



2018-  
2019

# Chairman's Annual Report



Stuart Stockdale

Chairman Victorian Taverners



## TAVERNER'S 2018-2019 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A review of events and activities over the past 12 months:

### LEGENDS

In August, while Gareth Andrews was our Chairman, the Annual Legends night was held at the Royal South Yarra Tennis Club. Our inductees were:

- former Australian cricketer recognised as the world's fastest women pace bowler, Cathryn Fitzpatrick
- former Australian first-class cricketer who played 11 One Day Internationals for Australia, Shaun Graf, and
- former Australian Test cricketer Shane Warne.



Once again a very special night in the Victorian Taverners calendar.



Also acknowledged on the night were the Victorian Junior Male player of the Year - Jonathan Merlo



The Junior Female player of the Year - Nicole Faltum



And also the Betty Butcher rising star recipient Annabel Sutherland



## CHAIRMAN

On the 9 August Gareth Andrews advised the President Tony Dodemaide of his retirement from his role as Chairman of Lord's Taverners as of the 2018 October AGM.

Gareth said "It has been an enjoyable, interesting and challenging three years for me but I believe we can all look back with pride at some of our achievements. The journey has only just begun". He added "I have lots of ideas to throw into the mix and believe I have lots to add. The only thing I have run out of is time". In closing Gareth also noted that "change is always a challenge but with what's happening with Tavs at all levels it's a great time to be involved".

And so began the search for a successor and by the 1 December the President was able to confirm the appointment of Stuart Stockdale as the new Chairman for the Victorian Taverners - a tremendous coup!



Stuart, in his inimitable style, stepped in with enthusiasm and gusto and immediately set about resourcing the committee with suitable reinforcements.

## BOXING DAY TEST BREAKFAST

At the Taverners traditional Boxing Day Breakfast we were privileged to have the great Aussie sporting legend Merv Hughes and the entertaining "Champs" Greg Champion in our new breakfast location - the Yarra Park Room at the MCG.



### The Victorian Taverners 35<sup>th</sup> Boxing Day Test Breakfast 2018

**Presents...**



RON STEINER



MERV HUGHES



GREG CHAMPION



Long, long serving committee man Ian Crawford was awarded Life Membership



And 'surprise' Life Membership was also awarded to Secretary Carolyn Johnson.

## SPORTS INCLUSION

Our Victorian Branch assisted in funding the National Sports Inclusion week with cricket being played in Geelong and tennis at the Albert Ground courts and Melbourne Park. All up we gave the opportunity for approx. 300 disadvantaged youth to participate in sport.



In a bumper day of NCIC action, two divisions saw back-to-back titles whilst Victoria were crowned winners in the Intellectual Disability division.

## WINE SHOW

Our funding was greatly assisted by Sir Ian Botham's Wine Show in February – a sold out event held at the Kooyong Tennis Club.



Giving the young and disadvantaged a sporting chance

### **DINNER AND WINE WITH SIR IAN BOTHAM**



**KOORYONG LAWN TENNIS CLUB  
489 GLENFERRIE ROAD, KOORYONG VICTORIA 3144  
MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 6.30 - 9.45PM  
TAVERNERS AUSTRALIAN CRICKET SOCIETY AND PRIMARY CLUB  
MEMBERS, GUEST AND FRIENDS ALL WELCOME  
\$110 MEMBERS, \$120 NON-MEMBERS  
BOOKINGS AND MORE INFORMATION AT  
[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BAJPX](https://www.trybooking.com/BAJPX)  
BOOKINGS CLOSE THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2019**

## AUSTRALIAN CRICKET SOCIETY

Mid-year we were invited to co-host with the Australian Cricket Society, a pre-Ashes dinner for Tim Paine. He was a delightful guest and for many in the full house it was the first chance to visit the new cricket Victoria headquarters at the Junction Oval. Very rare to have the incumbent Aussie captain supporting a charity event just before the biggest cricket contest of all.



*A night with the Skipper*  
**TIM PAINE**

*We are honoured to have the Australian test captain Tim Paine as our special guest on the eve of another Ashes Series.*

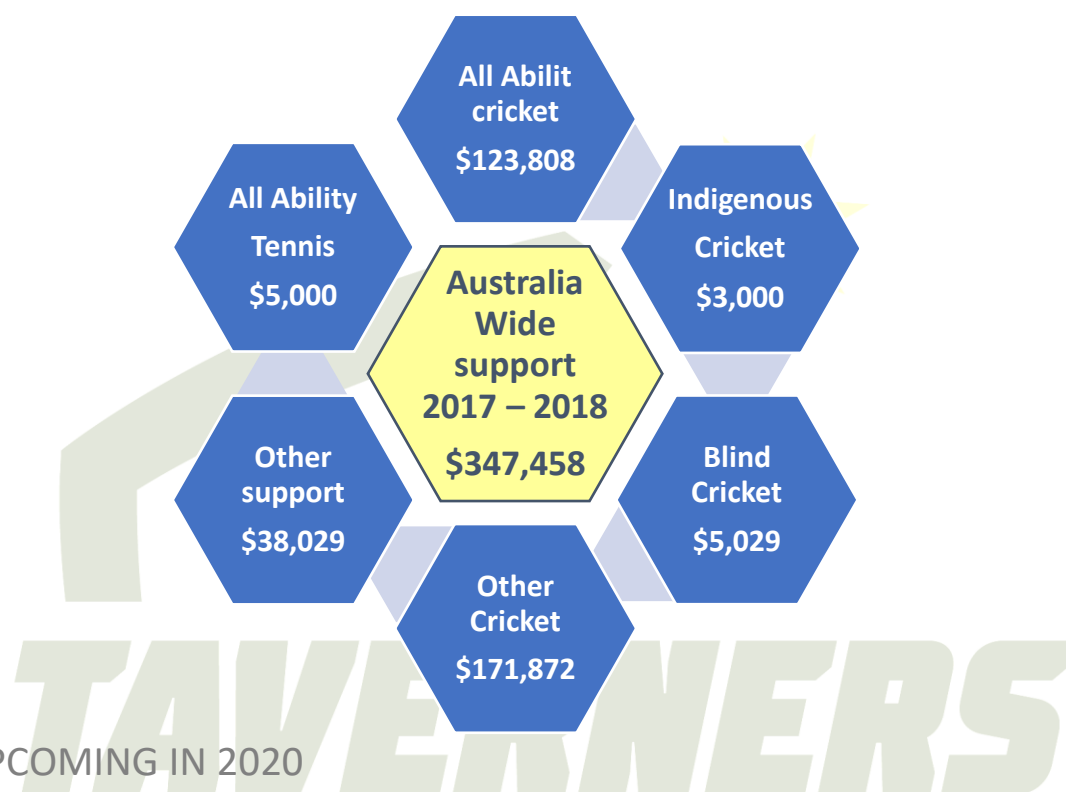
*Come hear first hand the Tasmanian boy who became the 48th Captain of his country in one of the most turbulent times since World Series Cricket. Enjoy a night amongst cricket lover at the new home of Victorian cricket and to support the work of the ACS and Taverners for the Ponting Foundation*

**FRIDAY 24TH MAY, 2019 | 6.30 - 11pm**  
Junction Oval, Lakeside Dve, St Kilda  
\$130 - 2 Course Dinner | 4HR Beverages ( \$115 Members )  
Bookings Online: <https://www.trybooking.com/BCDVB>



## NATIONALLY

Nationally, Members were fantastic in selling raffle tickets which raised about \$96,000 – a brilliant effort.



## UPCOMING IN 2020

Big news for our Boxing Day Breakfast with former NZ Captain, Brendan McCullum agreeing to share his journey with us and no doubt stories from his current role as a World Cup commentator and surely, he will mention the fastest century in Test cricket history!

If Breakfast does not suit, the following evening we are invited to share stories from a few former NZ greats at the co-branded ACS Annual Christmas Dinner on 27 December.

February next year brings the Taverners National Executive and team to Melbourne for the Annual Conference and there will be a gala sports dinner on Thursday 20 February featuring the cricket-loving honorary Taverner – Kevin Sheedy - on stage with Paul Sheahan! Reserve the date now as it should be an outstanding function.



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## Forward Program

### 2019

December 26 – Boxing Day Breakfast, MCG. Australia v New Zealand.  
Come and join us and make this a big breakfast with the Kiwis looking to come here for the first time since 1987.

We'll have sporting legend Brendon McCullum ONZM and the entertaining "Champs" Greg Champion in the Yarra Park Room at the MCG at 7.30am.

December 27 – ACS dinner with NZ players from the Melbourne Test of 1980

### 2020

February 18-21 National Conference in Melbourne

February 19 – Conference Dinner

February 20 – Gala Sports Dinner

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The **fastest** recorded **century** in **Test** cricket in terms of balls faced is held by Brendon McCullum who scored 100 runs from 54 balls against Australia at Christchurch, New Zealand in 2016 in his final **test**, beating the previous record of 56 held jointly by Viv Richards and Misbah-ul-Haq.

At the last Boxing Day Breakfast earlier this year I asked Members to safe-guard the future of the Organisation by each recruiting a new member.

To assist the program we have reduced the annual membership fee for the under 23's to just \$15 so that gives your children and/or grand-children every chance to join.

Happy if you can recruit a team of new young members – let's aim to double our Membership numbers by Boxing Day 2020. A present with a difference this Christmas - Membership and Breakfast with the Fastest Test Hundred Scorer of all time!

<http://www.lordstavernersvic.org.au/membership.html>

## Victorian Committee

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President

- Tony Dodemaide

Chairman

- Stuart Stockdale

Treasurer

- Philip MacIsaac

Secretary

- Carolyn Johnson
- Jess Adams
- Sakti Mane Breen
- William Breen
- Warwick Burnham
- Jeremy Cassell (Leave of absence)
- Damian de Ryk (Leave of absence)
- Bernie Geary
- Kevin Johnson
- Paul Mitchell
- Philip Robison

Stuart Stockdale

Chairman

25 October 2019

