



LEEMING SPARTAN CRICKET CLUB

Project Overview

LEEMING SPARTAN CENTENARY DOCUMENTARY

Next year, we're bringing up our century.

From its establishment in 1918 as the Spartan Cricket Club, what is now known as the Leeming Spartan Cricket Club (Inc.) (the "Club") has grown to become one of the oldest and largest grass-roots cricket clubs in Western Australia, currently fielding seven senior teams and eight junior (both male and female) sides.

A ton of community history.

The Club was originally founded by the Pastor of the Church of Christ in Fremantle (the Reverend W.R. Hibbert) with the aim of re-integrating the returning WWI servicemen back into society.

"The final meeting of Spartans and Saint John's takes place on Saturday when the members of both clubs are inviting their lady friends to a social afternoon. Will all lady supporters and friends please accept this as an invitation."

- The Fremantle Times, 1920

Since then, the Club has continued to touch the Western Australian community in real and meaningful ways, serving as a beacon of positivity for its members and their families during the Great Depression, the outbreak of WWII and the Vietnam War.

Now based in Leeming (where we have resided since 1987), the Club has also had physical presences in the suburbs of Fremantle, Booragoon, Bull Creek and Willetton.

Putting our runs on the board.

To celebrate its 100th anniversary, the Club proposes to create a half-hour documentary about the ways in which it has impacted – and continues to impact – on the communities around it.

The Club intends for this documentary to endure as part of its historical legacy in the State.

CALDER, A. J. (Jack). AI, returned ME.

– In respectful memory of our late member, killed in action in Lae, September 9, 1943.

Inserted by the office and members of the Fremantle District Mercantile Cricket Association. Hero, gentleman and sport.

- The West Australian Newspaper, 1943



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A HALF-HOUR DOCUMENTARY FOR THE PUBLIC

Concept

A 20 to 30-minute documentary-style video, emphasising the historical and current impact of the Club on the communities around it is to be produced.

The documentary will cover three key eras:

- the formative years of the Club;
- the 20th century, from WWII to the end of the century; and
- the present-day Club and future aspirations, featuring women's teams, junior teams, and club diversity.

The documentary will be a mix of interviews and retellings of significant events with:

- voice-over narration to assist story development;
- integration of historic photographs and video; and
- current-day footage, shot on agreed match days and during events.

Reach

To maximise the documentary's reach, it will be provided free of charge to the Battye Library, and the local government libraries for the City of Melville, the City of Canning, and the City of Fremantle.

The documentary will also be provided free of charge to all attendees at the Club's 100th anniversary celebration in Fremantle in November 2018, and made available for download on the Club's website.

The Club has also received a quote from Seven West Media ("**SWM**") to "amplify" the documentary's reach by distributing it through SWM's social media channels.

Research

The Club has secured the services of licenced historians Steve Errington and Bill Reynolds to verify and supplement the Club's existing historical records, and to assist in providing structure and content for the documentary.

The Club will also approach associated businesses and organisations to further verify its standing within the community.

Dr. Errington has also endorsed the historical significance of the project in his capacity as Vice-President of the Royal Western Australian Historical Society.