

THE LORD'S TAVERNERS VICTORIA

The Lord's Taverners Australia
(Victorian Branch) Inc.
35th Annual General Meeting



*Giving the young
and disadvantaged
a sporting chance*

*Chairman's
Report
2016-2017*

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2016-2017

A YEAR OF GROWTH, OPPORTUNITY AND FUN

As Chairman I have now survived two years in this role and I'm excited to say that we are experiencing some dynamic new challenges and opportunities whilst still keeping our focus firmly on those we support. Our social investment strategy is solid and with the right will and good governance we will continue to move forward.

We are now looking at developing new branches in both Geelong and Bendigo and hopefully by this same time next year they will be up and running. We have keen leaders in both communities who are ready to help in varying roles as required, including Chairmanship. This will provide opportunities to open the Taverners up to a wider group of new members as well as allowing the new branches to choose their own Beneficiaries from within their own community. This is a powerful enticement to get aboard.

Again our collaboration with Cricket Victoria has been exceptional and having its CEO Tony Dodemaide as our own President makes things a lot easier without Tony having to compromise either role.



Gareth Andrews



Tony Dodemaide

Our Committee Member Annie Hateley is the Partnerships and Government Relationships Manager at Cricket Victoria and always steers the Tavs through the maze of people and Clubs in modern-day cricket. And I'd also like to personally thank Cricket Victoria Chairman Russell Thomas for supporting the Taverners.

LORD'S TAVERNERS AUSTRALIA

At a National level the Taverners have really moved forward this year and with new initiatives falling into place beyond this Reporting year, it's a healthy future. To the leadership team of Paul Sheahan AM, Greg Brown OAM, John Jeffreys and Michael Martin OAM much has been achieved and the future is rosy.

John Jeffreys has continued to take some of the load off Greg's shoulders as Greg fights his own health battles and especially those of wife Jill. John in particular does a massive job for Taverners and is always there to help.

Stan Gilchrist OAM has started his new role with Taverners Australia and is showing all the verve he has shown over the years running the successful Northern Rivers Branch. He has his challenges but thankfully our Branch isn't one of them!



Paul Sheahan AM
John Jeffreys
Michael Martin OAM
Stan Gilchrist OAM

MEMBERSHIP

We have our focus on growing our membership and we are delighted that numbers have doubled over the last 12 months. But it's not just a matter of signing new members but also maintaining support from existing members. This is the greatest challenge of any membership body and this can only happen by showing members the value of membership beyond our Beneficiaries.

Again we seek new members and encourage you all to help. New members must come from the younger market as well as the booming female market. Big Bash League must become an area where our brand becomes recognisable.

The name "The Tavs" has been registered and hopefully this resonates with the newer markets. We think it will.

I'd like to acknowledge our newest Member For Life this year Lindsay Sinclair member No. 1154.

EVENTS

We have had some excellent events over the last 12 months and in each case members and their guests have gone away very happy. We promise to continue to grow the quality of our events.

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Taverners
membership online](#)

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"The Tavs"

Irvine Club

We started off with a bang this year through the generous support of Melbourne's Irvine Club. We would like to thank their Chairman Mosstyn Howell and their Committee for choosing to have LTV as their Charity of Choice for their function in July 2016. The Club is named after the famous Australian cricketer Jock Irvine who was always the bridesmaid in Test cricket and never the bride. The cricket equivalent of the Coodabeens! With Kim Hughes as an excellent Guest Speaker and our own Rodney Hogg as MC, it was an outstanding event and a marvellous financial outcome for the Tavs. Thanks to the fantastic support of everyone associated with The Irvine Club. What a great start to the new Financial Year.

Legends Night

In my report last year I noted the Legends held on the 24th August 2016. It did of course fall into this current financial year so to keep the historical record straight I'm reporting on it again. The 3 Legends were Melanie Jones, Davenell Frederick "Dav" Whatmore and the late great umpire William Joseph (Bill) Smyth AO. On the night we also presented the Male Junior Taverner of the Year award to Sam Harper, the Female Junior Taverner Award to Sophie Molineaux and the Betty Butcher Emerging Player Award to Georgia Wareham.



Mosstyn Howell & Rodney Hogg



Dav Whatmore, Melanie Jones & Bill Smyth AO

I've said it before, this is a terrific night which is made for those of who love cricket from your core. Pete Lazer did a fine job as MC and his knowledge of the game and its players was first rate. And Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club is the perfect venue for the Taverners.



Pete Lazer



(I will talk about the 2017 Event in next year's Report but as a sneak preview our Legends were Jack Ledward, Raelee Thompson and Brad Hodge. The Sutherland family took the honours with a show of strength in the Junior Awards- both Will and Annabel did their parents proud.)

Boxing Day Test Breakfast

Another outstanding Taverners Breakfast and a credit that people are able to show the enthusiasm and commitment to get up and participate so early on the Day After!



With Lindsay Heaven representing Blind Cricket Australia, he outlined the very important role Tavs plays in allowing young blind cricketers to pursue their dreams. He also taught us much about the game of blind cricket, the rules, and the limitations of various degrees of blindness.



Chris Rogers the former Australian opener of 25 games experience was our first guest Speaker and was the forthright and knowledgeable speaker we have come to listen to on ABC Cricket.

Tim Lane, Lindsay Heaven, Chris Rogers & Sonya Thompson

Victoria's Head of Female Cricket Sonya Thompson then outlined her role in cricket and in particular the enormous growth of female cricket. We knew it was happening but we didn't know how fast. It is fast!

Comedy was provided by Bobby Macumber and we at the Taverners would like to thank Tim Lane for another insightful and thoughtful role as MC. He has always been generous with his time for the Tavs over many years. Scott Bullock from Buildscape Victoria continues to provide his much valued sponsorship

February 23rd Professor David Purdie

We were delighted to host David Purdie who was little known to some of our members when we were promoting the function. When they found out more about him, his reputation as one of the finest public speakers in the Great Britain, his prodigious knowledge of golf and cricket, his sense of humour and sense of timing, and his other wide interests, he was anticipated with great interest. He didn't let us down. 180 Taverners and friends had an amazing night at Green Acres Golf Club.

May 30th Powerhouses of Cricket and Football

Using the above title, Cricket Australia CEO James Sutherland and AFL boss Gillon McLachlan joined forces with a bold discussion on their upcoming



Professor David Purdie & Gareth Andrews



**Gillon McLachlan,
Cameron Ling &
James Sutherland**

challenges and opportunities. Grilled by Cats own football legend and Premiership Captain Cameron Ling, it was a night of nights. With both sports trying to come to grips with Player pay demands and under huge pressure, they were forthright and open with whatever was thrown at them from Ling and from the floor. On a cold winters night at Royal South Yarra it was pure gold.

NATIONAL RAFFLE

There is nothing that needs to be said about the National Raffle other than the fact that it continues to be an important source of income for all branches. The fact that it also runs so smoothly is in no small measure due to the masterful job done each year by National's John Jeffreys, wearing whatever hat is needed. Again sponsorship of economy class airfares and a 15 day European Cruise by Etihad Airways and APT Travel respectively play a large part in the success. Again we received wonderful support from Harvey Norman, Electrolux, Kookaburra and Cricket Australia.

BENEFICIARIES

It is amazing to witness some of the work the Taverners does first hand. The excitement that can be seen in the faces of the recipients of our hard earned funds makes the whole effort worthwhile.

I was present, along with National President Paul Sheahan and Treasurer, at



the time, John Jeffreys at the opening of the National Cricket Inclusion Championships in Geelong on the 15th January. Working in closely with Cricket Australia, Sports Inclusion, the City of Geelong and other strong supporters of the Event, we are proud to be a part of such a powerful story. Spread over eight day's and more than 230 participants it is a mighty effort to put on and managed by a team of administrators, coaches, managers and players, often acting under challenging circumstances.



This will be held again in Geelong from 21 -27 January 2018 and we suggest you go along at some stage and see for yourself.

I also attended the Australian Tennis Championships, the National tennis event for players with an intellectual disability. Sports Inclusion through Robyn Smith again has worked as a major sponsor with The Taverners for 19 years at this event. The smiles on the faces of the players are the first thing you notice. And personal thanks go to Ian Crawford and Peta Phillips' who have personally attended the event over all these years on behalf of the Taverners. They are truly loved by the participants and prove that our largesse goes beyond money.



Footscray Indoor Cricket was supported for the 28th year. In this we are supporting intellectual and/or physically disabled players and these events are played throughout Victoria.



We are always seeking new charities which meet the criteria represented under our five pillars. Overall Taverners Victoria contributed \$35,550 to our beneficiary charities in 2016-17 and nationally the contribution was over \$275,000.

AND THE LATE NEWS WHICH CAN'T WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEARS REPORT

FIRSTLY The Lord's Taverners Foundation (LTF) has been formed to allow members and supporters of the Taverners to make donations of \$2 or more, that are tax deductible to the donor. These donations will be available for distribution in accordance with giving the young a sporting chance.

SECONDLY Taverners have joined with Cricket Australia as CA's official community partner with the purpose of continuing to scale the impact of initiatives within CA's "A Sport for All" Program. Both entities have been established based on shared initiatives and objectives. We are delighted with the work James Sutherland and his team have put in to make sure this association is a roaring success.

THIRDLY Test Great Adam Gilchrist has been appointed as our inaugural Taverners National Ambassador. His appointment was enthusiastically endorsed at a function at The Sydney Cricket Ground on 16th August this year and the interview he had with Kerry O'Brien was brilliant.



We had to tell you beyond 16/17 but you'll hear lots more about all 3 initiatives going forwards.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST- THANK YOU

People are our lifeblood. Whether it be members, our beneficiaries, our sponsors, or our committee and the many volunteers, none of this would happen.

In particular I would like to thank our Committee for their special efforts. Both Ian Crawford and Anita Matthews did not seek reelection at the AGM in 2016. Mike Bullock stepped down in January for family health reasons and Rodney Hogg retired in July 2016. They all remain loyal Taverners, attending functions, bringing friends and potential new members, and playing ongoing roles.

This work is not glamorous but it is fulfilling. I would like to thank Phil MacIsaac who has taken over the role of Treasurer from Tim Winter and has done a sterling job. David Pryles is a well-connected young man who can be a power in the Taverners for years to come. Both were elected this time a year ago.

*Kevan Carroll, Annie Hateley, Matthew Clayton, Kevin Johnson, and Carolyn Johnson have provided outstanding support, and without singling anybody out (which I will) Carolyn Johnson as Secretary and multi-tasker is our rock.
Thanks guys*

Thank YOU

Tony Dodemaide continues to be totally supportive in his role as State President and brings knowledge, cricket skills, contacts and much more to the table. As we grow in size as an organisation, again I ask members to put their hands up and become involved. It's absolutely worthwhile and may be the giving-back role you crave.

Onwards and upwards.

Gareth Andrews
Chairman



Victorian Committee **2016 - 2017**

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Treasurer - Phillip MacIsaac
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