

## The 'Safety Deposit Box'

There was great excitement amongst the Committee in mid 2022 when a letter arrived from the Commonwealth Bank stating:

Dear Henley & Grange Baseball Club,  
some time ago you gave us a package for safe keeping, under a safe custody facility. It's been several years since you last used your facility (or paid fees on it!), and now we need to know what you would like to do with it.

No one knew of any such facility, who set it up and why? It became really interesting when upon further inquiry we were told it was established on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1953, only eight years after formation. The facility was established by the then:

Chairman: Claude Herbert Brown  
Treasurer: Lawrence Graham Bailey  
Secretary: Raymond John Thorne

So, what was in this safe custody facility? Well, it was the original of a debenture for money lent by the Henley & Grange Baseball Club to the South Australian Baseball League. A £15 pound loan in fact! So not the bag of gold everyone was hoping, but a recognition of the focus on every pound, shilling, and pence by the Committee back in the old days! Long may it continue! Copies of relevant documents attached.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BASEBALL LEAGUE DEBENTURE CERTIFICATE

4/6/52  
Nº 82

The South Australian Baseball League hereby acknowledges the receipt from *Henley & Grange Baseball Club* of *G. J. Goble* of the sum of *£15* pounds (£ 15 ) on loan, subject to the following terms and conditions.

1. The League will repay the said loan on *4<sup>th</sup> June* 195 *7*
2. The League reserves the right to repay the said loan or any part thereof at any time before the date mentioned in paragraph 1.
3. The League will pay interest on the said loan or such part thereof as from time to time remains owing at the rate of £5 per centum per annum and payable once in each year, the first payment of interest to be made in one year's time from the date hereof.

DATED this *4<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* 195*2*

For the South Australian Baseball League

*R. M. M. M.* President.

*R. J. Thorne* Secretary.



28-8-1953

Name of Account (in full) HENLEY AND GRANGE BASEBALL CLUB

Address to which communications should be forwarded MR. L.G. BAILEY,  
C/O DEPT OF LANDS, KING WILLIAM STREET, ADELAIDE, S.

To THE SAVINGS

Commonwealth Bank of Australia ADELAIDE, S.A.

Delete clauses  
not required.

I hand you herewith copy of the  
You have already received copy of the } written Constitution Rules and/or By-laws at present  
There are no

in force of the HENLEY AND GRANGE BASEBALL CLUB

(Insert name in full)

(hereinafter referred to as "the said body").

2. Authority has been duly given by resolution passed at a legally constituted meeting of the said body for the undermentioned Three person(s), viz. :-

(State number in words)

Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer.

Official positions  
and method of  
operation.

(specimen of whose signature(s) is/are at foot hereof) on behalf of the said body to :-

Any clause not  
required may  
be deleted.

- (i) draw cheques upon the account(s) of the said body with your Bank;  
(ii) overdraw such account(s) to any extent permitted by you;  
(iii) draw, make, accept, negotiate or discount bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments;  
(iv) place money on fixed deposit in the name of the said body for any term and to withdraw any such moneys held on fixed deposit and give valid discharges for interest paid and principal repaid;  
(v) have access to and to receive and give valid receipts for any securities, packets, boxes, deeds, bonds, savings certificates, scrip, debentures or other documents or property held by you in the name of the said body whether as security or for safe custody or otherwise in respect of which no special written authority from the said body as to delivery is held by the Bank.

3. Authority has also been duly given by the same resolution for cheques bills and promissory notes payable to the order of the said body and lodged for collection or for discount or negotiation and credit of proceeds to its account or accounts with your Bank to be solely endorsed by any one of the above or by \_\_\_\_\_  
(specimen of whose signature is at foot hereof).

4. This authority is to remain in force until your Bank at ADELAIDE, S.A.  
receives notice in writing of the cancellation thereof.

5. All previous authorities as to authorised signatures are hereby cancelled with regard to future transactions, except as regards any cheques or other instruments dated prior to the date hereof and presented for payment on or after such date.

Yours faithfully,

Ch Brown

CHAIRMAN.

All alterations  
and deletions to  
be initialled by  
Chairman.

NAME IN FULL (BLOCK TYPE)  
(Surname first)

OFFICIAL POSITION

SPECIMEN SIGNATURE

BROWN CLAUD HERBERT CHAIRMAN

BAILEY, LAWRENCE GRHAM TREASURER

THORNE RAYMOND JOHN SECRETARY

Ch Brown

L.G. Bailey

R.J. Thorne

Accepted by [Signature]

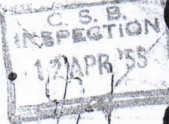


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Henley & Grange Baseball Club.

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The Manager,  
Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia,  
ADELAIDE, S.A.

Dear Sir,

PACKET FOR SAFE CUSTODY.

We hand you herewith a packet, together with an authority, to be held for safe custody on behalf of the Henley and Grange Baseball Club, and it is agreed that the packet is held subject to the following:-

- (a) The packet is closed against inspection and the contents unknown to the Bank
- (b) No liability whatsoever shall attach to the Bank in respect to the parcel
- (c) The packet is deliverable to us or our written order.

Yours faithfully,

for Henley and Grange Baseball Club.

*C. Brown* Chairman

*R. F. Home* Secretary

*Accepted by [Signature]*  
*[Signature] M. J. Bailey*  
HON. TREAS.