

## Formation of Ipswich and West Moreton Football Association

For some time past those interested in the game of football as played under British Association Rules have been anxious to form an association on similar lines to that of the West Moreton Rugby Union, in order that cup matches for the various clubs could be arranged. With this object in view a meeting was held, at Dinmore, last week, in the rooms of the Workmen's Club. Mr. T. Barker occupied the chair, and teams from Dinmore (2), New Chum, Blackstone, and Silkstone were represented. On the motion of Mr. Caddies, seconded by Mr. Lovell, it was decided that an association should be formed for the West Moreton district. After a few other matters had been attended to, the meeting was adjourned till this evening at Kennedy's hotel, Booval, for the purpose of making further arrangements. The British Association game has become very popular of late, especially in the mining centre, and, though somewhat late for this season, if a good association could be successfully worked (and there is no reason why it should not, it would be the medium of greatly advancing the game next year.

### Ipswich and West Moreton Football Association

#### { Presidents }

1891	William Kennedy
1892-1893	William Stafford
1894	Reverend A Horan
1895-1898	W J Lynch
1899	R Kelly
1900-1904	E.G Morgan
1905-1908	William Routledge
1909-1910	Walter Cante
1911	Arthur Gedge
1912	Walter Cante
1913	Thomas Sharp (Senior)
1914-1915	John Potts
1919	Robert Kemp
1920	James Comrie
1921	Arthur Gedge
1922-1923	Frederick Elson
1923-1924	John W Perrett
1925	R G Davison/Allen Harley
1926-1940	Alec Gibb

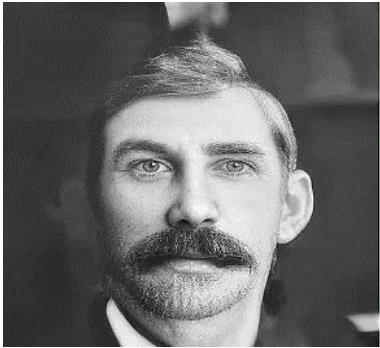


IWMFA meetings held here

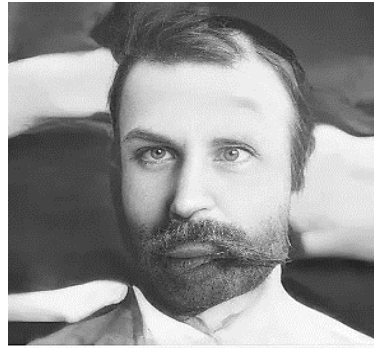


The Soldiers Memorial Hall  
erected in 1921





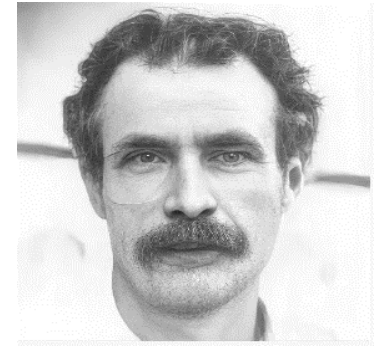
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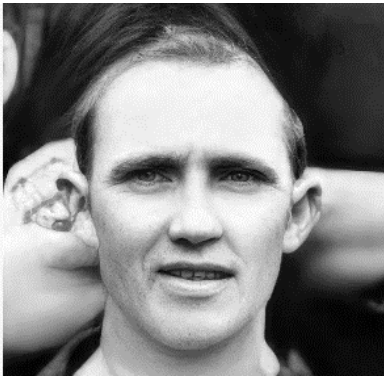
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William Lynch



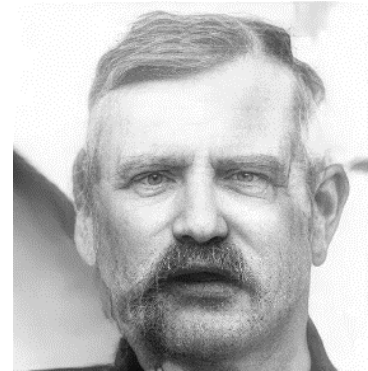
Robert Kemp



Alec Gibb



JW Perrett



Thomas Sharpe



John Potts



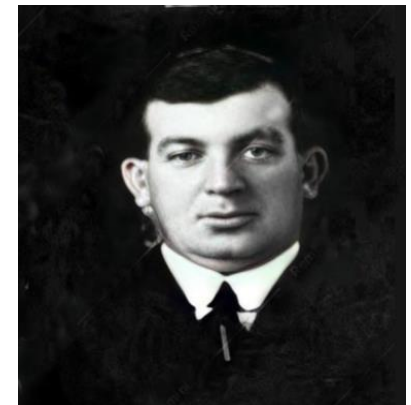
Reverend A Horan



William Routledge



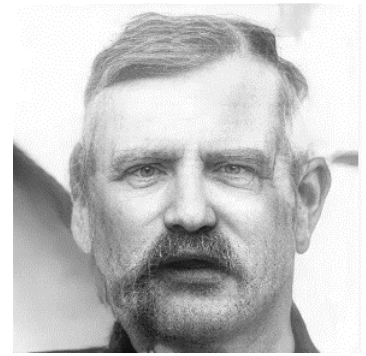
William Stafford



Frederick Elson

## Thomas Sharp (1851-1937) (President of IWMFA)

Tom Sharp, had a keen concern in the soccer game in which, in his younger days, he was a capable exponent. He came from a soldier line of Scottish folk, and he doted on the military.



He was for 12 years in the army, having been with the colours for seven years and 10 days, and he was four years and 335 days in other callings of the army from which he obtained his discharge with a very good record.

He is a native of Hawick, Roxborough, Scotland, but later on when old enough, he followed the calling of a coal-miner at Larkhall, in Lanarkshire.

He joined the 90th. Perthshire volunteers at Hamilton, Glasgow, thence he went to the 90th. line regiment in Dublin. Six months afterwards he volunteered for service to the 74th. Highlanders, with whom he sailed to Malta, and while quartered there, the 74th. received orders to go on to Singapore. Doing six months duty at Hong Kong, he returned to the depot at Hamilton, Glasgow. While here news came of the tumult of the Zulus, in South Africa and the cutting up of the 24th regiment for which volunteers were called and he joined up with the colours, and they were dispatched for the scene of operations.

He received a Zulu medal, and returned to Gibraltar, where after six months at this famous fort his next move was to India. his regiment-having been sent thence to Afghanistan, where they arrived at the scene of hostilities just after Lord Roberts's – celebrated march to Kandahar.

Fourteen months were put in the Indian climate, were in they were returned to England and placed in reserve at Bracken in the south of Wales.

He married while in the army, was called up again in 1880, and sent to Tabekabu, Egypt

His military career lasted for some 12 years, when he retired from a soldier's life and went back to a mining life in Scotland

He has no complaints anent his soldier's life, it having been as open. free life which he thoroughly enjoyed.

Three of his brothers were soldlers, and during the recent great war, two of his sons and a grandson were at the front, and the husband of a granddaughter was killed abroad. He left the old country, where he held important positions after his soldiers life and came to Queensland about 12 years ago, settling down at Bundamba ever since until leaving for the north

