 objects.



1. Ornamental Object: NZ Tour of Sri Lanka 1987 Presented by the S.L. Cricket Board to the N.Z.C.C. Ornamental Objects Collection NZCM, Accession No. 2005.33.12 2. Crickets Bat NZ Tour of England 1927 Signed by the NZ Cricket Team, London Equipment & Clothing Collection NZCM, Accession No. NCM 03/3 3. Crickets Ball NZ's 1st Test Win, March 1956 NZ v West Indies, Eden Park, Auckland Equipment & Clothing Collection NZCM, Accession No. NCM 1680 4. Cap: Cain's College, Cambridge University 1886 A.R. Holdship - Wellington & NZ XI Rep. 1890's Equipment & Clothing Collection NZCM, No. Accession Number 5-4 5. Wicket-keeping Gloves 1946/47 Worn by England player Godfrey Evans Equipment & Clothing Collection NZCM, Accession No. NCM 497 7. Cap: London New Zealand Cricket Club c.1990 Established December 1951 Equipment & Clothing Collection NZCM, Accession No. 2004/47.1 8. NZ Cricket Wide-Brimmed Hat c.2000 Worn by Stephen Fleming Equipment & Clothing Collection NZCM, Accession No. 2005.202 9. Staffordshire Pottery Mug c.1950 Decorated with silver lustre & cricketers in relief Ceramics Collection NZCM, Accession No. NCM 00388

New Staff Member

Anika Klee commenced work at the museum on the 9th of August as a part-time Collections Assistant. She is presently undertaking a Graduate Diploma in Museum and Heritage Studies at Victoria University. So far she has taken an Introduction to Museum and Heritage Studies and a Practicum. For the Practicum she worked at the Collection Store of the Wellington Museum of City and Sea. In furthering her studies in 2008, Anika will be taking a project paper and a collection management paper.

Since starting work at the Cricket Museum, Anika has been recording objects and scanning their images onto the Vernon Systems database. She has been working on the photography, printed ephemera and book collections, as well as writing up Loan forms, Record of Gift forms and Acknowledgement letters.



Anika Klee 2007 Private Collection

NEW ZEALAND CRICKET HISTORY

First Match for the Plunket Shield

Auckland v Canterbury 1907-08
Hagley Park, Christchurch, 14, 16, 17 December 1907
Auckland won by an innings and 135 runs

First match for the Plunket Shield, and one of New Zealand's historic games, appropriately played on the old ground at Hagley Park, Christchurch.

Canterbury had first innings and Lusk, with Patrick, opened very brightly, though Patrick was in trouble facing Kerr. Patrick left at 93, and was at once followed by Lusk. Reese hit freely, but was dismissed at 132. The others did little, and the side was out for 190. All the leading Canterbury players had thrown their wickets away. Relf, the Sussex professional, bowled a capable length very consistently, while Haddon had a decided swerve.

Brook-Smith and Hemus opened for Auckland and went along quietly but surely, while Smith, especially got in some delightful shots. He left, however, at 100, and the third wicket fell at 171. Relf and Hemus continued to wear down the bowling by sheer determination. Relf batted with ease and quietness, with no cr or a rash stroke, and yet the runs came quickly. After 176 had been added Hemus was caught after giving one of the most solid innings ever seen on the ground, made with all the ease of a real artist.

The Canterbury bowling and fielding had been very ragged towards the close of the partnership, and several chances were dropped. Haddon hit up 36 quickly, and then Prime stayed while Relf was bringing his great innings to a conclusion as it did at 471. The others did little, but the colossal score of 539 had been totalled against the Shield holders.

Being hopelessly in arrears the Shield holders started to force the pace, Reese especially so, but apart from a serviceable partnership of Orchard and Cuff, the effort was futile, and the Aucklanders had won by an innings and 135 runs.

Source: *New Zealand Cricket 1841-1914* by T.W. Reese, p. 48



Snapshots at the Plunket Shield Cricket Match 1907 Auckland v Canterbury, Hagley Park, Christchurch The Canterbury Times, 24.12.1907 - Private Collection

Canterbury Cricket Team 1907-08

Standing - L to r: Mr. D. Hooper (umpire), R. Ridley, K.S. Williams, K.B. Bain, J.H. Bennett, M.R. Hart (umpire) - Seated - L to r: Mr. D. Thompson (Hon. Sec.), H.B. Whitta, K.M. Oliver, T.W. Reese (captain), J.D. Lawrence, W.R. Patrick In Front - L to r: C. Boishall, A. Anthony
Photo: Unknown - Canterbury Cricket Association Collection

Canterbury

First Innings

Lusk, H. B., c Robinson b Relf	66
Patrick, W. R., lbw b Relf	26
Reese, D., c Relf b Kerr	26
Anthony, A., b Howden	7
Whitta, H. B., c Hussey b Relf	6
Orchard, S., c Smith b Haddon	19
Cuff, C. A., lbw b Haddon	6
Boishall, C., c and b Relf	16
Bennett, J. H., c and b Relf	1
Crawshaw, E. E., c Robinson b Relf	3
Malone, T. J., not out	4
Extras (6 byes, 3 leg byes, 1 wide)	10
Total	190

Ball

93, 94, 102, 132, 136, 161, 170, 182, 182

Auckland Bowling

	R.	M.	B.	W.	R.	M.	B.	W.
Relf	162	9	64	6	126	8	40	2
Howden	54	2	43	1	60	2	30	1
Kerr	72	1	40	1	42	1	24	-
Hussey	30	1	10	-	60	3	31	1
Haddon	60	3	24	2	126	5	65	5

Second Innings

c Cummings b Haddon	27
c Robinson b Haddon	10
lbw b Relf	42
c Haddon b Hussey	10
c and b Howden	19
c Mason b Relf	51
not out	19
c Mason b Haddon	12
c Cummings b Haddon	8
b Haddon	0
retired hurt	0
Extras (2 byes, 2 leg byes, 2 wides)	16
Total	214

Ball

46, 57, 87, 101, 114, 117, 203, 203, 203

Auckland

First Innings

Brook-Smith, c Boishall b Malone	53
Hemus, L. G., c Boishall b Bennett	148
Mason, F.R., c Anthony b Bennett	2
Cummings, G.W., c Boishall b Bennett	31
Relf, A.E., c Reese b Bennett	157
Haddon, A., c Cuff b Lusk	36
Prime, L., run out	18
Hussey, J., c Patrick b Crawshaw	32
Howden, A., c Boishall b Bennett	9
Robinson, W., b Crawshaw	17
Kerr, A., not out	4
Extras (24 byes, 8 leg byes, 1 no ball)	33
Total	539

Ball

100, 103, 121, 127, 220, 220, 458, 520, 520

Source: *New Zealand Cricket 1841-1914* by T.W. Reese, p. 48; 100 Not Out: *A Centennial History of the Auckland Cricket Association, A.C.A., 1983* p. 28

Note: The bowling statistics for both the Canterbury and Auckland innings record the balls bowled rather than the overs bowled (e.g. Relf 162 balls bowled or 27 overs in Canterbury's first innings). This is consistent with the manner in which it was recorded in the T. W. Reese scorecard of the game.

Albert Edward Relf 1874-1937

England, Auckland, London County, Sussex

Relf was one of the best all-round cricketers of his time. He played for Auckland between 1907-08 and 1909-10, and in 8 matches scored 633 runs at 52.75 with his highest score being the 157 against Canterbury. He also took 53 wickets at 11.72. In 565 first-class matches throughout his career from 1900 to 1921, he scored 39,726 runs at 26.79 and took 1,897 wickets at 20.94. He was nearly forty when he was included in Wisden's Five Cricketers of the Year for 1914, his figures for the 1913 season, in which he earned the distinction, being 1,846 runs, average 32, and 141 wickets at 18 runs apiece. He toured Australia with the M.C.C. in 1903/04, and South Africa in 1905/06 and 1913/14. In 13 test matches between 1903 and 1914, he scored 416 runs at 23.11 and took 25 wickets at 24.96, his best performance being 5 for 85 against Australia at Lord's in 1909. Source: www.cricinfo.com



Lancelot Gerald Hemus 1881-1933

New Zealand XI, Auckland

A right-hand bat, Hemus played for Auckland between 1904-05 and 1921-22. In 46 first-class matches he scored 2,916 runs at 36.00, his highest score being the 148 against Canterbury in the 1907-08 match defining Plunket Shield partnership of 176 with A.E. Relf for the fourth wicket. Included in the above were 39 first-class matches for Auckland in which he scored 2,701 runs at 40.31. His New Zealand career spanned the period 1906-07 to 1913-14. First selected to play for a New Zealand XI against the 1906-07 M.C.C. tourists he top scored with 38 in the first innings. He also played in the second match against the 1909/10 Australian touring team; toured Australia in 1913/14; and was appointed captain of the New Zealand XI for the second match against Arthur Sims' 1913-14 Australian team that toured New Zealand. Source: www.cricinfo.com; *Men in White: The History of New Zealand International Cricket 1894-1985* by Don Neely and Richard King, published by Moa Publications 1986



BRIEFLY

Cricket Caricatures

The museum has acquired 11 colour cricket caricatures by Murray Webb of which A4 copies are being sold for \$20 in the museum shop. They include Daniel Vettori, Stephen Fleming, Shane Bond, Lou Vincent, Hamish Marshall, Nathan Astle, Chris Cairns, John Bracewell, Jeremy Cony, 'Billy' Bowden and Ian Smith.



Daniel Vettori



Shane Bond

Environmental Control of the Museum

The museum has had a successful outcome to its funding application to the New Zealand Community Trust for the upgrade of the temperature and humidity climate control conditions systems in the Collection & Archive Store and exhibition galleries. The museum received \$40,000 from the NZCT and the balance of \$10,000 will be funded from the museum's capital expenditure budget.

NZCM Board Proposal to Solicit Donations

An important change in personal tax provisions for charitable donations has led the NZCM Board, at its most recent meeting at the end of November, to propose drafting a letter for sending to possible donor candidates by March 2008. It is intended that the Board will put in place a structured plan for soliciting charitable donations, including seeking legal advice, before any letters are sent to prospective donors.

Dhaka Newspaper Museum Article

Azad Majumbar, a journalist from the New Age newspaper in Dhaka, Bangladesh, wrote an article entitled "The Lord's Museum of NZ" after a guided tour of the museum on the 10th of January. The article appeared in the paper the next day, a day before the commencement of the second test between New Zealand and Bangladesh at the Basin Reserve, Wellington.

Museum Volunteers

Maurice Gell - my interest and love of cricket developed early when my father took my brother and I to the cricket ground at Tokamui Hospital. I played primary school cricket and later joined the Midland Cricket Club where I served on the committee for many years, also serving on the Wellington Cricket Association Management Committee. On retirement I became a museum volunteer and have enjoyed the contact with the volunteers and visitors.



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