

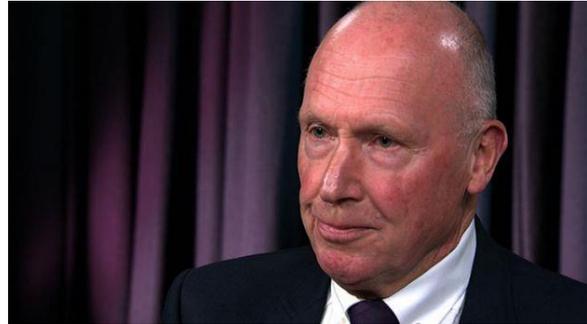


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LORD'S TAVERNERS VICTORIA

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2015-2016



A POSITIVE YEAR WITH LOTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO.

This is my first report and it is a good time to be both reflective and hopefully visionary.

I would like to firstly thank John Kilgour for the outstanding work he completed after 5 years of Chairmanship. Many of the initiatives he introduced during his term in the chair including our social investment strategy and our strategic plan give us a firm footing to go forward.

Some of the initiatives have been implemented and some will be implemented in due course but in essence we are moving forward.



We continue to forge a strong relationship with Cricket Victoria and I would personally like to thank its CEO Tony Dodemaide for commitment to his other role as President of Taverners Victoria. He is active and supportive. Together with Annie Hateley who is a wonderful committee member of the Taverners, we have a great collaboration with Cricket Victoria. We believe this becomes a win-win for all parties.

LORDS TAVERNERS AUSTRALIA.

We receive great support from Head Office. The leadership group of Paul Sheahan, Greg Brown and John Jeffreys has been excellent to work with and have many new ideas to introduce. I enjoyed meeting the Delegates from other Branches at the National Conference in Sydney in February. A good, charitable group full of energy and altruism.

The Lord's Taverners Victorian Branch

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We continued to be buoyed as Greg fights with his personal health battles and those of his beloved wife Jill. They have been brave and support events whenever they can despite the odds against getting there. John Jeffreys has stepped up to fill in the gaps and what a key player he continues to be.

We are 100% behind the new role created by LT Australia and ably filled by Stan Gilchrist. Stan has been the success behind the Northern Rivers Branch and brings form to his new role. All Branches look forward to working with Stan and we note that the role and its costs are totally met from outside Taverners. His role is principally threefold:

- To foster improved governance and succession planning where necessary,
- To increase membership, and
- To help increase the invisibility and recognition of Taverners throughout Australia.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership and its growth will drive us to be a stronger and more vibrant organisation. Membership dollars are an important component of funding the charities we support. It is vital that we grow this membership. John Kilgour reported last year that we aspire to grow to a 1000 strong membership. Whilst this will take plenty of work, it remains our focus.

We had approximately 80% growth in our membership as we implement the expanded policy of encouraging younger people to join. We are also encouraging the female market. Both these markets are part of the future direction of cricket and we must be alert to market forces. People from countries with a cricket background are being sought as members. We are also keen to have country chapters throughout regional Victoria.

I'd like to acknowledge 7 members who became Members For Life this year.

These were Mike Bullock, Sir Rod Eddington, Ron Jennings, Ian McKay, Lindsay Sinclair, Stuart Stockdale and Laurie Wordsworth. Thank you again for your lifetime commitment to the Taverners. We are keen to grow the number over the next 12 months.

EVENTS

Part of the rationale of people becoming a member of Taverners beyond the charitable support is to provide them with the opportunity of mixing with like-minded cricket lovers. For this reason we aim to have more memorable events during the year and a wider range of events.

Our Boxing Day Breakfast last December ran as smoothly as ever despite its tight timeline. Many stalwarts were there as well as some new faces. Our guest speakers were Dean Jones and Molly Strano. Dean was his inimitable self and Molly showed why she is becoming a force in Women's cricket. Tim Lane was at his professional best as MC and Damian Callinan rounded off the day with his offbeat comedy routine.

We had a very successful function at Green Acres Golf Club in June. A big turnout to hear Kevin Sheedy and Bill Brownless talk about their cricket careers in District Cricket, the former with Richmond and the latter with Essendon. Once Were Cricketers was the theme in the middle of football season and the brave souls who turned out were well satisfied. Sam Pang was the MC and he proved why he is one of the rising stars of Australian comedy.

The Legends Event was held again in late August and was a runaway success. Royal South Yarra Tennis Club was the venue again. We were able to induct 3 Legends including

Melanie Jones, Dav Whatmore and the late great umpire Bill Smyth. Melanie and Dav spoke to their award and Bill's son Paul represented the family in accepting Bill's award. Legends nights are one of the best functions on the Taverners calendar and we will continue to make sure they are a success. (Whilst noting that this night falls outside of the Financial Year, I feel confident it should be included in this Report whilst it is still fresh in our minds.



I thank David Pryles who has taken over the role of conveyor of the Events subcommittee. His team is enthusiastic and work hard.

RAFFLE SALES

The annual raffle is an important income source for all branches and we thank our National colleagues and Greg Brown in particular for arranging fantastic prizes. The main prize of a 15 day European Cruise with return business class airfares are provided courteously by APT Travel and Etihad airways respectively. What great supporters they are, as also are Harvey Norman, Westinghouse, Kookaburra and Cricket Australia for the balance of the prizes.



John Jeffreys does a masterful job in handling the book work, the records, the tickets, the butts and the money. It would not be a success without him.

The winners were

First prize. D. Spilsbury Tasmania
Second prize. G Jacobs Northern NSW
Third prize. H. Wood. Peel WA
Fourth prize. D Gorman. Peel WA

Hopefully Victoria will have a winner in February next year as the same list of prizes have been provided.

BENEFICIARIES

I now come to our raison d'etre. Why we exist. To give the young and disadvantaged a sporting chance that they would otherwise not have. We aim to be THE cricket charity in Australia.



This year we again supported the Australian Tennis Championships, the National tennis event for players with an intellectual disability. In conjunction with Sports Inclusion Australia we have been the major sponsor for 18 years. Sports Inclusion have a wonderful driving force in Robyn Smith who is a friendly face at Taverners functions and spoke passionately about the work SIA do at our Once Were Cricketers function.

Footscray Indoor Cricket for players with an intellectual and/or physical disability were supported for the 27th year. This sponsorship extends to events they participate in throughout Victoria and Lord's Taverners are always acknowledged.

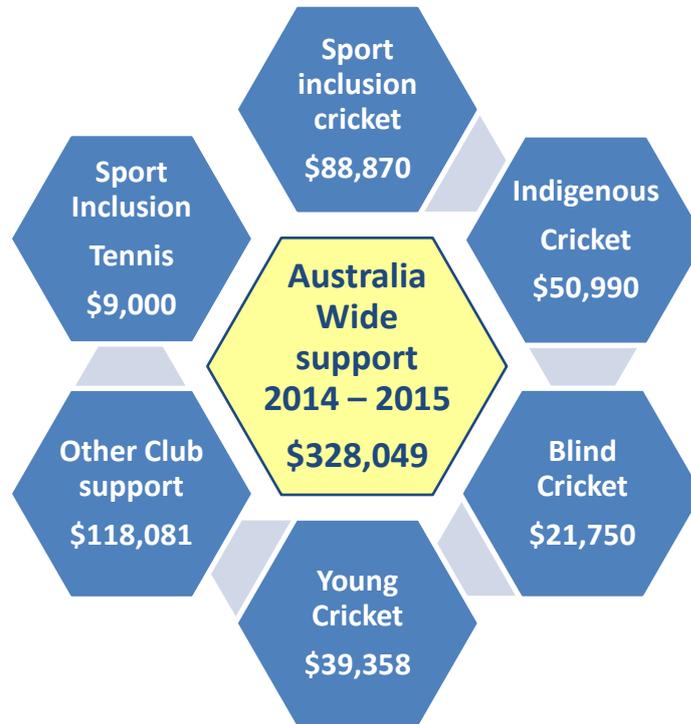


For 10 years we have always participated in Cricket Victoria's All Abilities Cricket Carnival at Cranbourne. This is a huge event with young players coming from all over Victoria for this one special day annually.



Looking ahead we have developed a strategic association with the Women of the MCC. Through their fund raising efforts and enthusiasm, and working with Cricket Victoria, we are developing an indigenous girls leadership program. The Noogal Toengorrt Tani Program was effectively launched in September this year and we look forward to reporting its success into the future. Thanks to Jane Nathan and her team at WOTMCC.

Overall Taverners Victoria contributed \$35,088 to our beneficiary charities in the 2015/16 year and we are steaming past this total already in the current year. In the 2014/15 year Taverners raised \$328,049 Nationally.



THANK YOU

It seems that I am leaving the best until last. And that is true. Taverners is all about people. Whether it is the wonderful people we support or our members, people are the key. Some very special people are the members of our Committee who work tirelessly to keep the show on the road.

I am delighted that Kevan Carroll, Matthew Clayton, Tony Dodemaide, Annie Hateley and Kevin Johnson have sought re-election.

We have a number of Committee members who have chosen to retire and we thank them sincerely. Tim Winter as Treasurer was ably supported by Richard Ashton in keeping the finances in order. Ian Crawford has decided to stand aside after 18 years and what a journey it has been. Thanks Ian. Anita Matthews is our live wire and she'll remain amongst us at most events. Finally Rodney Hogg has been invited to become our inaugural Ambassador and I see this as a perfect fit. A champion promoter out there promoting Taverners.

Mike Bullock and Peta Phillips remain in office as important members of the committee and personally on behalf of all members, committee members and myself I must give a special thank you to Secretary Carolyn Johnson who is tirelessly keeping us all on track.

We have ready-made committee members to step up and always welcome others who would like to become involved.

Thank you for the challenge and I welcome the year ahead.