

RNC History

In the beginning....

The first AGM for the Rolleston Basketball Club was held at the Rolleston School, 15th August 1962 at 8pm. Fifteen people attended. Subs for working girls was 10/- and 5/- for school girls.

In 1964 100 pounds was donated to the Rolleston School for the use of a full sized basketball court but in 1975 the club applied to the Ellesmere County Council for land to lay some netball courts. Rolleston had a population of 840 and the club had 63 players.

The courts were finished in 1976/77 at a cost of \$31612.50. \$350 was received as a grant from the council's sports and recreational funds. An overdraft was taken over a year to cover the shortfall of \$600. The rest was raised by fund raising – dances, raffles, mannequin parades, cone picking discos and cake stalls.

In 1979 fundraising began again for fencing and landscaping around the courts. Primary girls were encouraged to do “jobs” at 20c each, there were fashion parades, manure selling and so on. In 1977 the Central Canterbury Power Board gave a good deal and lights were erected.

Uniforms were an ongoing issue – beginning with red gym-frocks, white blouses, red ties, red sash, black stockings and boots. In 1966 the red tie and sash were replaced with blue ones and black bloomers were added to the uniform list! The primary girls though had to wear white sockettes and white sandshoes. In 1977 the primary teams got to wear a short sleeve blouse and the other grades a Bob Charles shirt. The uniform was changed in 1975 with the material costing \$6.60 a metre.

A dance was held regularly every year from 1965 and opening days were always a good time to have a fundraising event – raffles etc.

In 1970 fees were \$2 for A grade players, \$1 for C grade and 50c for primary teams. The LNA fees were \$4 per team. In 1974 fees went up to \$1 and \$3.

A club constitution was first adopted in 1998

For more information see:

Attachment – [Constitution](#)

For further information “A Club History” was compiled by Leanne Brown for the 50th Jubilee celebrations in 2012 from old records, minutes and reports. It is published on the website.

All historical records from 2012 are now on the website (apart from minutes and reports).

The Club Patrons, Life Members and Service Award recipients can also be found on the website.