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## The End Of The Women's Auxiliary

After the formation of the Women's Auxiliary in 1944, a sexual division of labour existed in the operation of the Community Club's activities. The men served on the executive; the women joined the auxiliary. This division tended to carry over into the Club's activities. Thus, the executive was responsible for Club policy, looking after the facilities, putting in the ice, and so on; and the women looked after most of the fund raising activities - the operation of the canteen, teas, bazaars, and the like. But it was not complete. For activities such as square dancing, the carnival and the operation of the playground there was close co-operation. Moreover, the members of the auxiliary, and other women, turned up consistently at the regular meetings, contributed to the discussion and put forward motions.

The Women's Auxiliary lasted through the 1950's, but the division of responsibilities became progressively more fuzzy. Quite simply, conditions in this period were such that men and women were obliged to work in tandem to achieve the objectives of the Club. Indeed, there were suggestions (which remain unconfirmed) that in the late 1950's, problems were experienced in getting sufficient men to fill key positions on the executive and the Women's Auxiliary, with Edna Abbey as President, ended up running the affairs of the Club.

In the early 1960's, the division became more and more difficult to justify. Finally, at the September 12, 1963 Club regular meeting the following motion was put forward:

Moved by Mrs. Lyons that the Ladies' Auxiliary executive meet with the Men's executive at the next meeting with the intention of amalgamating. Seconded, H. Jason. Carried.

Apparently, nothing came of this meeting, because there is no further reference to the issue until April 23, 1965 at which time the following motion was recorded:

Moved by G. McDonald and seconded by Doug Woods that the ladies write the men to ask them to amalgamate with them. Carried.