

## ***Ben Broadbent (Box Hill and Reporter official) – 1911 to 1931***

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Ben Broadbent was Secretary of the Reporter District Cricket Association from 1919-20 to 1927-28, followed by a second stint from 1929-30 to 1930-31. He was also Treasurer of the Association from 1919-20 to 1922-23.

Originally from the Northcote area, Broadbent moved to Box Hill in 1911 and played with that club as wicket-keeper until the early 1920's when he subsequently played with Surrey Hills, Canterbury, Balwyn, Mitcham, and the Surrey Hills Methodists. In all he played around 130 games, with records of his entire career unavailable.

Broadbent's greatest legacy was the Reporter District Cricket Association's affiliation with the VJCU and his organization of inter-association matches, with Broadbent acting as team manager for the Reporter side.