



## TREASURES FROM THE ARCHIVES – Anyone for tennis?

Did you know that “Carabella”, like many estates of the time, contained tennis courts. Here are two references within the first 6 months of the Club taking occupancy of the premises.

The latter article also refers to a new type of entertainment, “A Squadron Afternoon.” The premises lent themselves to broader activities which included the ladies, and their fashions at such events became an item of interest in the social pages of the day.



A GARDEN PARTY, 1907: AFTERNOON TEA ON THE UPPER LAWN  
(Mitchell Library)

**Sunday, 3rd May, 1903 – Sunday Times**  
Yachting

*Admiral Fanshawe and Mrs. and Miss Fanshawe were the guests of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron last Thursday afternoon at "Carabella" the club house. **Some spirited tennis interested the visitors immensely, Miss Fanshawe taking part in the play.***

**Monday, 1st June, 1903 – The Sydney Morning Herald**  
ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON.

*The grounds of this beautifully-situated clubhouse, Carabella, of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and their vicinity, presented a gay and animated appearance on Saturday, the occasion being the holding of the club's first "squadron afternoon." There was a large and fashionable attendance, the many handsome costumes of the ladies giving the necessary touch of colour to complete the beauty of the surroundings. It would indeed be hard to conceive a prettier or more suitable place for such an afternoon's outing. A band discoursed popular airs whilst the visitors strolled about or else seated themselves in places of vantage to witness the various motor launch races and sports which constituted part of the entertainment and were being held in full view of the lawn. **During the afternoon tea was served in a large marquee that had been erected adjacent to the tennis courts.***