



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017-2018

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A YEAR OF CHANGING AND EXPANDING

Strategic Highlights

Taverners are going through exciting times which will ultimately bear rich fruit. At both National level and at grassroots thorough the Branches, changes are occurring. In Victoria your branch is strongly placed to help drive this change forward.

This will be critical to enable more funds and benefits to be distributed to our Beneficiaries. This is why we exist. It is the major driver to build our Membership and encourage potential committee members and leaders to play their roles.

Thanks again to Cricket Victoria for actively developing stronger on-going relationships with the Taverners. In particular we pay thanks to Tony Dodemaide, the now retired CEO of Cricket Victoria. As Victoria's Taverner President wearing the two hats hasn't harmed matters.

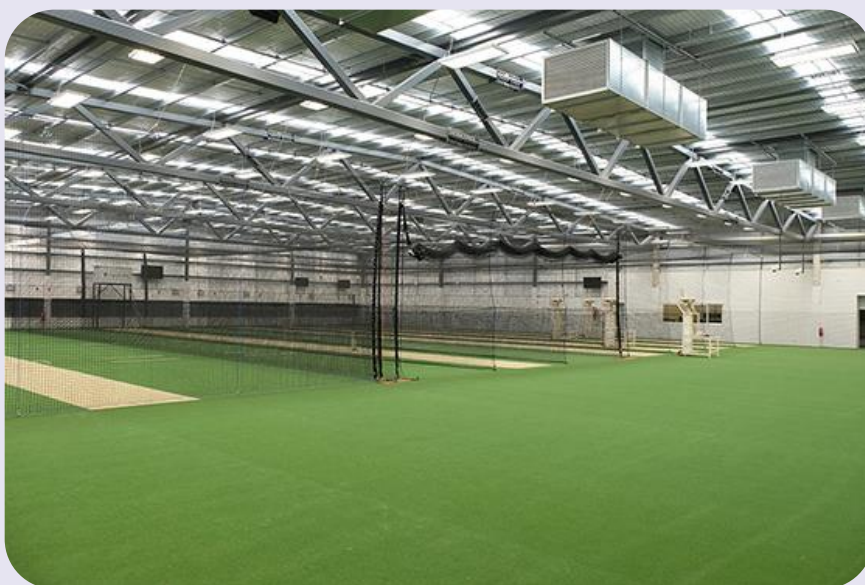
We welcome Andrew Ingleton as Tony's replacement. The transition is running smoothly from our perspective as Andrew was already well known to Taverners through his work with Cricket Australia.

Our relationship with Cricket Victoria has been solidly supported by CV Chairman Russell Thomas. We now welcome his replacement Paul Barker.



And what a mighty step forward by Cricket Victoria with their new home ground and facilities and office at the redeveloped Junction Oval. Sheffield Shield matches will be played there this coming Summer.

The CitiPower Centre at the Junction Oval is the new exciting home of cricket in Victoria.



Lord's Taverners Australia

The healthy future predicted at a National level is already falling into place. To the team of Paul Sheahan AM, John Jeffreys and Michael Martin OAM we say thank you. Your achievements are gathering pace.

From small beginnings some great things happen.

1. Our status as a Deductible Gift Recipient means we have the chance to step forward as a strong and stable philanthropic organisation.
2. The biggest news came in August. Heralding a new era of growth for the Tavs, our partnership with Cricket Australia has given us a renewed purpose.
3. In December we made our public debut as Cricket Australia's lead community partner at the day-night Ashes Test in Adelaide with donations collected at the ground and our brand prominently positioned on the field of play. We await an even better result at the Adelaide Test this year.
4. A total review of our Branding is taking place and we look at an expanding and changing market. Healthy debate is taking place.
5. Adam Gilchrist appointed as our inaugural Taverners National Ambassador.



Membership

Membership has flatlined a little this year as we await a new computer system to help drive it. As we know its not just a matter of signing new memberships but also maintaining support from existing members. This is the greatest challenge of any membership body but, as we have seen with AFL clubs, growth can be formidable when you find the right formula.

I'd like to acknowledge our six newest *Members for Life* since 1st July 2017 being:

- Philip Allison
- Matthew Blampey
- Scott Bullock
- Graeme Joslin
- Bruce Monteath
- Paul Sheahan

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Events

Victorian Legends

In last year's Chairman's Report we previewed our 15th Legends night held at the Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club and hosted by the genial and knowledgeable Ron Steiner. Our Legends for 2018 were Jack Ledward, Raelee Thompson and Brad Hodge.

2003

R N Harvey MBE
W M Lawry AM

2004

W A Johnston
S J E Loxton OBE
G N Yallop

2005

C C McDonald
W L Jacobs
M G Hughes
R J Parish

2006

M A Gray
D M Jones AM
J F Kline
I Meckiff

2007

R M Cowper
J D Higgs
J Potter
R C Steele
G E Tribe

2008

M H N Walker AM

2009

A N Connolly
R F Merriman
P R Reiffel

2010

D W Fleming
A L Hasset
K W Jacobs OAM
I R Redpath MBE

2011

K R Stackpole MBE
D S Berry
W P Sheahan
J Ryder

2012

A I C Dodemaide
L V Maddocks
R J Bright
W H Ponsford MBE

2013

J W Grant
A G Hurst
I W G Johnson
S P O'Donnell

2014

S A Tredrea
W M Woodfull
A P Sheahan AM

2015

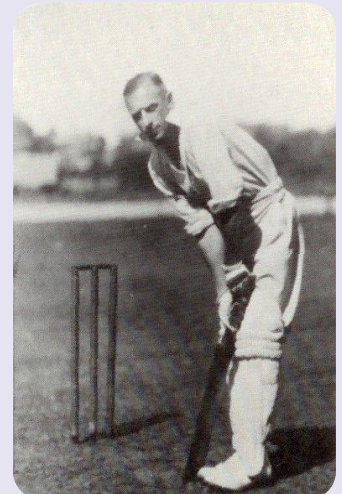
M T G Elliott
D J Hussey
P Binns
W W Armstrong

2016

D Whatmore
M Jones
W J Smyth AO

2017

R Thompson
B J Hodge
J A Ledward MBE



Junior Taverner and Betty Butcher

Makinley Blows and elite brother and sister duo Will and Annabel Sutherland took out the honours in the Junior awards - Father James may be leaving the national scene but the Sutherland name will live on. Mother Heidi was a proud Mum on the night.

Junior Female



Betty Butcher



Junior Male



Ashes Boxing Day Test

A huge crowd turned up to greet the biggest day of the cricket calendar. We are talking about our breakfast in this instance 310 fans post-Christmas festivities. Again, Ron Steiner was in control as our MC.



SIR IAN BOTHAM OBE



BOB "THE CAT" BEVAN MBE

... AND MC
RON
STEINER



Ian Botham OBE was at his "beefiest" and robust best and master English comedian Bob "The Cat" Bevan MBE showed why he is regarded so highly in the cricket world for his humour and his timing.



Individual Beneficiary

The speeches were preceded by an interview by committee member Kevin Johnson with Nathan Volpe an individual who we were able to provide financial support to during the year.



Nathan, one of Langwarrin Cricket Club's favourite sons, is just a young man of 32 with partner Shanelle and baby son Jed. Well-known on the peninsula as a good cricketer, who has coached, played in premierships and racked up almost 200 senior games, Nathan was mysteriously struck down with a debilitating illness called Guillain-Barre Syndrome. Paralyzed him from the neck down he was unable to speak and barely able to breathe. He spent two months in Intensive Care and underwent extensive rehabilitation to regain the use of his body. While still undergoing rehab and doing extensive gym work Nathan is now back on his feet, has returned to work, albeit part time, and is now playing cricket again for Langwarrin CC.

Nathan said he was extremely grateful for having received financial support from the Taverners which really helped

him and his family through a very uncertain, trying and stressful period of his life. He's also pleased to now be well on the road to recovery.



Life Membership

Kevan I. Carroll, Taverner Member No. 196, joined the Taverners not long after it was formed in Australia in 1982. He was elected to the committee in 1994, giving 24 years of service. He joined an elite group when he was awarded *Life Membership* of the Victorian Lord's Taverners in recognition of his outstanding commitment to the Victorian Branch.



The Lord's Taverners Victoria Life Members

- Keith Burnham (elected 2000)
- Sheila Scotter AM MBE (elected 2001) (Deceased)
- Jim Thompson OAM (elected 2004)
- John MacKinnon (elected 2008)
- Peta Phillips (elected 2010)



Sponsorship

Once again Buildscape Victoria were proud key sponsors. Always thanks to the Bullock family.

And also, to sponsors Daryl Henwood of Mainline Developments and Frankston Sunrise Rotary.



National Raffle

Raffles are the love/hate of our lives, but to the Taverners they are an important part of our life blood and thanks again go to National's John Jeffreys for playing the very role that ensures its success. Also again thanks to Etihad Airways and APT Travel for the airfares and 15 day European Cruise. And we received wonderful support from Harvey Norman, Electrolux, Kookaburra and Cricket Australia.



Beneficiaries

It was all action in Victoria in January with the National Cricket Inclusion Championships in Geelong and the Australian Tennis Championships for players with an intellectual impairment in Melbourne.

NCIC

In it's second year the National Cricket Inclusion Championships brings together Australia's best cricketers with a hearing, vision or intellectual impairment vying for their respective National Championship title. Six states (NSW, VIC, QLD, SA, WA and Tas) returned for the Championship which concluded on Friday 26 January.

Aaron Dragwidge, the Disability Engagement Specialist for Cricket Australia, said "the 2018 National Cricket Inclusion Championships were an overwhelming success reaching in excess of one million people through the Cricket Australia digital channels alone and most importantly providing a key pathway opportunity for Australia's best cricketers with a disability to showcase their skills and put their hand up for national selection." He thanked the Taverners for playing a key role in the successful delivery of the Championships.

The undefeated Queensland side were bowled out for 98 on the second last ball of their innings, resulting in South Australia's first ever NCIC Intellectual Disability Title.

In the match between New South Wales and Queensland, New South Wales had a comfortable win with Lindsay Heaven the star in that match, making 70 (52). With this win, for the first time in thirty three years, New South Wales went through the Blind Competition undefeated.

South Australia's deaf and hard of hearing completed a remarkable turnaround from their previous encounter with Victoria that saw them all out for just 34, to put in a performance for the ages and won by a comfortable six wickets with 10 balls to spare.



Australian Tennis Championships

Now in its 21st year the Australian Tennis Championships provided an exciting week of tennis in Melbourne which had it all: record breaking performances, amazing comebacks and an exciting new event - the mixed doubles. The finals were all played at Melbourne Park in extremely hot and humid conditions. A feature of this event is the outstanding sporting camaraderie displayed by these competitors and their effort, commitment and passion under difficult personal circumstances. Ian Crawford and Peta Phillips joined Wally Masur and Pat Rafter in presenting the trophies.

These events are strongly and deeply supported by Sports Inclusion Australia and, in particular, CEO Robyn Smith whose unmistakable enthusiasm and passion is always a driving force with seemingly unlimited energy and warmth.

Sport Inclusion Australia, formerly AUSRAPID, assists the inclusion of people with an intellectual disability into the mainstream community using sport as the medium. Sport Inclusion's Vision is *Community Inclusion through Sport* and its Purpose is *to facilitate inclusiveness in sport for people with an impairment through partnerships with state, national and international organisations.*



Footscray Indoor Cricket

For the last 28 years the Taverners has been a major sponsor for the Footscray Indoor Cricket group which is organised by Lorraine Woodman and her husband Laurie on an honorary basis.

The competition is played between males and females with a disability who come from Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong and Cranbourne to play off in the December 12th Grand Final. Once again Ian Crawford, our former committee man, was in attendance for the 22nd time and presented the medallions.

Incidentally Lorraine Woodman was recently acknowledged for her 25+ years as a volunteer in the disability cricket community and was inducted into the Lifetime Achievement Honour Roll at the 2018 Victorian Disability Awards. Lorraine's roles have included coordinating the indoor cricket program in Footscray and assisting at the Yarraville Cricket Club for their intellectual disability outdoor team.

Reclink

The not-for-profit organisation Reclink Australia aims to enhance the lives of people experiencing disadvantage or facing significant barriers to participation, through providing new and unique sports, specialist recreation and arts programs, and pathways to employment opportunities.

Building resilience and a sense of community, Reclink Australia believes that sport and the arts are the perfect vehicles to improve the lives of those experiencing complex

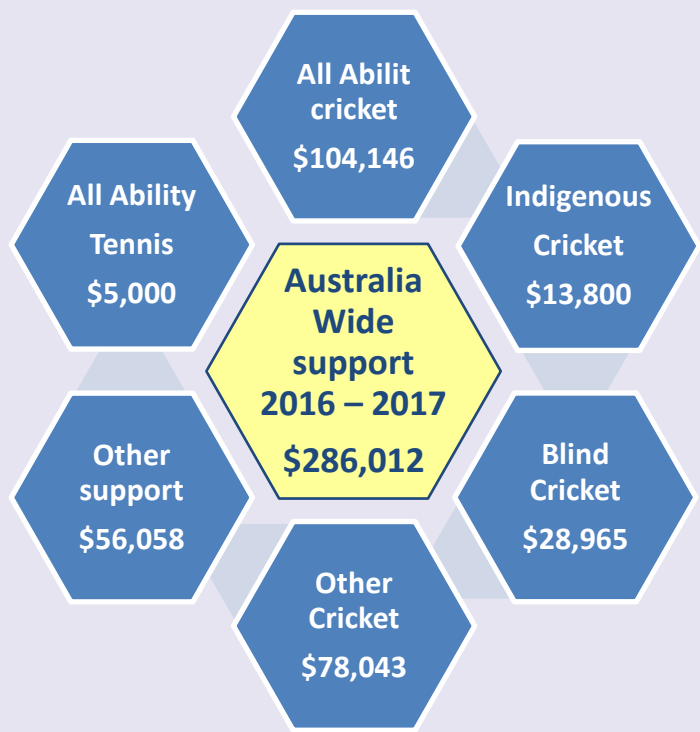
disadvantage and social exclusion. The Taverners have supported Reclink with their sports programs.



Distributions

Overall Taverners Victoria contributed **\$33,158** to our beneficiary charities during 2017-2018 and nationally the contribution was over \$300k.

We give the young and disadvantaged a sporting chance that they would otherwise not have.



Last but not least – Thank You!

Lord's Taverners are people who like to help people. And hopefully have some fun along the way. We don't need technology to network - we meet real people and people who love all forms of cricket, young and old, male and female, all cultures, creeds and colours.

I would like to thank some of them who have helped me enormously.

Our committee are totally voluntary. Sometimes the work is not glamorous but when we see a disadvantaged youngster getting a chance to compete in cricket we are chuffed.

Thanks to Philip MacIsaac who has had his first full years as Treasurer. David Pryles balances career, family (young and growing) and Taverners events. He is well connected. Kevin Johnson did an amazing job over the last eight months in raising substantial funds for the Taverners through sales of the special Geoff Merrill 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon beautifully branded with Adam Gilchrist and more beautifully drunk. He was not prepared to take no for an answer.

Kevan Carroll has always been a rock and we will miss Matthew Clayton as he takes a new role with the National Taverners.

We welcome two younger committee men Richard Lugg and Damian de Ryk who promise to be part of the new success story.

To Annie Hateley, she knows how special she is and to Carolyn Johnson I could spend another 10 paragraphs extolling her virtues and still not do it properly.

Tony Dodemaide has been an active and supportive President and continues to be so.

Victorian Committee 2017 - 2018

President

- Tony Dodemaide

Chairman

- Gareth Andrews

Treasurer

- Philip MacIsaac

Secretary

- Carolyn Johnson
- Kevan Carroll
- Matthew Clayton
- Annie Hateley
- Kevin Johnson
- Richard Lugg
- David Pryles

Gareth Andrews
Chairman

23 October 2018