



Lieutenant Colonel Thomas PYE

[1862 – 19??]



Colonel Pye was elected to Life Membership of the Club – possibly after 1910 and before 1928

Colonel Pye was President of the Club in 1919

Colonel Pye is believed to have been a Founding Member of the Club.

Thomas Pye arrived in Brisbane to 1884 under engagement to the late Mr. J. J. Clark, architect. He joined the staff of the Department of Public Works in May 1884, and was associated with the preparation of the plans for the first and second sections of the Treasury Building - those facing William Street and the Queen's Gardens, respectively.

This was only a temporary engagement. His appointment as a permanent draughtsman was made in December 1889. Mr Pye became chief draughtsman of the department in October 1891, and was appointed First Assistant Architect in July 1889; and 18 months later District Architect for the southern division of the state.

On September 27, 1906, Mr. Pye was appointed joint Deputy Government Architect and Under-Secretary, and continued in that office until his retirement in August 1921. He served 33 years and three months with the Department of Public Works.

Pye was commissioned in 1906 and served in the Australian Engineers. Colonel Pye was a military censor in Queensland for about five months in 1914' and in September 1915. As a Lieutenant-Colonel, he was detailed to command Australian Imperial Forces reinforcements on transports. He took a keen interest in rifle shooting and was a prominent member of local rifle clubs.

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Sources included:

- Various web pages
- *United Service Club, Queensland: The First Century, 1892-1992* by Flight Lieutenant Murray Adams and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Charlton
- Club Meeting Minutes, Annual Reports and sundry documents