

# WYNNUM CROQUET CLUB Inc.



## Trans-Tasman AC Test Series at Wynnum CC – 22 to 28 April 2018

Australia defeated New Zealand 3-0 in the Trans-Tasman Association Croquet Test Series played at Wynnum Croquet Club's excellent Kitchener Park venue from 22 to 28 April 2018. The Trans-Tasman played for the Camden Park Trophy consists of three two-day test matches played over six consecutive days with each country having a team of four men and four women. Each two-day test match consists of four mixed doubles and eight singles matches, all "best-of-three" matches, i.e. 12 in total.



### The teams:



**Australia:** Greg Fletcher (captain), Callum Hyland (Team Mgr), Malcolm Fletcher, Fleur Brockway (reserve), Jannine Hawker (reserve), Peter Landrebe (High Performance Mgr), Alix Verge, Rosemary Landrebe, Edward Wilson, Stephen Forster, Alison Sharpe, Claire Bassett



**New Zealand:**  
Jenny Clarke,  
Greg Bryant (captain),  
Nina Mayard-Husson,  
Aiken Hakes,  
Steve Wardle (Team Mgr)  
Alison Robinson,  
Pamela Fisher,  
Chris Shilling,  
Josh Freeth

Both teams included world-class players, with Australia's captain 26 year old Greg Fletcher currently ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the world and New Zealand's captain Greg Bryant ranked 13<sup>th</sup>. The Australian team also included Greg's 23 year old brother Malcolm, ranked 6<sup>th</sup>; however 24 year old brother Robert, the current no.1 in the world, had to pull out, but was ably replaced by 19 year old Edward Wilson, currently ranked 10<sup>th</sup>. New Zealand's Aiken Hakes is ranked 19<sup>th</sup>.



Greg Fletcher



Greg Bryant



Edward Wilson



Aiken Hakes

**The Officials:**



Tournament Manager: Bruce Fleming, Wynnum CC  
 Tournament Referee: Elizabeth Fleming, Wynnum CC  
 Deputy Tournament Manager: Deirdre Giles, Wynnum CC

Referees: Willy Silk (VIC), Mike Cohn (VIC), Brian Foley (VIC), Murray Hawker (WA)



**The Results:**

For the detailed results go to <https://croquetscores.com/2018/ac/trans-tasman-series>

Australia comfortably won the first Test 9 matches to 3 with Australia winning the doubles 3-1 and the men's singles 4-0, the women's doubles being drawn 2 all. New Zealand came back strongly in the second Test, winning the doubles 3-1; however the Australian team was able to knuckle down and win 6 of the 8 singles to take the second Test 7 matches to 5 and thus the Series 2 Tests to 0, with one Test still to come. Although the third Test was effectively a dead rubber, it was still hotly contested, with the doubles being drawn 2 all; however Australia was again too strong in the singles winning 6-1 to take the third Test 7-4 with one match not finished.

Overall summary:

	Tests			Matches		Games		Hoops		
	Wins	Losses	Draws	Wins	Losses	Wins	Losses	For	Against	Net
Aus	3	0	0	23	12	52	35	1658	1358	300
NZ	0	3	0	12	23	35	52	1358	1658	-300



The award for Player of the Series went to Malcolm Fletcher (Australia) with special mention made of Pam Fisher from NZ.



The test series has now been played 11 times since 1991 with New Zealand winning 6, Australia 4 and one series drawn in 1995, with Australia now having won the last three series in 2011, 2013 and 2018.

### **The Venue:**

To stage this event on behalf of Croquet Australia was a big coup for Wynnum, and the Club under the leadership of President Elizabeth Fleming must be congratulated on providing excellent playing facilities backed up by all the hard work by numerous club members who volunteered their time during the week to ensure the courts were first class and that the players were well catered for.

### **Volunteers/Workers:**

Court Preparation & Hoop Setting: Bruce Fleming, Gordon Giles, Jim Philp, Geoff Hull, Richard Pickvance (roller), Bill Howell (dew pusher), Barry Nicholl (gazebos) – who came in the early hours before dawn and were mostly still there after the sun had set to ensure everything was just right.

Plus greenkeeper Mark McDonald who came in on Tuesday evening (his day off!) to mow the courts under lights.

Quote from Steve Wardle (NZ Mgr) - *The lawns have been mowed and rolled over night, big thanks to the groundsman who came in on his afternoon off and worked after dark... thanks from the players of both teams.*

Catering: Many thanks to the AACT - Aina's Awesome Catering Team - who for 6 long days kept the players, referees and visitors well nourished. Our wonderful helpers included: Anne B, Beryl, Danielle, Di, Jill, Joan, John, Margaret, Pam, Phyllis, Vicki, Wendy, guided by team leader Aina.

And of course on Sunday we had BBQ-tong wielding Bill.

Aina reports: We made 171 lunches over the 6 days. Well done team!

Over the 6 days, we chopped, we diced, we grated, we laughed, we wrapped, we endlessly washed up and stacked and unstacked the dishwasher and occasionally watched the AC games (the game and rules a mystery to most of us).

Thanks also to all of you who donated and/or baked goodies for the morning and afternoon teas.

We received many compliments after it finished e.g. *"You made it a pleasure for us"* from Alix, *"Your club should be very proud of what you have done on behalf of Croquet Australia"* from Mike Cohn and *"It could not have been better"* from Nina.



Thank you all for your invaluable help and willingness to make this event a winner.

And to add a quote from the Australian Team Manager, Callum Hyland: *The sausage rolls here are particularly nice. As was yesterday's chocolate cake and Claire Basset's anniversary cake (sent by a loving husband). I can recommend Wynnum catering staff and ever helpful helpers. They do a great job from dawn to dusk and are greatly appreciated and ever friendly.*



### The Series Day by Day:

**Sunday 22 April** was practice day for both teams followed by a Welcome Reception, Introduction of Teams and a BBQ. Teams were welcomed by Liz Fleming on behalf of Wynnum CC and Mike Cohn on behalf of ACA & CAQ and the team members were introduced by the respective captains, Greg Bryant & Greg Fletcher.



Further words of welcome were provided by Clr Peter Cumming, BCC member for Wynnum Manly & Club Patron (left) and Ms Joan Pease, State member for Lytton (right with Mike Cohn)



**BBQ Sponsor:** The Sunday BBQ was generously sponsored by Go See Touring:

For the past 5 years Go See Touring has been arranging some fabulous, friendly and competitive Social Croquet Tours to destinations such as Norfolk Island, Chiang Mai in Thailand and Tasmania. The Chiang Mai tournament even attracted players from the UK and was a great success. Future destinations include Singapore and NZ, so why not join in the fun. The Norfolk Island Tournament from 16-23 March 2019 is now open for bookings, so get in quick as there is usually a waitlist. And if you are keen on Tassie, there are still some spots available for Tasmania from 6-14 October 2018, which will combine touring around Tassie along with 4 half days of croquet play. For details contact Go See Touring 1300 551 997; [info@goseetouring.com](mailto:info@goseetouring.com); or visit [www.goseetouring.com](http://www.goseetouring.com)



### Monday 23 April (Day 1)

Visitors during the day included Megan Fardon (ACA Chair) and Don Close (ACA Treasurer & CAQ President); and Ross Vasta (local Federal member for Bonner).





**First Test Mixed Doubles – Australia won 3 matches to 1:**

Court 1: Alix Verge & Edward Wilson (Aus) vs Alison Robinson & Aiken Hakes (NZ) – Aus won 2-0

Court 2: Alison Sharpe & Malcolm Fletcher (Aus) vs Nina Mayard-Husson & Chris Shilling (NZ) – Aus won 2-0

Court 3: Claire Bassett & Greg Fletcher (Aus) vs Jenny Clarke & Josh Freeth (NZ) – NZ won 2-1

Court 4: Rosemary Landrebe & Stephen Forster (Aus) vs Pamela Fisher & Greg Bryant (NZ) – Aus won 2-1

**Tuesday 24 April (Day 2)**

**First Test Singles Women – drawn 2 matches each**

Court 1: Alix Verge (Aus) vs Alison Robinson (NZ) – Aus won 2-0

Court 2: Claire Bassett (Aus) vs Nina Mayard-Husson (NZ) – Aus won 2-1

Court 3: Rosemary Landrebe (Aus) vs Jenny Clarke (NZ) – NZ won 2-1

Court 4: Alison Sharpe (Aus) vs Pamela Fisher (NZ) – NZ won 2-0



Alix Verge



Claire Bassett



Rosemary Landrebe



Alison Sharpe

**First Test Singles Men – Australia won 4 matches to 0**

Court 1: Stephen Forster (Aus) vs Chris Shilling (NZ) – Aus won 2-1

Court 2: Malcolm Fletcher (Aus) vs Aiken Hakes (NZ) – Aus won 2-0

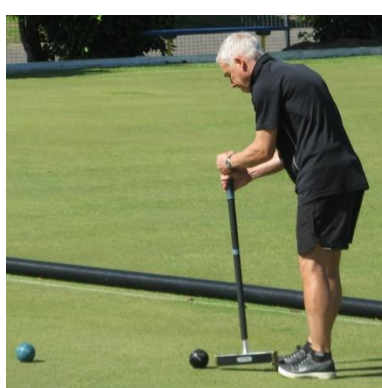
Court 3: Edward Wilson (Aus) vs Greg Bryant (NZ) – Aus won 2-0

Court 4: Greg Fletcher (Aus) vs Josh Freeth (NZ) – Aus won 2-0

**First Test won by Australia 9 matches to 3**



Stephen Forster



Chris Shilling



Josh Freeth

**Wednesday 25 April (ANZAC Day) (Day 3)**

**Second Test Mixed Doubles – New Zealand won 3 matches to 1:**

Court 1: Rosemary Landrebe & Stephen Forster (Aus) vs Jenny Clarke & Josh Freeth (NZ) – NZ won 2-0

Court 2: Alix Verge & Edward Wilson (Aus) vs Nina Mayard-Husson & Chris Shilling (NZ) – NZ won 2-0

Court 3: Alison Sharpe & Malcolm Fletcher (Aus) vs Alison Robinson & Aiken Hakes (NZ) – Aus won 2-0

Court 4: Claire Bassett & Greg Fletcher (Aus) vs Pamela Fisher & Greg Bryant (NZ) – NZ won 2-1

Play was suspended to allow an ANZAC Day service to be held at 11.00am



#### Thursday 26 April (Day 4)

##### **Second Test Singles Women – drawn 2 matches each**

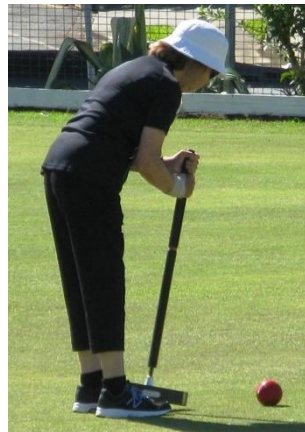
- Court 1: Alison Sharpe (Aus) vs Jenny Clarke (NZ) – NZ won 2-0
- Court 2: Alix Verge (Aus) vs Nina Mayard-Husson (NZ) – Aus won 2-0
- Court 3: Claire Bassett (Aus) vs Alison Robinson (NZ) – Aus won 2-0
- Court 4: Rosemary Landrebe (Aus) vs Pamela Fisher (NZ) – NZ won 2-1



Jenny Clarke



Nina Mayard-Husson



Alison Robinson

##### **Second Test Singles Men – Australia won 4 matches to 0**

- Court 1: Greg Fletcher (Aus) vs Greg Bryant (NZ) – Aus won 2-1
- Court 2: Stephen Forster (Aus) vs Aiken Hakes (NZ) – Aus won 2-1
- Court 3: Malcolm Fletcher (Aus) vs Chris Shilling (NZ) – Aus won 2-1
- Court 4: Edward Wilson (Aus) vs Josh Freeth (NZ) – Aus won 2-0

##### **Second Test won by Australia 7 matches to 5**

#### Friday 27 April (Day 5)

##### **Third Test Mixed Doubles – drawn 2 matches each**

- Court 1: Alison Sharpe & Malcolm Fletcher (Aus) vs Pamela Fisher & Greg Bryant (NZ) – NZ won 2-1
- Court 2: Claire Bassett & Greg Fletcher (Aus) vs Alison Robinson & Aiken Hakes (NZ) – Aus won 2-1
- Court 3: Rosemary Landrebe & Stephen Forster vs Nina Mayard-Husson & Chris Shilling (NZ) – Aus won 2-1
- Court 4: Alix Verge & Edward Wilson (Aus) vs Jenny Clarke & Josh Freeth (NZ) – NZ won 2-0



## Saturday 27 April (Day 6)

### Third Test Singles Women – NZ won 2 matches to 1

Court 1: Rosemary Landrebe (Aus) vs Nina Mayard-Husson (NZ) - NZ won 2-0

Court 2: Claire Bassett (Aus) vs Jenny Clarke (NZ) – NZ won 2-0

Court 3: Alix Verge (Aus) vs Pamela Fisher (NZ) – drawn 1 game each

Court 4: Alison Sharpe (Aus) vs Alison Robinson (NZ) – Aus won 2-1

### Third Test Singles Men – Aus won 4 matches to 0

Court 1: Edward Wilson (Aus) vs Aiken Hakes (NZ) – Aus won 2-0

Court 2: Malcolm Fletcher (Aus) vs Greg Bryant (NZ) – Aus won 2-0

Court 3: Stephen Forster (Aus) vs Josh Freeth (NZ) – Aus won 2-1

Court 4: Greg Fletcher (Aus) vs Chris Shilling (NZ) – Aus won 2-0

### Third Test won by Australia 7 matches to 4

Australian Team Manager, Callum Hyland noted: *The Series has been played in an excellent spirit, and I think that most, if not all, of the players will go away having had an enjoyable time.*

### Presentation Dinner

On the Saturday evening teams and officials attended the Presentation Dinner at Oliver's Restaurant on Manly Esplanade where Australian captain Greg Fletcher was presented with the Camden Park Trophy by ACA Deputy Chairman Mike Cohn.

The Player of the Series is selected by a panel of three comprising one representative from each team and one from the host country and is awarded to:

*"The player who has contributed most to the Series and a Team's performance, both in results achieved and the quality of croquet played."*

Factors taken into consideration include: *"The quality covers both the standard of croquet played and the intensity it is played under... Singles and Doubles play, peeling winning breaks, significant wins and contribution to a good tournament."*

The award went to Malcolm Fletcher due to his playing record, the quality of the opposition, the contribution his games and play made to the team and the breaks/peeling turns played in both singles and doubles.

The panel also made special mention of Pam Fisher, playing at #4 for the NZ team, who really played with great determination and had a wonderful tournament, playing really well in both singles and doubles.



Greg Fletcher receives the T-T Trophy from Mike Cohn (left)



Malcolm Fletcher holds the most impressive Player of the Series Trophy (right)

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