

In Memoriam

Charles D. Maclurcan

With the death in 1956 of Charles Maclurcan, N.S.W. lost one of its most outstanding figures in the development of skiing and winter sports.

A man of amazing energy, a keen mind, organising ability and physical prowess, with intense enthusiasms for and a love of our snow covered mountains.

He gained much pleasure from this love of our snowfields, but in return gave unselfishly of his energy and experience to the development of our winter sports.

A foundation member of K.A.C., he was treasurer of that Club from 1916-1925, then President and life member.

He held the Summit record in 1915.

He sought introduction of efficiency tests in 1918 and was a member of the committee with Sir Herbert Schlink, Arthur Pitt, Percy Pearson, Niels Storaker, which drew up first test rules in Australia. Raced in and assisted as key official of K.A.C. in Australian Championships from 1919-1929.

He was the first to build a skating rink at the old Kosciusko Hotel.

Had the honour of having a 5-miles' cross country run above Daners Gap called after him.

His field of activity spread to skating also, where his record is an imposing one. In 1915 he founded the Figure Skating Club of N.S.W., and subsequently the National Ice Skating Association of Australia. Was the first Australian to win International Gold, Silver and Bronze figure skating medals.

He was an Olympic Games Judge in figure skating and continued to judge tests in Australia till his death.

He was a pioneer in short wave radio communication and became world known for early experiments and achievements in the 1920's. Assisted in developing radio communication between the mountain huts in the Kosciusko area after the war.

The lasting friendships he formed on and off the ice and snowfields he loved so much bear testimony to the quality and character of the man himself.

To his widow and sons, Donald and Robert we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

The late Charles D. Maclurcan.

