

1913 - mid 1940's

## The Bowling World May 1913

### Club Notes - Ellerslie

A meeting of the committee of the Ellerslie Club was held in the pavilion on Friday evening to discuss the question of providing a green for the ladies on which to play croquet. This was one of the declared objects of the Bowling Club at its formation, and as its success is assured financially, it is now the general opinion of members that a start should be made to provide the means of pleasurable recreation for the Ellerslie ladies, who are ready to form a croquet club. The wives and daughters of the bowlers have ungrudgingly provided afternoon tea every week regularly since the opening of the green, and they are anxious now to co-operate with them in the matter of sport. After a discussion during which substantial offers of monetary assistance were forthcoming, it was resolved, on the motion of the President "That the club at once take steps to form another green of six rinks measurement to be used as a croquet lawn by members of the proposed Ladies' Croquet Club meantime."

One member of the committee offered, if necessary, to loan the sum required to carry out the work, free of interest, to the Club, for which he was heartily thanked. A sub-committee consisting of Messrs.

Wilkinson, McKinney and Darby was appointed to supervise the work, and the President was authorised to engage Mr Harrison, surveyor to take the levels, etc. of the proposed green.

It is intended to start the work out once in order that the green may be ready for playing on next season, if possible.

The bowling club proposes to provide the green and look after it, charging the croquet club a sum per annum for doing so, the ladies to elect their own officers and manage their own affairs.

The Club is fortunate in having such a fine section of land, as, after the piece for croquet is laid down, there will then be a sufficient area left for another eight-rink green. There is also ample room in the pavilion for the accommodation of the ladies.

### Formation and Brief Club History

The Ellerslie Bowling Club was formed on 10<sup>th</sup> October 1910 when a letter was sent to Auckland Bowling Club seeking a suitable piece of ground on lease or purchase for the establishment of bowling greens, tennis courts and croquet green in Morris Street.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> October a reply was received with an offer of land from the Racing Club but in the meantime another site had been chosen in Jubilee Road, which is now Kalmia Street, and on the 7<sup>th</sup> November a deposit of £20 was paid on the present site.

In November 1910 the Club was affiliated with the Auckland Bowling Association and in March 1911 a house was moved from further up the street to where the present building is located, and served as a pavilion until the opening of the new pavilion at the commencement of the 1960/61 season.....

The first green now known as the middle green was opened for play on the 11th November 1911, followed by the formation of a croquet green now the front green in July 1913. The top green was formed in 1936. . . . .

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### CROQUET.

#### ELLERSLIE CROQUET CLUB.

The first annual meeting of members was held in the pavilion on Thursday evening last. Mrs. McKinney (president) presiding. The club's finances being administered by the Bowling Club, of which they form an integral part, the members' only business was to elect officers for the coming year. The following were elected: President, Mrs. Stan. Somerfield; vice-presidents, Mrs. G. Wilkinson and Miss Stedman; secretary, Mrs. T. N. Peek (Ladies' Mile); committee, Mesdames Bagge, Clayton, Macklow and McKinney.

Ellerslie

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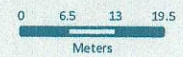
Ellerslie green much improved Ladies croquet lawn . . . . . is now looking well, and members of the croquet club will shortly be able to occupy it. The season will open 6th Nov when they will use a portion of the bowling green

Ellerslie C.C. war loan 13/5/1940



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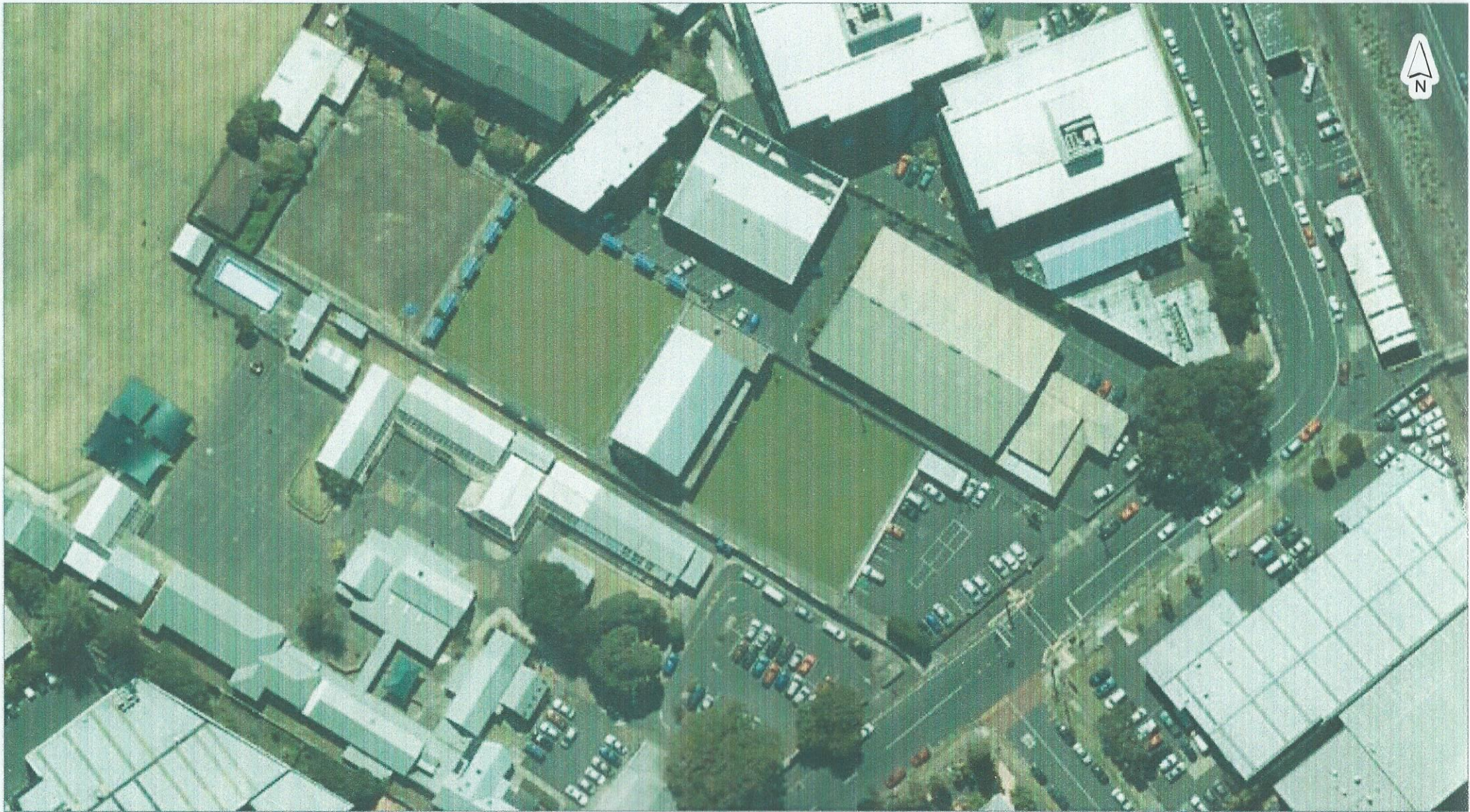
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