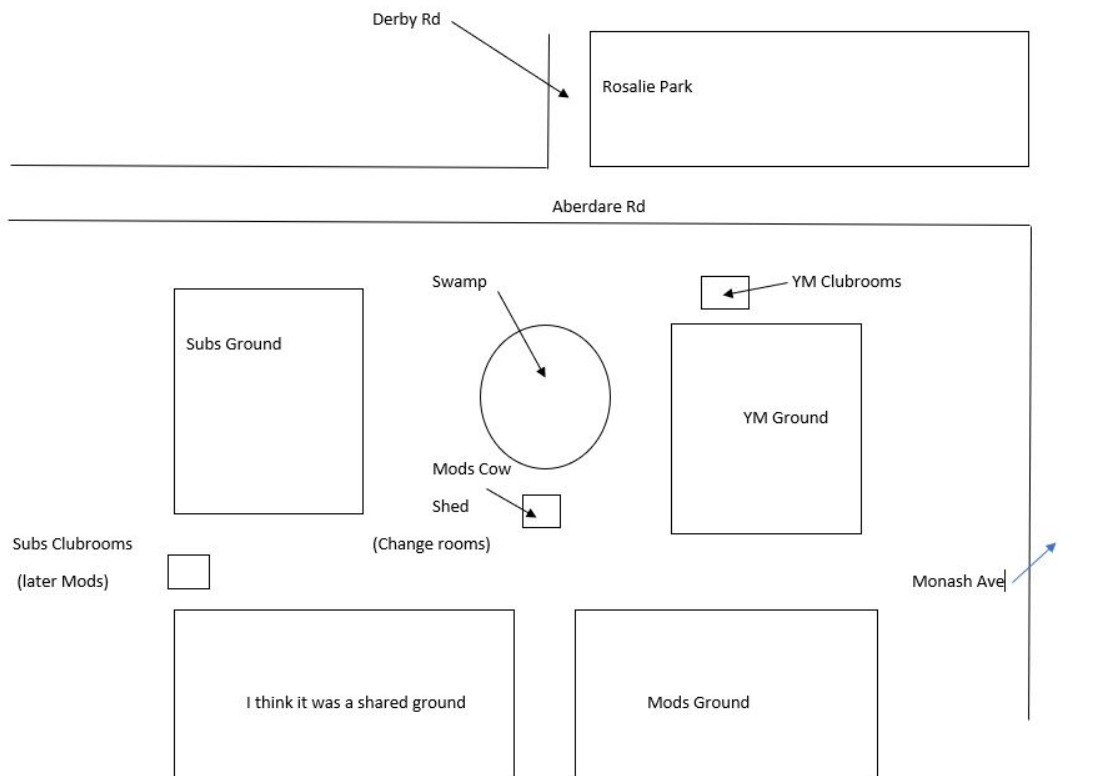


Watering the Grounds report

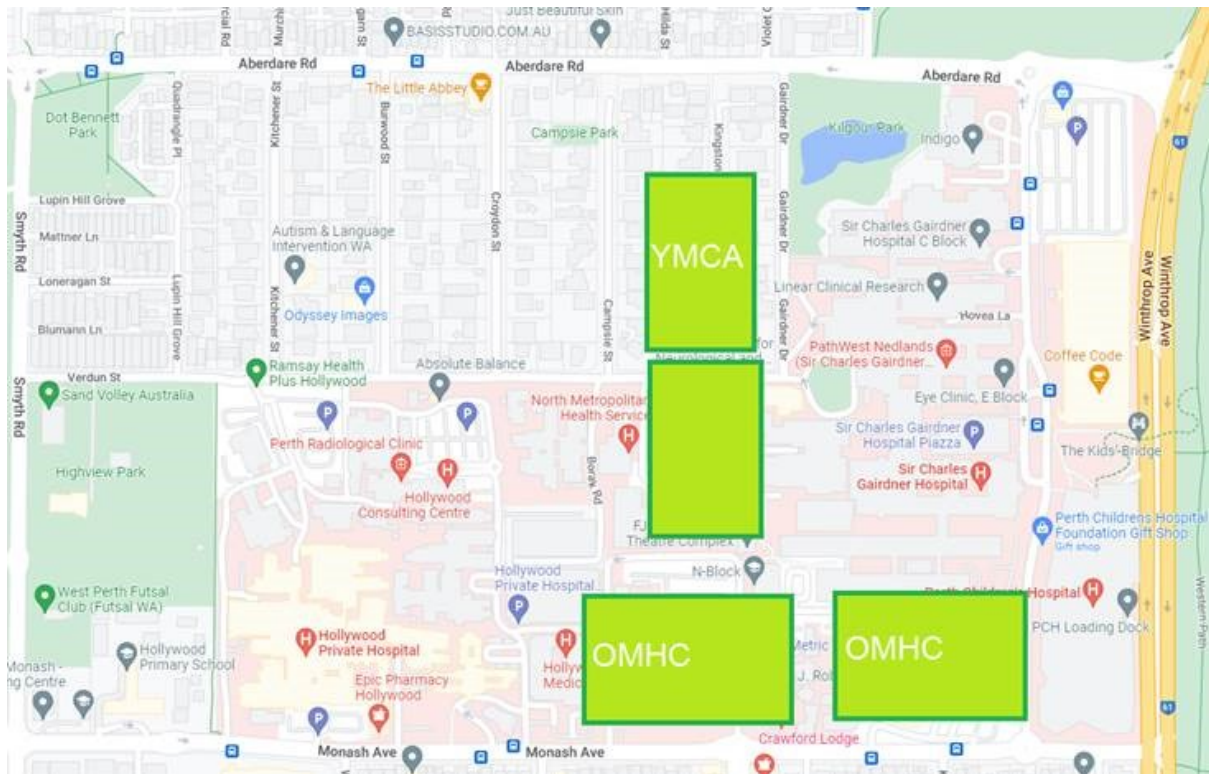
At one stage the Club was located at grounds in Nedlands, underneath what is now the big hospital.

I recollect it was a bit like this:



They were good couch grass grounds but needed watering in summer. Mods were responsible for their ground and used movable aluminium pipes with sprinklers to water the field, probably with water from the nearby lake. We had the poorest facilities there. A shed which flooded regularly so 'old hands' hung their clothes on the top row of hooks. I recall getting to training early one day and, with 20 others, trying to get the one ball off legendary coach Merv Adams! . I remember attending trials there for what was to be the 1959 State Schoolboys team.

The pipes would need shifting regularly to cover the whole field. Roy Menzies had a store in Nedlands and took responsibility for supervise the task. Roy was a real Old Modernian having graduated from the school. (initially that was a requirement of club membership. Roy played in the top team prior to WWII and then managed many several cub and state sides)



Roy served in the 2nd Royal Australian Army Service Corps during the war and was imprisoned in Changi following the capture of Singapore by the Japanese. He features in my PPT compilation of hockey players with a military connection

Roy Menzies played 1st grade Hockey for Old Mods before WWII + managed Club and State teams

Roy's ongoing commitment to Old Modernians Hockey Club saw him take on the onerous task of watering the Hollywood ground during the dry summer months, year after year. He was educated at Perth Modern School.