

Ipswich and West Moreton Football Association

Presidents



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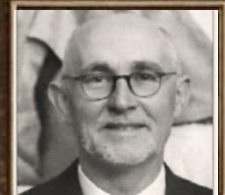
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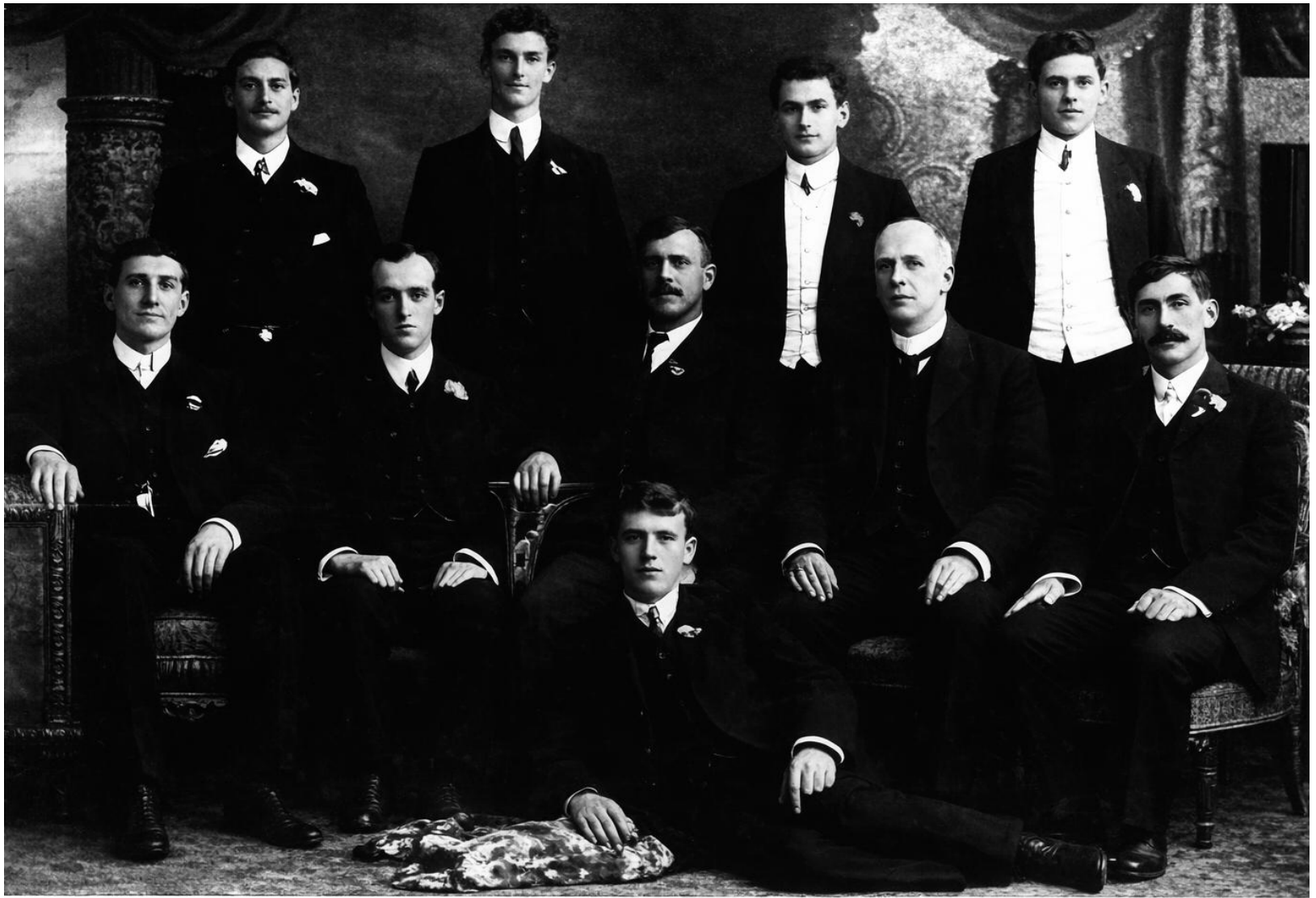


Robert Davidson



Alec Gibb

1891-1892	William Kennedy
1892-1893	William Stafford
1894-1895	Reverend Andrew Horan
1895-1898	William J Lynch
1899-1900	Robert Kelly
1901-1004	Charles Twemlow/Edwin G Morgan
1905-1908	William Routledge
1909-1910	Walter Cantle
1911-1912	Arthur Gedge
1912-1913	Walter Cantle
1913-1914	Thomas Sharp
1914-1915	John Potts
1916-1919	Robert Kemp
1920-1921	James Comrie
1921-1923	Arthur Gedge
1923-1924	Frederick Elson
1924-1925	John W Perrett
1925-1928	Robert C Davidson
1928-1929	Allan Harley
1929-1940	Alec Gibb



BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.—COMMITTEE OF THE IPSWICH AND WEST MORSTON ASSOCIATION. (Whitehead photo)



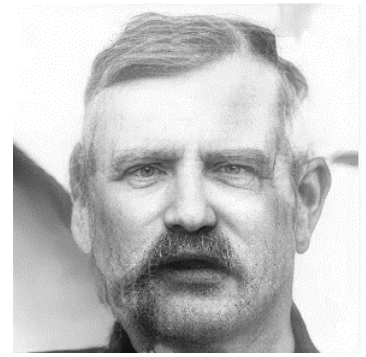
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**Ipswich and West Moreton Football Association
Executive Committee**

Front row: Edward J Easton (Vice President) -----Walter Cantle (President) Joseph Anstead (Tresurer) Arthur Gedge (Secretary)
Others: Alfred Perrett, George Dowse, Joseph Kitching

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



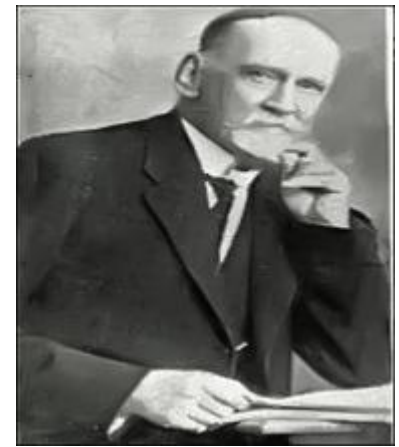
Tom Barker (1855-1925)

Tom was the eldest son of TR Barker who immigrated to Australia in 1854 on the “General Hewitt” Journalist Tom 'Old Sport' “Red Gum” Barker returned to Ipswich in 1890 to rejoin the Queensland Times as Foreman after almost a decade away working in northern Queensland and at Brisbane newspapers. Tom was involved in cricket and boxing and soccer

Tom was also member of the State Military Forces and became a Staff Sergeant

Tom Barker, aka T.J. Barker, aka 'Old Sport' and “Red Gum” as a journalist reported on cricket and football.

Despite being heavily involved in cricket Tom wrote extensively on soccer for 35 years



Tom(Old Sport, “Red Gum”) Barker
(1855-1925)

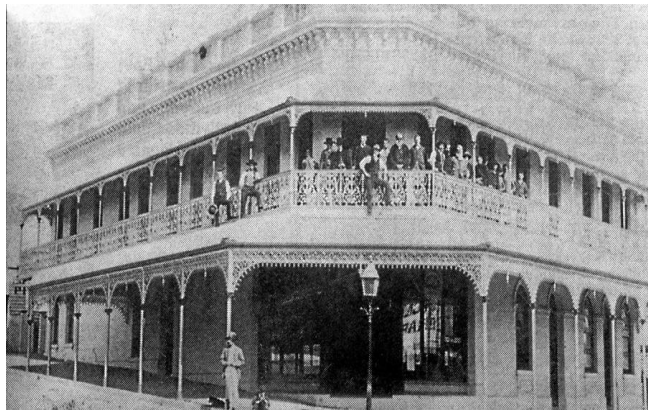
Sir Walter Scott wrote- *“My foot is on my native heath, and my name is MacGregor-----I write----- My name.*

At Silkstone I notice great improvements-comfortable residences where once were large fields of cotton, and, while my

*eye is intent on watching the redoubtable **Tom Barker, of Blackstone fame**, teaching a number of hardy*

Silkstonian’s the art of football “dribbling” under British Association rules

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Queensland Times(1880’s)

MR. T. J. BARKER

IPSWICH, June 1.

Mr. T. J. Barker, familiarly known as “Old Sport,” has passed. His last innings closed at 8 o'clock last night. He was well known also as “Redgum” under which name he wrote interesting anecdotes and historical incidents. In the passing of “Old Sport,” “Red Gum,” and Tom Barker, Ipswich loses almost a part of herself.

Mr. Barker celebrated his 70th birthday on March 29 last, and on that occasion he was hale and hearty, and was boyishly pleased with a little presentation made to him by the proprietors and staff of the “Queensland Times.” He eagerly took up his pen to tell through the “Times” the story of the history of Ipswich. Illness weakened the hand. The spirit fought on, but at last the pen had to be laid aside. The story remains unfinished.

Mr. Barker was the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Barker, who came to Queensland from Cambridge (England) in the sailing ship General Hewett, and spent their first Christmas in Australia in 1854. His father was a carpenter and joiner. Old Sport was born in Nicholas street, Ipswich, in 1855, and attended the Old Church of England Day School (under the late Mr. Hugh Stowell), and the primary school, East Ipswich, conducted by