

Alec Gibb (1888-1976)

Arrival: Born in Ireland, moved to Scotland, Alex migrated to Australia arriving on the ship 'Paparoa' on the 7th November 1911
Alec's future wife sailed on the same voyage.

Alec's first went to school at Dover. The school was a military establishment on the "white cliffs."

The Soccer started when the family moved to Musselburgh near Edinburgh after his father's discharge from the Army.

Alec says that his English (!) accent was quite a novelty among the young lads at the local school

He insists that he acquired the Scottish tongue as he grew older. The only time he played football at school was in the streets

Caps were put down for goals and part of the game was dodging the police. (Alec recalls that he was caught once)

He played Soccer first in a Union juvenile team, which he later captained.

When about 18 years of age he got offers from junior teams and he decided to go to Newton Grange, and later Musselburgh Athletic.

Next step up was to second division with St. Bernard's (Edinburgh).

He played a season end a half with them and still has a medal presented to him at the time.

Clubs: Musselburgh Union FC ((1907) Newton Grange Star FC (1910) Musselburgh Athletic (1911) St Bernard's (Edinburgh) (1911)

Bundamba Athletics (1912), Bundamba Rangers (1913-1915, 1919-1924) Dinmore Bush Rats (1914) St Helens (1916) Ipswich City (1925)

Alec played centre forward for Bundamba Rangers (old boys) against Latrobe at the age of 59 in 1947

Trophies Newton Grange Juvenile Exhibition Cup (1905)

Bundamba Rangers Senior IWMFA Premiers (1913)

Bundamba Rangers Senior Ipswich Challenge/Hetherington Cup (1919)

Bundamba Rangers Senior Brisbane, Ipswich Premiers/Brisbane Challenge Cup (1922)

Bundamba Rangers Senior Ipswich Challenge/Hetherington Cup (1924)

Premierships: 2 Bundamba Rangers (1913, 1922)

Representative: Ipswich Senior (1912-1924) 16 Matches Qld Seniors (1913-1923) 13 Matches Australia (1922-1923) 14 Matches

From 1912 to 1925 with the exception of the war years) he played in every Queensland team

*** Captain of the 1922 Australian team that toured New Zealand. won two medals presented for the best Australian player in both series**

Was offered the captaincy of the Australian team against the Chinese XI in 1923 but could not accept for business reasons

Alec was Coach of the 1939 Qld team

Admin: Queensland and Australian selector and was also President of the Ipswich and West Moreton Association from 1926 until 1940

Alec was on the Queensland Football Association Executive and was Patron of the Ipswich and West Moreton Junior Committee and wrote for the Queensland times

During the war years was President of the Ipswich Soccer Patriotic organisation that raised funds for the war effort

Alec was a Life Member of the Queensland Football Federation and was inducted into the Soccer Hall of Fame in 2000.

In 1970 at the age of 82 attended the Qld Auckland match in Brisbane and donated a Trophy for the Best and Fairest Auckland player to reciprocate his 1922 Medal

Alec Gibb was President of the Committee that organised Patriotic matches to raise funds for the War 2 effort

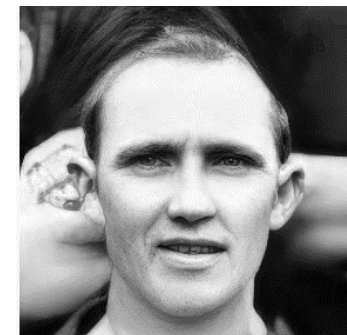
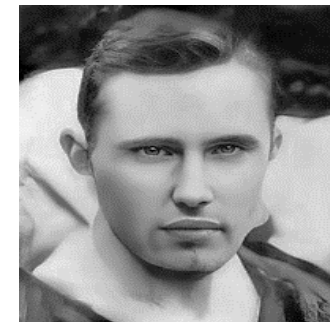
Alec worked for 25 years at Cribb and Foote before retiring in 1954 In retirement Alec played bowls and became secretary of Booval Bowls Club

In 2020 the Gibb-Masters Cup was named for matches between Qld and NSW

Alec was the first of five from the Gibb family to represent either Ipswich, Qld or Australia.



SS Paparoa



*The Ashes

The Soccer Ashes were created after Australia first win over New Zealand(2-1) in Brisbane in 1923.

The ashes consisted of the remains of cigars smoked by the two captains, Alex Gibb and

George Campbell and all team members and officials

The ashes were collected by the NZ team manager into a cigarette case used at Gallipoli by W Fisher

who was the Australian manager and Qld FA secretary

The case was then set in wood from both countries.

The trophy was played for until 1954 and then lost.it was discovered in 2023 and played for again



Alex with 's No 1 Australia cap

Soccer Ashes



Back in the day:
Soccer's version of
The Ashes are
weighed in Sydney
in 1948. The
'Soccer Ashes'

SOCCER "ASHES." MORE THAN A MYTH. Mr. Alex. Gibb's Contribution.

With the Australian Soccer team who arrived at Auckland by the Wanganella recently came a real casket of ashes to be the stake of the three Test matches that are to be played between the Commonwealth and New Zealand (states the Auckland "Star" in a recent issue). Admittedly the idea of playing for "the ashes" is cribbed from international cricket, but on the outcome of this season's matches between Australia and New Zealand depends the custody of a casket of actual ash.

It happened this way. At the conclusion of the New Zealand eleven's tour of Australia in 1923 George Campbell, captain of the New Zealand team and Alec Gibb, captain of the Australian team, sat puffing cigars at the farewell banquet, and dropping their ashes into the same tray. Mr. H. G. Mayer, who, with Mr. H. I. Graves was managing the New Zealand team suggested that the ashes in the tray should be made the stake of future Soccer matches between the Commonwealth and the Dominion.

The ashes were placed in a plate-safety-razor case 4in. long by 1in deep and 1in wide, which Mr. W. Fisher, Secretary of the Queensland Football Association that year, had carried with him at the historic landing at Anzac Cove. He gave it to Mr. Mayer, who offered it as a suitable receptacle for the ashes.

With the cigar ashes in it, the metal case was soldered, and subsequently enclosed in a casket of Australian and New Zealand woods. The body is of Australian maple, and the lid and base of rewarewa—New Zealand honeysuckle. It is surmounted with a Soccer ball of silver, with a silver kangaroo between the twin feet leave of New Zealand, with the letters "N.Z." in blue enamel.

On the underside of the lid an inscribed plate tells the story of the ashes, while the base bears a silver plate with the following inscription:

"New Zealand and Australian Soccer Ashes. This casket is made of New Zealand and Australian woods and was presented by H. G. Mayer manager of the New Zealand team touring Australia, 1923 season. The ashes are contained in a canister inside this casket."

Source: Queensland Times 8th July 1936 (11)

Alec's sons

-Lex (1918-1997)

Clubs: Booval Stars (1935) Alpha Pastimes (1936) Bundamba Rangers (1932-1934,1937-1939) St Helens (1944-1945,1950-1956)

Latrobe (1940-1941) Corinthians (1948)

Premierships: 6 Bundamba Rangers (1937-1938) St Helens (1944-1945,1947,1956)

Trophies

Ipswich Schoolboy (McGregor Cup) (1932)

Alpha Pastimes Junior Premiers, Callow, Drury / Queensland Cup (1936)

Ipswich Junior Queensland Cup (1936)

Bundamba Rangers Senior Premiers Tristram Cup (1937-1938)

Bundamba Rangers Senior Premiers / Tristram Shield (1939)

St Helens Senior: Tristram Shield (1941)

St Helens Senior Premiers / Hilton Shield (1944-1945)

St Helens Senior Hilton Shield (1946)

St Helens Senior Hilton / O'Callaghan Shield (1949)

St Helens Senior Premiers, Hilton / , Duce / Ambulance Shield (1956)

Telegraph Soccer Blue (Player of the Year) in 1946,1947 and runner up in 1938,1939 and third in 1945

Received an offer to play with Metters FC in Sydney in 1946

Representative: Ipswich Schoolboy (1931-1932) Queensland Schoolboys (1931) Ipswich Junior (1936) Queensland Juniors (1936)

Ipswich Senior (1937-1951) 31 Matches Ipswich Miners (1956) Queensland Seniors (1937-1951) 17 Matches Qld Miners (1956)

Captain of Qld in 1946-1947 and was Captain/Coach in 1948

Qld selector in 1962

***Australia (1938-1951) 19 Matches**

Lex's Son

-Lex (1949-)

Clubs: St Helens (1960-1975) Gold Coast United

Trophies

St Helens Junior Premiers (1963)

St Helens Stewart Shield (1967)

Representative: Ipswich Schoolboy (1963) Qld Schoolboy (1964)

Ipswich Junior (1960,1962-1963-1966)

Ipswich Senior e (1970-1972)(3 Matches

Qld Seniors (1970-1973) 6 Matches

Lex's Son

-Glen

Clubs: St Helens (1972 -1983,1990-1995) Ipswich United (1984-1989)

Trophies

Ipswich United Senior Grand Final (Brussasco Cup) (1984)

Representative: Ipswich Senior (1985-1992) 4 Matches



ALEC GIBB, sometimes called the **canniest Scot** in Queensland soccer, isn't a Scot at all! He was born in County Kildare, Ireland!

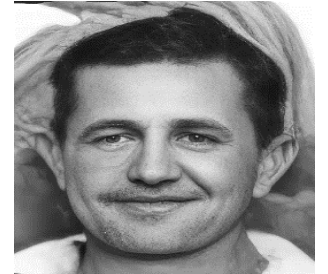
Fact that he has an accent that makes Harry Lauder sound like a Cockney is due to environment, because he spent several early years of his life in place where the heather is purple and prickly.

SOCCER'S IN THE FAMILY

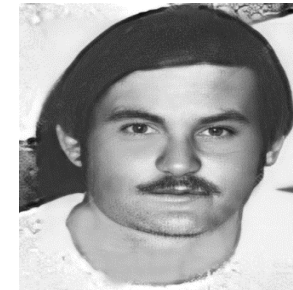
And yet he has a sister who was born on the White Cliffs of Dover, where Alec first went to school.

Several times an international and captain of the first team Australia sent to tour New Zealand (in 1922) Alec is still considered the **caftiest, cleverest left-half Queensland** ever had, and one of the **best Australia** has known too!

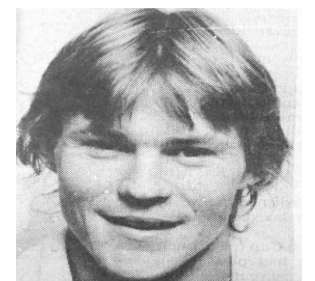
He played some dazzling games on this tour New Zealand four times, as well as against the **New Zealanders** when they paid a return visit. Once even in the same season, Alec played for **Australia** against **the the Chinese, too**.



Lex



Lex



Glen

14th November 1947

They Sing, Too There was quite a bit of singing at Bundamba Rangers' social last Friday night. the Gibbs the Gibbs (. Lex., end "Pud") chose, "I'll Take 'You Home Again Kathleen," an: Irish number. That is not so very surprising because was born In Ireland—somewhere about the place where the "Mountains of Mourne Sweep Down to the sear