

# THE TAVERNER

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Giving the young and disadvantaged a sporting chance

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### **THE LOYAL TOAST** and

**H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH K.G. K.T.**  
Patron and Twelfth Man

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President – The Lord's Taverners Australia  
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to

**THE LORD'S TAVERNERS AUSTRALIA**  
by

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**JUNIOR TAVERNER OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
Presentation by Paul Lewis  
Chairman – N.S.W. Branch  
to

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### **MYSTERY SPEAKER**

Introduction by John Darling  
Chairman – The Lord's Taverners Australia  
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**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S TAVERNERS AUSTRALIA  
AUSTRALIAN CRICKETER OF THE YEAR TROPHY**  
by

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### **OUR GUESTS**

Proposed by John McCallum C.B.E.  
President Lord's Taverners Australia  
Response by Colin Egar  
Chairman Australian Cricket Board  
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Master of Ceremonies: Gordon Boyd  
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submitted his proposal to the parent body," John said.

"On February 17, 1982, he received formal permission to proceed with the foundation of the Lord's Taverners (Australia). This body would be entirely separate and independent of the UK organisation and would have complete autonomy to operate within the aims, objectives and philosophy, of the parent.

"The Lord's Taverners (Australia) was officially inaugurated on October 22, 1982, and now has 11 branches covering every state and territory, and more than 3000 members."

## **OUR IN-BETWEEN YEARS**

IN his address to the national council, John highlighted some of the many memorable things the Taverners had achieved. In 1990, it conceived the idea of an award for the Australian Cricketer of the Year. The first winner was Craig McDermott who was followed by other worthy successors such as Dean Jones and David Boon. Later, the award was renamed the Allan Border Medal and is now run by Cricket Australia in conjunction with Channel Nine.

"More recently, we established the Lord's Taverners Indigenous Cricketer of the Year award. It is presented at a dinner on the eve of the Sheffield Shield final, and together with our strong financial support of the Imparja Cup, is very tangible evidence of our continued support for indigenous cricket."

He said that during his time as president the most significant and far-reaching event was the signing of a memorandum of understanding with Cricket Australia. "The partnership with Cricket Australia would have been very difficult to formalise if it had not been for the support of two previous Cricket Australia chairmen, Creagh O'Connor and Jack Clarke, both of whom are Taverners. The current chairman, Wally Edwards, is also a long-term member and we look forward to a further strengthening of this very important relationship

"Finally, as the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary approaches, I recognise and thank all the dedicated people who have freely given of their time and expertise to ensure that we continue to "give the young and disadvantaged a sporting chance."

JOHN LILL, President.

## **A challenge for the future**

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT** John Lill has flagged this year's 30th anniversary of the foundation of the Lord's Taverners Australia with a strong challenge to all branches.

He told the national council meeting in Perth the aim should be to strongly increase membership and more than double fundraising by the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary which will occur in October, 2022.

John said the Lord's Taverners Australia was now a mature organisation, but the level of support had plateaued in recent years. Since its inception the organisation had distributed more than \$10 million to assist disadvantaged people, particularly the young, to participate in sporting activities, mainly – but not exclusively – cricket.

Present annual distribution was about \$400,000, and he called for this to be boosted to close to \$1 million by 2022.

"Two states have already identified the need to improve their operations and have carried out strategic reviews, We await the conclusions with interest. However, it is clear that to achieve the target more members, particularly younger

ones, must be attracted," he said.

"It was very obvious during the summer of international cricket that there are a large number of cricket-mad people in Australia's Indian and Sri Lankan communities. They represent a largely untapped source of potential members for the Taverners and we should reach out to them.

"I believe the Lord's Taverners brand remains relevant and the causes we support are certainly very worthwhile. So the challenge is to ensure members, new and old, not only support the organisation for the good it does for disadvantaged people, but also because there is enjoyment in being a member."

## **THE BEGINNINGS**

"AS well as addressing the future, it is appropriate to reflect on our past. In October, 1981, John Varley, who was visiting Australia from the UK, sounded out a number of his friends (including John Darling and actor John McCallum) about his idea of starting a branch of the Lord's Taverners. Armed with a favourable response, he returned to London and





## Vince Copley declares

**VINCE COPLEY**, a driving force behind the growth and increasing recognition of indigenous cricket, has stepped down from his role as co-chairman of the National Indigenous Cricket Advisory Council.

His final official duty was this year's Imparja Cup in Alice Springs, an event which showcases the emerging talent from right across the nation.

His co-chairman John Bannon joined in the farewells to Vince at the Imparja Cup official dinner. "Vince and I have worked together over the last three and a half years and it's been an extremely productive and enjoyable association," he said. "But Vince has been there from the beginning over 10 years ago, devising and implementing Cricket Australia's vision for indigenous cricket.

"And he goes back well before even that. In fact, in paying tribute to Vince at the Adelaide Test match, the chairman made a verbal slip by suggesting Vince had toured England in 1868 with the famous aboriginal team – the first team Australia sent to England," Bannon said.

"Although we knew he meant 1988, there were still a few people checking out the old team picture just to make sure. Incidentally, Vince not only took a leading role in organising the Bi-centenary tour, but also the indigenous tour in the Ashes year of 2009 where the team led by Dan Christian acquitted themselves very well.

"Of course, Uncle Vince really has longevity: we can trace him from his origins in Alice Springs to his education in Adelaide, to sporting prowess that saw him play SANFL football and for Fitzroy, to country football and cricket as a player and coach mainly in South Australia. He has been an important and inspirational contributor to sport generally in this nation, as well as indigenous sport.

"And not just sport – for instance as a young man he played an important role advising the first indigenous state governor Sir Doug Nichols during his all too brief time as vice-regal representative in South Australia," Bannon said.

"Vince is an acknowledged leader in this field, recognised around the country. He has been ready, willing and able to answer the call whenever people needed help and advice or representation and advocacy. We are privileged that he has devoted so much of his time to establishing and raising the profile of indigenous cricket around the country."

Vince said he was delighted with the growth of the Imparja Cup from two teams to the current 34, and he looked forward to many more young indigenous players following in the footsteps of Dan Christian.

"My dream is of one day watching a Boxing Day Test at the MCG and seeing an indigenous cricketer walking out onto the ground," he said.

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## JOIN THE TAVERNERS

THE Lord's Taverners Australia has branches throughout the country and all welcome new members. Here is a list of the branches:

- New South Wales
- Victoria
- Queensland
- South Australia
- Western Australia
- Tasmania
- Northern Territory
- A.C.T.
- Newcastle
- Peel Region (WA) and
- Northern NSW.

Since formation in 1982, the Taverners have raised more than \$12 million to give the young and disadvantaged a sporting chance.

To contact your local branch, simply Google "Lord's Taverners."

*Cover picture: Taverners chairman Greg Brown congratulates indigenous cricket leader Vince Copley.*

*Picture courtesy Phillip Howe and Cricket Australia.*



## The National Chairman

### A YEAR OF GROWTH

THE year 2011 was a year of consolidation, growth, and of breaking new ground.

Our consolidation came in the form of the ongoing working relationship as an official community partner of Cricket Australia, Blind Cricket, Deaf Cricket, Intellectually Impaired Cricket and Indigenous Cricket.

As this report was being printed, the Lord's Taverners was paying 50 percent of the cost of sending the Australian Blind Cricket team to England for their Ashes and one-day series against the "old enemy".

Last November we gave \$37,500 to the Australian Intellectually Impaired team that competed in a tri-nations series against England and South Africa in Kimberley, South Africa. I was appointed team manager for the tour. It was an honour to carry out this role, but also a wonderful

recognition of the work done all over Australia by the Lord's Taverners' members and their supporters.

We had a very enjoyable dinner in Melbourne early last April to celebrate the drawing of the national raffle – an excellent final result of nearly \$60,000 profit. This was spread Australia-wide to all the branches that participated. A sincere thank you to Etihad Airways for the first prize of a return trip to London for two.

This year's Lord's Taverners Indigenous Cricket Player of the Year was Josh Lalor from NSW. He was unable to receive his award at the State awards lunch in Brisbane, so we presented it at the Cricket NSW Steve Waugh Medal night in Sydney. A special thanks to Kelly Applebee, Cricket Australia and Cricket NSW for allowing us to participate in their awards night.

The national conference in Perth was a fabulous success – mainly due to the preparation and planning by local chairman Mike Snell and Michael Martin. Congratulations gentlemen, it was an excellent conference.

This was followed by the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs, where the Lord's Taverners play a very significant role in assisting this ever growing, ever improving Australia-wide indigenous cricket carnival. Congratulations to all the winning teams, in particular NSW for winning both the men's and women's finals with back to back victories.

I was thrilled to participate for the first two days of the camp for under privileged youngsters at the Southern Cross University, Lismore, in January. This was organised by Stan Gilchrist and his team from Northern NSW.

It is a magnificent concept so well supported by so many other volunteers. Keep it going Stan – great work.

Our efforts in getting a new branch of the Lord's Taverners underway in New Zealand are proving more difficult than imagined. We will keep pursuing this project in the belief that it is the way ahead for a more significant international presence of the worthy causes that the Lord's Taverners support.

As this year will be the 30th anniversary of the Lord's Taverners in Australia, it is my hope that each branch can organise an extraordinary function that will not only recognise the milestone, but generate publicity to acknowledge the very significant contribution our actions have made in "Giving the young and disadvantaged a sporting chance" Australia-wide.

A sincere vote of thanks and appreciation to Neale Price, Kristen Beams, Kelly Applebee and Damien De Bohun of Cricket Australia for their encouragement, assistance and support to us over the past 12 months.

Again I must conclude by congratulating and thanking all the branch chairmen, their committees and supporters who now have given over \$1 million in the past three years to the Australian disabled community.

On July, Michael Martin will divest his treasurer's role to John Jeffreys, so well done Michael on your dual responsibilities as secretary/treasurer for the past 10 years.

To John Lill, our national president, thanks and congratulations on a very full year of meetings, phone calls and correspondence on the national and international fronts. Your support, friendship and guidance is truly valued.

*Onward and upward,  
Greg Brown  
National Chairman.*



*The Crowne Plaza Perth  
Venue for the 2012 National Conference*



# The National Secretary

**2011 WAS ANOTHER** successful year for the Lord's Taverners Australia and 2012 has started in the same vein.

In the twelve months to 30 June 2011 the combined total of donations made by all Branches amounted to \$340 000 which highlights the organisational ability of all local committees and of course the generosity of our members across Australia. All donations continue to position our organisation well in the minds of the cricket community and of course fulfil our objective to give the young and disadvantaged a sporting chance. The level of donations shows that The Lord's Taverners Australia is making a difference. Thank you for your support.

We have continued to work with Cricket Australia and Neale Price in particular in supporting the four Pillars and since my last report The Lord's Taverners Australia has provided or approved the following 3 national sponsorships.

\$30,000 to Australian Deaf Cricket to participate in an International Series in Adelaide in 2011

\$35,000 for the Australian Intellectually Impaired team to tour South Africa for a Tri Nations Championship also involving England in November 2011

\$26,000 for the Blind Cricket Team to tour England in June 2012

These donations gave these young cricketers a unique opportunity to maximise their potential and to show us all

how their lives have improved by fulfilling their dreams by playing their sport at an elite level. It is wonderful to see them displaying our logo on all their playing gear. I acknowledge that these donations were only made possible by your generosity at the Branch level and I thank you for this and ask for your continued support.

One of the highlights for all Lord's Taverners is the magnificent success of our 2010 Indigenous Cricketer of the year. Dan Christian is performing for his country in the 50 over and 20 over national teams and is displaying all the qualities that made him stand out for this award of which he is very proud of. Dan is the inspiration to all indigenous cricketers throughout Australia and is evidence that they can perform at the elite level. Dan is very close to his Baggy Green Cap.

Cricket Australia continues to support The Lord's Taverners in many ways and has provided the opportunity for our Chairman to promote our organisation and spread the message on giving the young and disadvantaged a sporting chance.

Finally may I thank all the Branch Chairmen and their busy Secretaries and Treasurers for responding to my many requests in a timely and friendly manner. The strength of any National organisation is in the responsiveness and cohesion of the Branches who really make the organisation work by raising the resources to meet our obligations.



*Michael Martin OAM  
National Secretary/Treasurer*

## The National Conference

**THE WESTERN AUSTRALIA** Branch hosted the February 2012 National Council Conference in Perth where delegates were able to meet the Western Australia Committee and visit the Peel Region.

As the Lord's Taverners Australia is growing in stature among the cricket community and the general community and initiatives are planned at the National level, the national council meeting is taking on increased importance which is evidenced by all Branches being represented.

The meeting is an opportunity to plan for the years ahead and identify ways of improving our organisation and increasing awareness of The Lord's Taverners. It is also an opportunity to hear from our stakeholders and to reflect on what has worked well and what new challenges can be set.

This year the National Council was informed of a special initiative in Western Australia aimed at encouraging participation in cricket by young men and women suffering from autism. This initiative was created by Justin Sambell and is called Cricket Champs. The program has developed

and is being run out through the Perth cricket teams initially. The uptake has exceeded expectations and it will be extended throughout the State and has been endorsed by parents, clubs and most importantly the new participants.

Michael Annis, a member of the Australian Blind cricket team demonstrated vision impairment through the use of specially designed glasses. Michael gave the members a practical demonstration of the difficulty experienced by blind cricketers. He also displayed his passion for cricket, his pride in representing his country and the approaching Ashes Tour.

An insight of the progress of Indigenous Cricket in WA was provided by Phil Hill the WA representative on the Indigenous Cricket Advisory Committee. Phil related some really good success stories on how young indigenous men are being selected in representative teams and the success of various scholarship programs.

Robyn Smith CEO Ausrapid Australia presented a report on the successful INAS Global Games that were held in Italy in

2011 involving athletes with challenging disabilities. Some 8 sports were involved and the Australian team won the most medals and more sports are being proposed for the next Global Games. Robyn also thanked The Lord's Taverners for its \$35,000 contribution to the INTAS Tri Cricket Series between Australia, South Africa and England which was held in South Africa in November 2011.

The council meeting approved a donation of \$26,000 to the Australian Blind Cricket Team which goes to England for an Ashes series in June 2012.

The conference also discussed the total donations made by each of the Branches over the past 12 months which totalled over \$340,000. This is another magnificent result and is achieved by hard working committees at the Branch level and generous members and sponsors who are the life blood of this organisation.

Michael Martin OAM  
National Secretary / Treasurer



## SHEILA SCOTTER TRIBUTE

**AUSTRALIAN FASHION** legend Sheila Scotter, a life member of the Victorian branch of the Lord's Taverners, died in April aged 91.

Radio broadcaster Alan Jones, delivering the eulogy at her funeral service, described Sheila's death as marking the end of the Australian fashion industry's most historic era. Another speaker, Lawrence Money, highlighted her passion for cricket.

She was one of the most important figures in the early days of the Lord's Taverners in Australia, and was invited to join the Victorian committee in 1982. It was one of the more enlightening decisions because she brought with her a number of benefits.

These included order and discipline at committee meetings; total respect for the Taverners ethos and a fierce expectation for the same commitment from all members.

Sheila also had many contacts in the entertainment industry such as Rex Harrison, Ruth Cracknell, Ronnie Corbett, Donald Sinden, and others, all of whom graced various Taverners events.

Her dedication to fundraising and the vision to organise the sorts of functions which gave the Taverners a community presence was another valuable contribution.

In her autobiography, Sheila waxed fulsomely about the Lord's Taverners, and her pride in being on the committee. She never forgot the history factor of the Taverners, and especially Prince Philip's role as 12th man.

Vale Sheila.

## TAVERNERS WIN PRAISE

**CRICKET AUSTRALIA** chairman Wally Edwards has always valued the contribution which the Lord's Taverners make to cricket in Australia and offered a toast at the national council dinner in Perth.

He told guests that the Taverners had brought another dimension to the game and cricket was a much better place for its existence.

Wally, a Taverner for about 20 years, was elected as Cricket Australia's chairman in October 2011. He said he regretted that his other cricket commitments meant he had not been able to give much time to the branch, but he had always appreciated the great work done in Western Australia.

"During my first few months as chairman I have visited all states and have met Lord's Taverners at all venues. The passion they exhibit to the cause is very infectious and compelling, and the enthusiasm and commitment is commendable.

Wally was particularly impressed by this year's Imparja Cup carnival in Alice Springs. "Of course the Lord's Taverners emblem was proudly displayed on the teams' clothing, and I thought what a good use of LT funds this was. We at Cricket Australia thank you for that."

Asked how Cricket Australia values the impact of its memorandum of understanding between it and the Lord's Taverners, he commented: "From our point of view the focus on indigenous, blind, deaf and intellectually impaired cricket is working very well and there is generally a very strong feeling of partnership.

"But I believe that perhaps the MOU could be better promoted within the cricket community. Before I became Cricket Australia chairman I certainly did not have as good an understanding of what the LT had been doing.

"It has been through meeting passionate people like Greg Brown, who managed the intellectually impaired team in South Africa, that I have become much better informed.



During my term as chairman I hope to enhance our relationship."

As to the future in general, Wally said Cricket Australia had many reforms in progress. "It is very important that cricket refreshes and updates. The game has become a big business and for it to remain as Australia's number one sport we must ensure that our governance structures are appropriate and that our administrations are running as well and efficiently as possible."

Wally, a left-hand opening batsman who played three Tests against England, took time out to nominate the best non-Australian players he had seen.

He selected Barry Richards (the most graceful and complete batsman); Garry Sobers (my childhood hero. He could do anything); Colin Cowdrey (I also saw him bat a few times when he was past it when called in to face Lillee and Thomson aged 40-plus. I admired his guts and determination); Richard Hadlee (a fast bowler who had all the skills. Not as good as Lillee but very close).

## BEST WISHES FROM UK

**AS A POM**, it's impossible to think about cricket and not have a view about you Australians. Great sporting rivals and friends at the bar, it's a unique and wonderful relationship.

The same is true for the Lord's Taverners where we're as proud and interested in your achievements as in our own. Hanging on my office wall in London is a Lord's Taverners Australia shield. The news feed on our website picks up and shows everything you get up to Down-Under. We always look forward to welcoming Aussie Tavs when the Ashes are being fought over here and making our presence felt when the battle takes place on your shores.

Some of our regions and your branches have even gone as far as "twinning." It's such a good idea that our two national executives are actively talking about working together

to encourage more Lord's Taverners organisations in cricket-playing countries around the world. All would share the same values and brand, using cricket to improve the prospects of disadvantaged and disabled young people in their own countries.

So on behalf of every Lord's Taverner here in the UK, please accept our very best wishes for your 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

And here's to a wonderful birthday party 30 years on from now, celebrating our much greater international Taverners family, inspired by the close and successful relationship between you Aussies and us Poms.

Very best wishes.

**MATTHEW PATTEN**

Chief Executive, The Lord's Taverners.





## SOUTH AFRICAN SAFARI A TEST OF STAMINA

**THE AUSTRALIAN** team competing in the tri series for intellectually impaired cricketers in South Africa in November had limited success on the field but proved they had plenty of stamina.

Assistant coach Nev Paulsen, from Queensland, prepared this diary for *The Taverner* magazine.

**NOVEMBER 14.** The alarm clock sounded in Brisbane at 5am and the bid to retain the title against South Africa and England at Kimberley had started. By 10.30am the Queensland contingent were on their way to Brisbane airport for the flight to Perth to meet up with the rest of the squad.

At Perth, the head of delegation, Julie McNerney, and team manager Greg Brown, of the Taverners, collected and checked passports



After an 11-hour flight to Johannesburg, we switched to a coach for a 500km road trip to Kimberley and our hotel. Then followed a dinner and welcome function. The squad, very tired, reached their beds at 10pm – 49 hours after that alarm clock had sounded.

**NOVEMBER 15:** The experience of a lifetime this morning when the three team buses (Australia, South Africa and England) were escorted by police cars with blaring sirens to the De Beers Diamond Oval for the opening ceremony. The Australians had a training session and a centre wicket practice. It was the first time Australia had ever been together. In contrast, the English team had training twice a month for 18 months.

**NOVEMBER 17:** In our first game, England scored 1/192 from their 40 overs, while we were dismissed for 155 with Gavan Hicks top scoring with a patient 53. Jason Richards and David Searle each took two wickets in the England innings.

**NOVEMBER 18:** South Africa was the opponent and once again the Aussies were humbled by a very fit and athletic fielding team. Australia made 117 off 30.5 overs with only four making double figures.

**NOVEMBER 19:** A fun training day aimed at installing some team work and improving morale was held, and the boys responded well.;

**NOVEMBER 20:** After the review of team performances captain Rex Breed and opening bowler Brett Wilson were promoted to open against England. The move worked well with a 50-run partnership before Rex was injured while attempting a short single. The loss of momentum allowed England to regain the ascendancy. Australia made 9/148 (Rex Breed 37), and England reached the total in 38 overs for the loss of five wickets. Shaun Wilkie took 3/19 off eight overs.

**NOVEMBER 21:** The final game of the round was against South Africa which meant we needed to win and score at 8.7 runs an over to qualify for the final. South Africa made 174, meaning Australia would have needed to get the runs in 20 overs. Fast bowler Winston Johnston took 8/15 to rout the Aussies for 48.

**NOVEMBER 22:** England won a close final by 19 runs, and at the completion four Australians (Rex Breed, Brett Wilson, Gavan Hicks and Steve Teloniatis) were named in a world team to play against a Northern Cape academy squad. At lunch in the final the Australians conducted on field activities for Kimberley special children and other special children who had travelled 800km from Durban.

**NOVEMBER 23.** A day of sightseeing which included a visit to a diamond mine and a game park, as well as a dinner given by members of a Durban special school.

**NOVEMBER 27:** An early start for the return home. First the 500km bus trip, then the 11-hour flight to Perth, followed by 10-hour stopovers for connecting flights to Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

**Summary:** The on field results were disappointing but did not reflect the state of cricket in Australia for players with an intellectual disability. Australian cricket now needs to engage in a talent identification program if we are to remain competitive with England and South Africa. This will require a concerted effort from national and state stakeholders over an extended period of time.

The tour provided the experience of a lifetime and enabled the members of the Australian team to develop knowledge of how fortunate we are live in this great country of Australia. I am sure that everyone now has a greater appreciation of the everyday life which Australians are able to enjoy.  
NEV PAULSEN.

## MESSAGE FROM FORMER GOVERNOR-GENERAL MICHAEL JEFFERY

**MY LIFELONG** love of cricket and then my later association with the Lord's Taverners, began in the large front yard of our bush suburban home in Perth in the mid 1940's. There all the local lads aged 8-15 would play passionately fought 'test' matches, watched by old Mr Genetti, an Italian war refugee with no teeth and no English, but a wonderfully engaging smile, which would broaden even further when we would give him an occasional bat and bowl.

Mum would bring out afternoon tea: thick slices of hot, fresh bread liberally spread with homemade jam and cream, washed down with copious quantities of freshly made lemonade. Happiness indeed!

And then in the early hours of a winter's morning, huddled with my Dad next to a crackling radio, listening with bated breath to John Arlott and Alan McGilvray's peerless Ashes Test commentaries, including Lindwall bowling Hutton with an in swinging yorker, first ball at a Lord's Test to the stunned amazement of the huge English crowd.

At the age of 15 I was skipper of the East Perth under 16's and played on the hallowed turf wickets of the WACA ground. Sometimes I was asked to bowl in the nets to cricketing idols such as Keith Carmody and Alan Edwards using almost brand new six stitcher balls, whilst bowling greats of the ilk of Harry Goringe would always be only too happy to give a word or two of advice to we admiring youngsters.

Lawrie Sawle and Ken Rutherford who both opened for Australia were teachers at my school, Kent Street High. I had Lawrie plumb LBW in a students versus teachers match, but he was given 'not out' by a teacher umpire much to my chagrin.

Later, as a father, cricket continued to be one of my great pleasures in life. Whether playing in the backyard with my three sons and daughter, who was generously given the 'can't get out on the first ball' dispensation by her brothers,



before being sent to the furthest fielding position possible, or hot summer holidays spent watching various international series and the brilliance of cricketing legends of the calibre of Clive Lloyd, Joel Garner, Lillee and the Chapells to name but some.

Of course, both Marlena and I have had the privilege of attending numerous cricketing functions in more refined atmospheres and have particularly enjoyed attending Boxing Day test matches in Melbourne, the PM's XI matches in Canberra and the Sydney Tests hosted by the Sydney Cricket Ground Chairman Rodney Cavalier.

It was in my gubernatorial roles that I was first introduced to the Lord's Taverners and in Canberra in particular it has been a tremendous pleasure for Marlena and me to support such a wonderful organisation, whose noble aim to assist and support disadvantaged youth has been so magnificently fulfilled year in and year out.

Long may the Taverners prosper and thank you to all its members past and present for your contribution to the betterment of our society through the inspirational game of cricket.

Michael Jeffery  
Major General (Retd)  
Yarralumla ACT



## LEROY'S GOING PLACES

**THE LORD'S TAVERNERS** Tasmania have played a role in helping a talented young indigenous sportsman live his dream of representing Australia. Leroy Hart, 14, one of five brothers being raised in Hobart by their widowed mother, toured England and Wales in April as a member of the national under 15 futsal team.

Leroy, who also excels at the traditional form of soccer, took up futsal to hone his skills and help maintain fitness during the off season, and he is determined to make the UK tour the first step in his sporting career.

Already the first Tasmanian indigenous player to represent his country, Leroy's dream is to continue to improve and one day play for Australia at senior level in soccer.

One thing is certain – he has no shortage of playing partners at home as all his brothers are as enthusiastic about sport as he is.

Indeed his talent was first spotted by chance three years ago when he tagged along to watch his elder brother try out for a team. A soccer official was so impressed with his skills that he added Leroy to the team.

The boys' mother, Rayna Dakin, is their biggest fan and works hard fund-raising to give them every chance. The UK tour, for instance, has cost close to \$8000. That was on top of \$5700 last year for Leroy and two younger players to compete in the national futsal competitions in Brisbane.

Paul Sheahan, chairman of the Tassie Taverners, heard about her extraordinary efforts, and was on hand at Leroy's final Hobart training session to hand over a cheque for \$1,000.

"Leroy, his brothers and I are extremely grateful for the support provided by the Lord's Taverners," Rayna said.

## FRIENDS FROM ABROAD

**A NUMBER** of past presidents of the Lord's Taverners (UK) and other high profile members have honoured the Lord's Taverners (WA) from time to time with their presence at fund raising functions – particularly as guest speakers at the annual Test match breakfast or at regular members luncheons.

Over the years these VIPs have included Jimmy Edwards, Ronnie Corbett, Donald Sinden, Brian Johnston, Dickie Bird, Mike Gatting, Sir Tim Rice and Rachel Heyhoe-Flint.

And Frances Edmunds once addressed a special Lady Taverners luncheon co-hosted by Mrs Dennis Lillee and Mrs Rod Marsh.

The Lord's Taverners in Western Australia certainly have good reason to value their relationship with the Lord's Taverners (UK).



# Indigenous cricket

**NEW SOUTH WALES** scored a double triumph in the Imparja Cup by winning both the men's and women's divisions. A record 34 teams and close to 500 players and officials took part in the 19th staging of the event which began with just two teams.

A feature of the men's win over Queensland was the power hitting of all-rounder Pat Rosser who slammed 30 runs off one over (four sixes, a four and a two). In all, he scored 87 from 39 deliveries. Earlier he had taken 2/13 as Queensland was restricted to 9/114.

Not surprisingly Rosser was named player of the finals and also selected in the Black Caps honour side.

The women's final was equally one-sided with NSW winning its fifth straight title. NSW scored 7/115, then rolled the ACT for 57. Nicole Honeysett (46 not out) was named player of the final.

Alice Springs won the major centres division, and Bush Potatoes (Alice Springs) took out the women's community division.

There was great news on the eve of the Imparja Cup when the Northern Territory's Sports Minister Karl Hampton announced government funding of \$200,000 over four years. "I am pleased to say that Cricket Australia has guaranteed the Imparja Cup will stay in Alice Springs as a result of this government funding until, and including 2015," he said.



## IMPARJA TEAMS

**ONE OF THE** major highlights of this year's Imparja Cup competition in Alice Springs was the naming of an indigenous talent squad to tour India.

Selectors Ray Bright and Mark Hanton chose a mix of past-performers and new talent. Bright said the tour would advance the careers of those selected.

"We've managed a good blend of guys who we've seen perform in previous years along with some new faces like Nathan Price, John Green and Bohdi Walker," he said. Indigenous development squads have previously toured England and Papua New Guinea and competed in the Arafura Games in Darwin.

The squad is: Ben Abbatangelo (V), Micnael Bailey (WA), Jeff Cook (NSW), Jake Kubinek (Q), Jake Turner (NSW), Adam McDermott (Q), Nathan Price (NSW), Dylan Fuller (NT), Aaron Muir (NSW), Fletcher Stewart (V), Bradley Stout (Q), Bohdi Walker (V), Cameron Trask (Q), John Green (V), Worrin Williams (Q), Darcy Short (WA), Josh Lalor (NSW), Barry Weare (coach), Aaron Briscoe (manager).

The Black Caps representative side was also announced. Those chosen were: Ben Abbatangelo (V), Michael Bailey (WA), Jeff Cook (NSW), Jake Kubinek (Q), Adrian McAdam (NT), Adam McDermott (Q), Nathan Price (NSW), Pat Rosser (NSW), Willie Series (SA), Fletcher Stewart (V), Bradley Stout (Q), Bohdi Walker (V).

**IMPAJA CUP ART DESIGN.**  
MAY ROSAS, KATHERINE.



# Indigenous Cricketer of the Year



## GREAT COMEBACK BY JOSH

**JOSH LALOR**, of NSW, marked a wonderful comeback to topline cricket when he was named the Lord's Taverners Indigenous Cricket of the Year in March.

Josh, 24, fought his way back into the team after being dropped and snared 14 wickets at 31 runs each in four Bupa Sheffield Shield matches. His fine left-arm swing bowling also earned him two games in the state's one-day squad.

His performances also resulted in a Perth Scorchers contract for the first season of the Big Bash League. Josh was also chosen for the Chairman's XI matches against India in December. The Lord's Taverners national chairman Greg Brown presented the indigenous award during the State cricket awards in Sydney.

Lalor has been prominent in Cricket Australia's indigenous program, touring Papua New Guinea as a member of the indigenous development squad and participating in the Imparja Cup.

He also has an ambassadorial role for the Federal government's Learn Earn Legend program which encourages and supports young indigenous Australians to stay at school, get that job, and be a legend for themselves, their family and their community.



## THE DAY THE TYPHOON RUINED MY LUNCH AT THE MCG

**THE FIRST EDITOR** of the first Taverner magazine published in December, 1985, was Frank "Typhoon" Tyson, and as the current editor I recently came across an article which Frank wrote for the 21st anniversary issue in 2003. And did it bring back some memories.

I was a one-eyed schoolboy holidaying in Melbourne with an aunt and uncle during the Christmas-New Year holidays in 1954-55. As a special treat my uncle took me to watch the last day of the Australia-England Test at the MCG with the Aussies all set to win (of course).

My aunt prepared a package of raspberry jam sandwiches and an apple and off I went with my uncle. Victory was assured. Or so I dreamed.

Instead, Tyson swept through the Aussie line-up before lunch, finishing with 7/27. I hurled the sandwiches away, sobbing in disappointment, and turned to my uncle and yelled "I'm never going to watch Australia play cricket again until we get another Don Bradman."

Of course all wounds heal, and even though we are yet to see another Bradman, I've attended many Tests since.

But the healing process didn't really take off until as a young married man I found myself living in London. One glorious sunny day in 1972 my wife and I went to Lord's with a couple of friends and saw Bob Massie take 16 wickets against England. Ah, I can see it now. We sat on the grass inside the playing surface at the Nursery End, and lunched on my wife's home-made meatloaf and chutney sandwiches washed down with warmish English beer. And how the England wickets tumbled.

Such revenge, and we didn't even need another Bradman.

One of my friends at Lord's that day was another young cricket fanatic from Adelaide named Mike Coward who, from fading memory, ate at least half of the meatloaf sandwiches.

As for the Typhoon which destroyed Australia and my boyhood raspberry sandwiches close on 60 years ago, all is forgiven. Indeed, I met him years later at the G and began to realise what a bad sport I had been during my school days.

Frank Tyson, our inaugural magazine editor returned to

Australia to live in 1962 and was the first chairman of the Victorian branch of the Lord's Taverners.

It's worth recalling part of an article which Frank wrote for the 21st anniversary issue of the Taverner magazine in 2003:

"The birth of the Lord's Taverners (UK) was a natural event, conceived by a group of cricket-loving thespians in the distant but not so dim days of 1948.

"The origins of the Lord's Taverners Australia were more induced, largely through the labours of three men - President John McCallum, chairman John Darling, and chief executive John Varley. The last-named (Varley) had been present at the birth of both of his Lord's Taverners children, 31 years apart."

Tyson added that it should be our long term ambition to rival - on a proportional basis - the fundraising successes of the Lord's Taverners UK who in 2003 raised in excess of \$1,000,000 for young people.

By Mike Bingham, editor



# Northern Territory



Above: Opposing captains at the Geoff Akers cricket match  
Left: Players at the Geoff Akers Trophy Cricket match

## WOMEN HAVE A WIN IN GAME IN HONOUR OF A HERO

**THE ANNUAL** cricket match played between Lord's Taverners and Darwin Women's Cricket is a contest for the Geoff Akers Memorial Trophy. Jeff was a great supporter of both Women's cricket and the Lord's Taverners and this Trophy was initiated by the NT branch of LTA when he was tragically killed in an accident.

This year the Women had their first victory with a well drilled outfit who were determined to stop the Taverners winning run. On the picturesque Gardens Oval the Women batted

first and made 142 off 24 overs which proved to much a target for the Taverners who failed by 20 runs.

The Akers family were well represented in the Taverners team with brother Wayne and nephews Nick and Ryan playing while Caryn and her daughter in laws watched with the grandchildren.

A great day in memory of a great man who certainly did strive to give the young and disadvantaged a sporting chance.



Michael Martin and NT Cricket CEO, Andrew Ramsay



## WARATAHS GET A LIFT

**DURING A TRIP** to the Kimberly an NT branch life member Jeff Pinkerton, sang the praises of the Taverners to a fellow traveller who turned out to be Dennis Durham, of B R Durham and Sons, of NSW – manufacturers of stormwater and sewage grates.

Dennis was so impressed that he decided to donate a unique gift to the branch. He then set about manufacturing a set of weights for a local cricket club.

The weights were presented to the Waratahs club at Darwin's Gardens Oval by Jeff Pinkerton and Michael Martin.



## \$70,000 BOOST FOR CRICKET TRAINING

**TEN YEARS AGO** the Northern Territory branch embarked on a plan to provide a major grant to NT Cricket to help it establish indoor training facilities for teams preparing to compete in national championships during the Wet season.

That dream became a reality in September when chairman Michael Martin presented NT Cricket CEO, Andrew Ramsay, with a cheque for \$70,000 at the Terry Alderman dinner. In accepting the cheque, Mr Ramsay acknowledged the significance of the donation and said the new facility would be known as the Lord's Taverners Indoor Training Centre.

He also commented that the depth of assistance provided to cricket in the Territory was certainly improving the development of local young players.

During the evening Terry Alderman also lauded the donation and the work of Lord's Taverners throughout Australia. The dinner was attended by 150 members and guests and was sponsored by Arthur Hamilton's Shorelands Group.

Terry Alderman

# Northern Territory



Top: MC Steve Balch and Winemaker Scott Collett at the Winemakers Dinner.

Above: Artist Geoff Todd and his wife with his donated painting and the successful bidders at the Winemakers Dinner.

## GOLF DAY SUCCESS

**THE ANNUAL** charity golf day provided a great opportunity for the branch to acknowledge the Total Recreation Ten Pin bowlers who have won the last three intellectually challenged national championships.

Money raised on the day was directed to help the team attend the 2011 nationals which the NT also won.

The golf day attracted 33 teams and was a great success. At the end of the day, golfers learned how the bowlers were preparing for the national tournament. The branch presented a cheque for \$3500 to the team.

## A VINTAGE EVENING

**EXCELLENT WINE** and food was served at the annual Winemakers dinner at the Star City Casino in February. The generosity of our two winemakers, Ben Glaetzer of Ben Glaetzer Wines and Scott Collett of Woodstock Wines, must be acknowledged.

Despite it being harvest time both were on hand to entertain the attendance of 270 people. In addition, well known artist Geoff Todd donated a painting with a cricket flavour which raised \$6000 at the auction.

Other generous donors included Dominic and Deborah Fracaro, Geoff and Anna Cussen, as well as Justice John Gallop and Neville Pantazis. Guests were entertained by a range of wine stories, and some secrets to successful winemaking.



Top: Winners at the Golf Day.

Above: Chairman with representatives of Total Recreation receiving a cheque for \$3000.

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# Queensland



Glenore Grove Cricket Club entrance during and immediately after the January 2011 flood – and how it looks today.

## FLOODS AID FOR TWO CLUBS



(L to R) Glenore Grove Cricket Club President Randall Reck and Secretary Andrew Jaremenko receive the flood recovery cheque from Taverners Qld Branch President Ross Duncan at a Sportsman's Lunch.

**THE QUEENSLAND BRANCH** helped two regional cricket clubs get back in the game after the major floods of January last year.

Money raised by the Taverners under the guidance of President Ross Duncan and Chairman Lew Cooper went to

the Glenore Grove club in the Lockyer Valley to repair its flood damaged grounds, and the Dalby Golden Oldies over 40s club to replace equipment.

A flood fundraiser lunch was held in March last year with Toshiba providing excellent corporate support for the venture. The event raised nearly \$9000, \$8000 of which went towards repair of the Glenore Grove oval. The Taverners support was both timely and appreciated.

Glenore Grove is a small farming community in the Lockyer Valley boasting both synthetic and turf pitches. Secretary Andrew Jaremenko said when Lockyer Creek broke its banks, the water combined with a lagoon at the edge of their grounds pushing 1.5m of water through their property, washing away fences, nets and gutting the clubhouse.

"All we were left with was the clubhouse shell," he said.

The loss of fencing meant stock from a neighbouring horse stud had access to the grounds for a couple of weeks, severely chopping up the surface..

A Queensland Government infrastructure grant helped restore the clubhouse, nets and fence, while donations from a number of small NSW clubs helped restore everything

except the playing field. "That's where the Taverners came in," Jaremenko said. "Their \$8000 went towards laser levelling and fixing the holes. The local council provided machinery for this work while still meeting all their other pressing needs.

"The biggest thing, apart from the money, was that we felt part of the larger cricket community," Jaremenko said. "We were not aware there was an organisation like Taverners before this. It's great for the kids to have their own ground back."

While the grounds are back in operation and all the Glenore Grove teams made the finals this year, unfortunately none managed to snare the premiership.

Dalby Golden Oldies spokesman Ian Monaghan said the usual storage for the club's gear was in a member's shed. Unfortunately the family was on holidays when the flood ripped through, washing away the shed's contents.

"We didn't have the money to replace the kit," Monaghan said. "We were talking to Queensland Cricket about it and the story must have gotten back to the Taverners.

This support was a surprise, and very welcome."



Queensland Branch Committeemen Peter Gilroy, Rod Douglas and Ray Fogg work the new barbecue at the Queensland Blind Cricket Association



Visiting captain Russell Turner receives the winning trophy from the Queensland Blind Cricket Association Captain Ray Moxley.



Queensland Branch President Ross Duncan with luncheon speaker Darren Lehmann

## \$500 CHEQUE FOR BLIND

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER** activities continued last year with a cheque for \$500 presented to the President of the Queensland Blind Cricket Association, Peter Woollett, at the end of the 30-over cricket match between the association and the Lord's Taverners played at their Yeronga Park headquarters on October 23.

Brendan Menegazzo from the Stanbroke Pastoral Company donated the steak for the event which was cooked on a new barbecue purchased jointly by the Taverners and the Wanderers (Q) Club for the association.



Three Queensland Wicketkeepers – Chris Hartley, Lew Cooper and Ben Dunk

# Queensland

The Oldies play in various competitions around the region – generally eight venues – during winter.

## SPORTS LUNCHEONS

**THE SPORTS LUNCHEONS** continue to be a major source of revenue raising and are invaluable to the success of the Queensland branch. Among the recent list of quality guest speakers were Darren Lehmann and Chris Hartley who drew good sized crowds.

As a result of strong fundraising, the Ausrapid Intellectually Disabled Indoor Cricket Championships were supported with \$5000, and \$4,500 went to the Lord's Taverners national body to support the 2011 tour to South Africa by the Australian Cricket Team for players with an intellectual disability.

## GREAT PARTNERSHIPS

**THE BRANCH** is very well supported by both Queensland Cricket and the Queensland Cricketers' Club, and is closely associated with the Wanderers (Q) Club in many of its activities.

The Wanderers mainly concentrate on playing about 22 matches each cricket season against GPS and other

Secondary Schools, plus taking a 13-day annual tour of rural Queensland and Northern New South Wales where coaching schoolchildren is a high priority.

"Each of these organisations bring their unique contribution to furthering the cause of cricket in Queensland," said chairman Lew Cooper. "Our strong connections and willingness to put our sport first mean that resources are used to best advantage."

## STATE OF THE GAMES

**INCLEMENT WEATHER** put a dampener on the 2011 annual cricket match between the Lord's Taverners branch and the Wanderers (Q) Club. A disappointed Wanderers team will have to wait until the end of this year to attempt to regain the Lew Cooper Trophy.

However, the Queensland Ausrapid team were again victorious in their quest for the Lord's Taverners Shield defeating Victoria in the grand final. Since the year 2000, Queensland has dominated this event, winning no less than 11 of the last 12 championships.

The Queensland Branch also enjoyed a successful day on the greens at Virginia Golf Club with 74 players teeing off



*Queensland Cricket Marketing Manager Andrew Blucher talks about the Twenty-20 comp at a Sportsman's Lunch*

in a 4 Ball Best Ball competition. Queensland Cricket Club Secretary-Manager Martin Kent showed his prowess with an impressive hole-in-one on the 12th.

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# Western Australia



World President David Horsley with a guard of honour recognizing his 100th IFCR Match



## ANOTHER GOOD YEAR

**AT THE 2011** annual general meeting chairman Mike Snell was able to report on yet another successful year for the Lord's Taverners in Western Australia.

He covered project sponsorship, fund-raising functions, the golf fixture, support from a range of sponsors, awards to Junior Taverners and our Vintage Cricketer, relationships with WACA, retirement of our patron and appointment of a successor, and farewell to a long-standing member of the committee.

Continuing sponsorships included support for the WACA's Kimberley coaching program and regional winter coaching schools; the WA teams participation in annual indoor cricket carnivals for players with an intellectual disability, and the Imparja Cup for indigenous cricketers; Spirit of Cricket awards for both metropolitan pennant cricket (men and

women) and the Country Week competition; the Lord's Taverners Inter-Regional Zone Carnival for U/16 boys living in country regions, and a cricket camp for under privileged youth at Fairbridge.

## SIX FUND-RAISERS

**SUCCESSFUL FUND-RAISING EVENTS** were arranged during the year, including three luncheons at the WACA and a Test match breakfast. A golf day at Lake Karrinyup Country Club was held in association with Redkite, and a Garden Party at Government House in association with the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The annual golf day attracted a capacity field. The financial outcome from golf, an excellent dinner and auction resulted in \$11,137 going to each organisation. The long-term convenor of the golf day, Peter Davies, after years of fantastic service, has handed over role to new committeeman, Michael Prindiville.

## THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

**IT IS FITTING** to acknowledge the generous sponsorship support from Paul Kordic and Chestnut Grove Wines of Pemberton, Trevor Jenkins Communications, Slater-Gartrell Sports, Corporate Theatre and the University of Western Australian.

THE Lord's Taverners WA has enjoyed an excellent relationship with the WACA, from CEO Graeme Wood and all the members of his team. Over the past five years Graeme has assisted us in so many different ways. We look forward to continuing that kind of relationship with his

successor. We also extend our congratulations to Lord's Taverners WA founding members, Wally Edwards and John Inverarity, on their respective appointments as Chairman of the Board of Cricket Australia and Chairman of Selectors.

**LONG-STANDING WA TAVERNER** David Horsley is the current World President of the International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians (IFCR). Early in 2011 David celebrated his 100th IFCR cricket match at Westbury, Tasmania, during IFCR Australia's Tassie Tour.

Founded in 1993, membership in Australia has grown to 220. A good number of cricket-loving Rotarians, who probably thought their cricketing days were over (having turned, say, 50 years) have been given a fresh opportunity to relive their former glory days by donning their creams and wielding the willow.

In Australia national cricket festivals are held every two years. The most recent of these were in Benalla, Bundaberg and Perth. Adelaide will be the host in October. World festivals are held every two or three years. Christchurch hosted in 2002, Hunter Valley in 2004, Colombo, Sri Lanka, in 2007 and Durban, South Africa in 2010..

The greatest benefit from IFCR is the fellowship – meeting Rotarians from all over Australia, and overseas, leading to enduring friendships and, in particular, funding a number of Rotary projects – for example, assistance in providing new fishing boats following the devastating tsunami; sewing machine workshops for women in India; water supply and toilet facilities for a school in India, and a blood bank in Pakistan.

## PATRON RETIRES

**DR KEN MICHAEL AC** retired last year as Governor of Western Australia and as patron of our branch. We have enjoyed much support from Dr Michael during his term of office and it has always been an honour to welcome him to our functions. We are equally delighted to announce that Dr Michael's successor as Governor, Mr Malcolm McCusker AC, AO, QC, has accepted the invitation to become our patron. International honor for David Horsley

## MANY THANKS MANDY

**MANDY LOTON** AM has stepped down from our committee after 20 years of dedicated service. Mandy has, for all of that period, been our most successful recruiter of new members, and for attracting function attendees and for this alone we owe her a tremendous vote of thanks. Mandy will continue as an active member and keep her eye on her favourite project at Fairbridge.

# Western Australia

## JUNIOR TAVERNER AWARDS

JOEL Paris and Ashleigh Endersbee are WA's Junior Taverneers for 2011 and they join an elite group of previous awardees many of whom have gone on to achieve success at first-grade, state or national level.

**JOEL PARIS** last season played WACA first grade for Claremont Nedlands and took 31 wickets at 18.45. Representing WA at the U/19 national championships he took 10 wickets at 13.50. His performances there earned him a place in the U/18 talent camp at the Centre of Excellence, selection in the Australian team to play in the tournament against the West Indies in Dubai, and a commendation from Greg Chappell who said "Western Australia has another tall left-arm quick coming through with Joel Paris making his Futures League debut this summer and impressing with his pace, swing and control".

**ASHLEIGH ENDERSBEE**, 16, has had an extraordinary year of cricket, playing her first season in the female competition for Subiaco Marist. A year 10 scholar from Mercy College, Ashleigh played in all three formats – junior, T20 and 50 overs and ended the season with 23 wickets at 9.70. Ashleigh's excellent attitude on and off the field, and in club performances, won her recognition by State coaches as she was selected to represent WA in both U/18 (Adelaide) and CAW-Cup (Canberra) teams. She was also given an opportunity to showcase her talent against the England team when they visited Perth in preparation for their Ashes tour. The general view is that if Ashleigh continues developing her cricket the future looks bright for both her and women's cricket in WA.

The awards were presented to Joel and Ashleigh by the then Governor of WA, Dr Ken Michael.



*Junior Taverner Awardee, Joel Paris with WA Governor Dr Ken Michael AC*

**SUBSEQUENT NEWS:** Joel Paris was later named in Cricket Australia's Youth Selection Panel of 14 player squad to visit India, and has been awarded a Senior Rookie contract by WACA. Ashleigh Endersbee has been added to the 21 player Western Fury Squad for 2011/12

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# Western Australia

## LORRAINE KNOWS THE GAME

**LORRAINE DAY** was appointed Secretary of Lord's Taverners WA last year, succeeding John Sanders who has taken on the task as Web Master.

Lorraine's background is in education and is currently a Faculty Member (Education) with the University of Notre Dame (Australia). Earlier appointments included Christ Church Grammar School (CCGS), Carmel School (as principal) and the prestigious St Michael's Collegiate School (as deputy principal) in Hobart.

At CCGS, in 1985, she became Master-in-Charge of Cricket, replacing Graeme Porter. To further her understanding of the intricacies of cricket she joined the WA Cricket Umpires Association and became an accredited umpire. In 1990 CCGS won the Darlot Cup for the first time since 1977. In

her role as MIC Cricket she nurtured many young cricketers including future Shield players Steven Russell and Dan Marsh and Australian player Stuart MacGill.

Lorraine believed that the matches played between the First XI and The Lord's Taverners, Incogniti and Old Collegians were vital for teaching her players about the game of cricket.

Lorraine has been a member of the WACA for 30 years, a member of Lord's Taverners WA for 25 years, a foundation member of the David Boon Club and is currently a foundation member of the Dennis Lillee Club. A self-confessed cricket tragic her idea of bliss would be to watch a Test match on every Test ground in the world.

*WA Taverners Hon Secretary Lorraine Day*



## VINTAGE CRICKETER

**CORALIE TOWERS PLAYED** cricket for her state and country and has been one of women's cricket's leading administrators for over 50 years. In 1953, she became the youngest ever player to represent her state at the age of just 13, a record that still stands.

In 2008 the Western Australian Cricket Association, by unanimous decision of members present at their Annual General Meeting, awarded Honorary Life Membership to Coralie in recognition of her outstanding contribution to women's cricket.

In 2011 Lord's Taverners WA has recognised, for those very same reasons, Coralie as its Vintage Cricketer for 2011. This award is made each year to a person identified as having made an outstanding contribution to Western Australian cricket on the playing field and/or in administration.

Her playing career included representing WA at various times between 1954 and 1966; the Queensland team in 1960/61; and, as a member of the Australian XI from 1956/63. On the playing field Coralie will have very fond memories of the WA match versus South Australia in January 1966. In the first innings Coralie had the bowling figures of 7/17 off 23 overs and followed that up with a second innings tally of 6 for 7.

In cricket administration her involvement has been extensive – helping form the South Perth Women's Cricket Club in 1953; being WAWCA State Coach 1966/67; Delegate to Australian Women's Cricket Council 1966/67 and 1990/94; and President of WAWCA 1990/94

*Right: Vintage Cricketer of the Year 2010 Tony Mann with Kevin Gartrell and Coralie Towers*



## AUSRAPID VALUES INDOOR CRICKET

**AUSRAPID** has for the past 25 years enabled people with an intellectual disability to be acknowledged as valued citizens through facilitating their regular inclusion in sport and recreation programs.

Indoor Cricket is one of those programs and the Lord's Taverners Australia has been with them since 1993 as a principal sponsor.

The 2010 AUSRAPID Sports Carnival was hosted by NSW Indoor Sports at the Ultimate Indoor Sports Centre in Silverwater, Sydney. Five States (NSW, Qld, SA, Vic & WA) took part in the Indoor Cricket program and competed for The Lord's Taverners Shield. It was won, for the sixth consecutive year, by the Queensland team. At the end of the carnival a Lord's Taverners Australia all star team was selected. It included two Western Australians, Grant Cross and Boyd Duffield.

## South Australia

**THE YEAR 2010-2011** has seen the South Australian branch again concentrating on finding its feet and growing its fund-raising programs. We received two very generous donations. Bob "The Cat" Bevan gave his \$2000 appearance fee from his Carbine Club performance, and Cavill Power Products Pty Ltd gave \$500 because they couldn't attend the Sundowner.

I would like to thank our secretary, Linda Donnell, who has worked tirelessly at little cost to the Taverners. Now that she has a handle on the running of the accounts she will breeze through future years. Thanks too, to our treasurer, Robert Wasley.

And special thanks to the SA Brewery and Coca-Cola who donate their products to the Sundowner. This proves to be very substantial help and I would like all Taverners to support both companies.

## 444 ATTEND 2011 SUNDOWNER

**THE TEST EVE** Sundowner was a great success and attracted 444 guests. The event, our major fund-raiser, realised \$13,734 plus another \$4000 from the auction of a bat. Ian Healy and Sir Ian Botham were interviewed by Mike Coward and all gave their time generously. If they were to have charged our costs would have increased by a minimum of \$10,000.

Bob "The Cat" Bevan was scheduled for an impromptu 10 minutes, but stayed for 30 minutes to everyone's delight.

We held another small fund-raiser at the Kensington Hotel. Ian Healy spoke and \$580 was raised. Proceeds for the wine sales through Geoff Merrill Wines will be shown in next year's statement.

The Victorian lottery resulted in \$3870 for the South Australian branch. Our total income of \$38,620 was an increase of \$16,531 on the previous year. The net profit totalled \$23,129 against a previous loss of \$1661.

GEOFF Merrill, chairman.



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# Geoff Merrill

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# Peel Western Australia

**LAST YEAR** was not the easiest for our branch but we did manage to fulfill our obligations and progress satisfactorily with our major project at Fairbridge Village. We had several changes to our committee due to increased business commitments and a transfer interstate, leaving us in a committee rebuilding stage which is progressing slowly.

We had mixed results with our fund-raising functions. A breakfast with West Coast Eagles ruckman Dean Cox was a success, as was the annual golf day, but the gala cricket dinner made a slight loss.

## PEEL MARITIMER

**FOR THE SECOND** year running the Peel branch has provided valuable sponsorship to an innovative youth maritime program in its region.

The scheme, founded several years ago by the Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club provides six-week courses for high school students who have difficulties in the school system.

Club member Des McLean said the idea came to him that there was a need for such a project. "I floated the idea with the Mayor, Keith Holmes, who simply said 'what do you need to get this idea off the ground.' 'I replied \$5000, and the cheque was made available the following week and we got the first course underway.

"I had no idea what we would actually do but figured that kids and water are a good mix, so we taught them to tie hooks and sinkers, to use the right baits, to cast and so on," McLean said.

"After the first course, a lovely lady named Jean Menzies from Challenger TAFE told me she liked our approach and offered a TAFE teacher and assistance to make it a certificate course with such subjects as occupational health and safety, senior first aid, recreational skipper's ticket and certificate 1 in seafood handling and catching."

Twelve students are drawn each year from four high schools. They are invited to apply and are interviewed. The aim is to weed out those who simply don't want to be at school and are a disruption to others.

The pass rate in the course is around 90 percent and at least five individuals have become ship's captains since 2003. Others are in apprenticeships or have gone onto TAFE for further studies. "We bump into former students from time to time and they proudly say 'you guys don't realise what you are doing for us,'" McLean said.

"Having the Lord's Taverners as one of our sponsors is of great importance to us running the courses. We comprise five volunteers and one TAFE teacher and we seek help from various local organisations. But we are also mindful



*Young mariners take to the water.*

of the other work they do so vary our requests so as not to impact on their other work.

"Having the Taverners on board is most gratifying. We realise 'we ain't cricket' but our aims are the same in providing a way to improve the lot of disadvantaged youth in our region," McLean said.

The Peel branch "discovered" the program when one of its committee members, Phil Clohesy, was appointed CEO of the fishing and sailing club and brought matter to the branch's attention.

"We were impressed by Phil's enthusiasm and belief that something positive could be done for these kids," said Peel spokesman Barrie Hudson

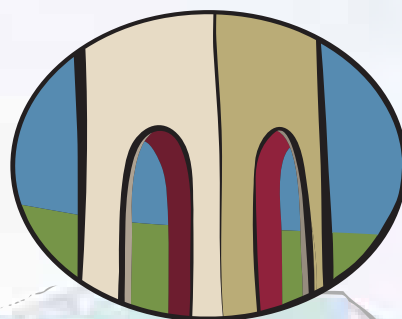
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# New South Wales

## A RECORD VINTAGE AT THE ROCKS

**GRAHAM THOMAS** was inducted into the ranks as our 18th NSW Lord's Taverner Vintage Cricketer of the Year. Moved back to its traditional November date, the luncheon provided one of the biggest turn outs for many years with more than 200 guests at the Watersedge Restaurant in the Rocks.

The event was sponsored by our very good friends at Uniport and was in support of Ausrapid and in particular the Australian team's tri-nations series in South Africa. Our MC was Ben Coles from Fox Sports who again did an excellent job in keeping the day moving and running an eventful heads and tails, lucky draw prize, raffle and auction.

Richie Benaud proposed the toast on behalf of the existing vintage cricketers and inducted Graham into the elite group. He was Graham's captain during his Test and Shield career and told of Graham's talent and the role he played in a NSW side that won seven Shield finals. Graham responded and paid special mention to all those that had helped him during his career, including his captain Richie and many other of our Vintage Cricketers who were in the room on the day. Graham also made special mention of the great support he has received from his family throughout his career



## NORTH SHORE'S RESPONSE

**ONCE AGAIN** we have been the beneficiary of some great fundraising by the North Shore Junior Cricket Association. For the third year running Kim Wilkinson has championed a "gold coin charity day" on behalf of the LT and other causes. This year saw a very healthy return of over \$1000 collected for the branch, and we are delighted to say that over the three years we have been given almost \$4000. Our thanks to Kim and to all those who helped.

## SUPPORT FOR A GREAT CAUSE

**THIS YEAR THE** NSW Taverners received a request for funding from the Carenne Special School located in Bathurst in Country NSW. The request was to assist in the construction of cricket nets on the school facilities.

Carenne Special School caters for students aged from 5 years to 18 years of age with disabilities ranging from intellectual, physical, sensory and Autism. They have currently have over 80 students in 12 classes – and growing.

With the assistance of the NSW Taverners the students of Carenne School now have a brand new set of cricket nets located on the school grounds that are easily (and safely) accessible for all students to use during their various breaks in the day and after school.

Terry Neal the school Vice Principal could not be more thankful for the support that the NSW Taverners provided.

## NEW TEAM AT THE TOP

**THE PAST YEAR** has been some changes within our committee's ranks. Due to my continued work commitments in Hong Kong, I stepped down as chairman in May. I have enjoyed my time as chairman, but the pressures of living in

working in Hong Kong have meant little time back in Sydney. However, I am delighted to advise that Roger Ringwood has taken over the role, and with new committee members Juris Turmanis, David Riley and Richard Horne, I know that the NSW Taverners are well placed to grow our membership numbers and increase the level of fundraising.

Many thanks also to Jackie Smith, our secretary, for her adept work behind the scenes, along with the entire committee who give their time freely in many ways throughout the year.

The year also marked the retirement of long standing treasurer Mohan Skandomoham. Mohan has been a great supporter of the Taverners and will be sorely missed.

Thank you to our membership, supporters and contributors, and I encourage cricket supporters to join the Taverner family and support the many worthwhile causes "giving the young and disadvantaged a sporting chance."

PATRICK WINTER.

## SCHOOL GIRL AND SCHOOL BOY CRICKETER OF THE YEAR

**ONE OF THE** highlights of the Vintage Cricketer Lunch each year is the presentation that is made to the NSW Lord's Taverners School Girl and School Boy Cricketer of the Year.

As is tradition this presentation is made by Richie Benaud MBE. This year winners were school girl Steffanie Daffara from Dapto High School and school boy Nick Bertus, a batsman/ wicket keeper. This was special award for Nick as it saw him as the School Boy recipient in the second year running, a first for this award!!



*At the Vintage Cricketer of the Year lunch  
Top: Neil and Barbara Harvey.*

*Above: Richie with Neil and Barbara Harvey.*





Jim Maxwell



Tony Harrison



Tom Triffitt



Michael Moschogianis



Panelists Ian Healy and Tim Paine



Ian Healy, Tim Paine and Tom Triffitt

## INTERNATIONAL GAME

**ON FEBRUARY 24**, we held our traditional international game lunch ahead of the Australia-Sri Lanka match at Bellerive. Mark Thomas, our MC, interviewed Michael Moschogianis, general manager Tasmania for the North Melbourne Football Club. I'm sure some people, including diehard Roos supporters like Phillip Drury from Clemenger, who prepared the Taverners membership brochure on the tables, and Ricky Ponting himself, had he been there, would have found this stuff riveting, but as a Geelong supporter, this scribe nodded off. Just kidding. But back to the cricket. Our chairman Paul Sheahan, the softly spoken performer of guest speaker miracles, had outdone himself this time. He had secured enough guest speakers for not one but two panels.

TCA chairman Tony Harrison was joined by ABC commentator Jim Maxwell and Tasmanian Tigers keeper and Junior Taverner of 2007 Tom Triffitt. Jim pointed out in that on the back of a clean sweep of the Tests against India and the seamless introduction of the Big Bash, Australian cricket has its highest profile ever. He also,

when grilled about Tasmania's favourite son, Ricky Ponting, suggested that his career is nearing its end.

Once again Tony Harrison was happy to accept panel duties and keep us up to date with Bellerive happenings. After a \$15 million injection of funds from the Federal Government, the next stage of redevelopment of the ground will proceed.

Tony then talked about the success of the Tasmanian team. He pointed out that this was no accident as systems and coaching staff have been carefully put in place over a number of years building a culture to foster the development of young players, like wicketkeeper Tom Triffitt.

Our second panel was a couple of keepers, one retired, and a familiar face to us all, and the other not playing because of a broken finger. I speak of Ian Healy and Tim Paine, who chatted to each other as a demonstration of the tight knit fraternity that is the genus wicketkeeper. As usual, Wrest Point did a sensational job with the catering, and we thank them for their support

## GLENN'S A WINNER

**GLENN PATERSON** was the 2011 winner of the Ron Barassi award for an athlete with a disability who has pursued their sporting goals with spirit, courage and determination. Glenn was unable to attend the breakfast as he was representing Australia at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Greece where, as part of the 4 x 400 metre relay team, he won a gold medal. Glenn is involved in basketball, tennis, swimming and 10 pin bowling. He is also a volunteer at the Longford Junior Fire Brigade, at Heart Epping radio, the Chalet at Poatina, and with childcare at the local craft group. A busy young man, and a worthy recipient.



## CHECK THE WEBSITE

ALL news of events and activities, including grants and sponsorships can be found with regular updates at [www.lordstaverners.tas.org](http://www.lordstaverners.tas.org). For these updates and the upgraded site, we thank Paul George at digital graffiti.



Drew Morphet

Tim Cox

Bob Cheek



Tony Benneworth

John Elliott

Margaret Lindley

## RON BARASSI DEBATE

**THE SUBJECT** of the 2011 Ron Barassi Senior Memorial Debate was: Who killed Tassie's AFL Dream?

Our two debating panels, Tony Benneworth, former Tasmanian cricketer; John Elliott,

former president of everything; and Margaret Lindley, one of the founders of this debate (representing the north) and ABC sports presenter Drew Morphet, ABC radio announcer Tim Cox and former state opposition leader Bob Cheek (representing the south of the state).

The traditional moderator and VFL/AFL legend Ron Barassi could not be with us as he was attending a funeral interstate. Tasmanian Cricket Chairman Tony Harrison was subbed in as replacement moderator, a canny move for those of the "let's play AFL football at Bellerive Oval" persuasion.

This debate very quickly descended into a "here, not there" argey bargey.

The various opinions were:

Margaret Lindley reckoned we should not have one but two AFL teams. (One here, one there.)

Drew Morphet pointed out that the problem with York Park lights was that there were "3 Osrams and they're all in the change room."

John Elliott led another unanimous charge that Tasmania **SHOULD** have a team.

Wait, wasn't this supposed to be a debate?

Bob Cheek pointed out that parochialism is the biggest single impediment to this goal.

Drew then trotted out his "vision". He "saw" that Tasmania will have an AFL team, and it will be at Bellerive.

This was enough for the moderator, who promptly awarded the "South team" the win.

Drew was then immediately made an honorary Tasmanian by David O'Byrne, Minister for Economic Development.



## JIM BACON AWARD

**THE 2011** Jim Bacon Memorial Award for a young athlete with a disability who has displayed sportsmanship and a spirit of fun in their sporting endeavours was presented by Premier Lara Giddings to Katherine Symons, who participates in gymnastics, swimming, basketball, and athletics.

Katherine then offered a few words of thanks, a daunting task for many, but she spoke with courage and aplomb

## WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO.

### AN EMAIL FROM A PROUD MUM.

Dear Paul,

"Thank you" is so inadequate for the amazing journey that we had been on over the past weeks. To see the joy in Katherine when she first read of her award, through the days leading up to and including the Breakfast last Wednesday has been so wonderful for us as her proud parents. Seeing her make her speech before such a large crowd was a feeling we will never forget.

The photos we took on the day show a young girl with a spark in her face that we have never seen before. She was truly in another world.

Her enthusiasm is very catching and we are daily amazed at her willingness to have a go at anything in her sports, despite her physical limitations, and perhaps most of all she revels in the company of her fellow athletes and friends.

She has received so many cards, telephone calls and even

flowers of congratulations from friends and relatives from both the past and present. From her Kindergarten Teacher, through to her Coaches and School staff and students, all of whom have had a hand in moulding the beautiful person that she is. Today for the first time she expressed a desire to make a representative team in the future and asked how she could go to a Games.

A spark has really been ignited.

So thank you to all the wonderful members of the Lords Taverners Australia Tasmania Branch for bestowing this award on Katherine. But most importantly for making a real difference in the lives of so many disadvantaged youth. You really are achieving your goals.

Kindest regards

Ruth and Chris Symons

## CLARENCE TRIUMPH

**IN AN OUTSTANDING** performance in the Tasmanian Premier League for 2011-12, Clarence District Cricket Club made history by claiming the Spirit of Cricket Award to sit alongside the club championship and premierships in first, second and third grades in the same season.

Now in its ninth year in Tasmania, the prestigious award is eagerly sought after as a reflection of the culture in the club.

As in the Premier League, the award was won by first-timers in both the Northern Tasmanian Cricket Association (Launceston) and Cricket North-West (Latrobe). With Latrobe's success in the North-West, all six clubs have now

won the award at least once, demonstrating the award's appeal.







## JUNIOR TAVERNERS

**THE JUNIOR TAVERNERS** annual award is presented to the best emerging young male and female cricketer aged 15-17 who has demonstrated outstanding skills, application and attitude in their cricket.

It comprises a scholarship of \$1,000, a commemorative plaque, and a full cricket kit donated by Kookaburra Sports.

Since the inaugural award in 1993 to Ricky Ponting there have been 16 male recipients, four of whom have reached Test and ODI honours – Ricky, Xavier Doherty, Tim Paine and most recently Matthew Wade, with 10 achieving First Class honours. Presentations to a female cricketer started in 2004 and seven of the eight recipients have represented the state.

The 2011 female winner, Katie Jane Hartshorn is a left hand orthodox bowler and a right hand lower order bat. As a 16-year-old Katie played her first season with the Cripps Tasmanian Roar, debuting in round one. She has played for the state in both shorter forms of the game and was vice-captain of the Tasmanian under 18 side.

The male winner, Trent Keep, is a top order batsman/keeper from Latrobe. Trent has represented Tasmania at under 17 and under 19 level. He has moved to South Hobart/Sandy Bay, the club of both Katie and Tasmanian captain George Bailey.



## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

**TEN TASMANIAN ATHLETES** competed in the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens in June and Lord's Taverners Tasmania contributed \$2,000 towards team expenses.

In October we gave \$2,000 to help stage the Special Olympics Tasmania Summer Games with teams from the Southern, Northern and North-West Regions competing in swimming, athletics, tennis, softball and golf.



## OTHER RECIPIENTS

**THE BRANCH** provided a day at the Australia v Sri Lanka cricket for Camp Quality, Oak Enterprises, Anglicare Tasmania and Uniting Care Tasmania clients and staff. It also contributed \$1,000 towards the

Tri-Nations cricket tour to South Africa for cricketers with an intellectual impairment as part of the Four Pillars program with Cricket Australia.

Similarly as part of the Four Pillars program we gave \$1,000 towards the Blind Cricket Ashes Tour in June 2012.



*Top left and right: Trent Keep and Katie Hartshorn, Junior Taverners 2011*

*Middle left : North West athlete Sam Hill is thanking Robert Bylik (and Lord Taverners) on behalf of all the athletes at the Summer State Games October 2011.*

*Middle right : Garry Burnside as pitcher and Craig Hansen in the background playing softball.*

*Left: 9 of the 10 Tasmanian athletes heading off to the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games, along with the two volunteer coaches, at a reception hosted by Premier Lara Giddings.*

## SPECIAL THANKS

ONCE again we thank the many supporters and sponsors who help us, including

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## A PASSION FOR THE GAME

**AS MEMBERS** of the Lord's Taverners in Victoria we all share a common passion for the game of cricket, together with a strong belief that individual and personal development is enhanced by promoting social interaction and companionship through active participation in sport.

During the last 12 months we have continued to drive this premise in all that we do. We are building on the strong relationship we enjoy with both Cricket Australia and Cricket Victoria through personal engagement and positive involvement.

The Imparja Cup in Alice Springs, the international Deaf cricket tri series in Geelong, the annual Lord's Taverners trophy, and our support for tournaments at Footscray Indoor Stadium for those with a disadvantage are all testimony to this. The support given by the national branch of the Lord's Taverners and the commitment of chairman Greg Brown and local committee member Ian Crawford to the above programs are clear examples of our social investment philosophy at work in the community.

## SUPPORT FOR GIRLS

**WE ARE CONTINUING** to work in close collaboration with Cricket Victoria, and this includes support for the Gippsland girls cricket carnival last year. Over 130 girls took part with a key feature being the participation of 10 Koori women, many of whom will push for selection in future representative teams.

In addition, the branch has recently announced a major sponsorship of the All Abilities Victoria Cricket Carnival held at Casey Fields in February. We thank Cricket Victoria chairman Geoff Tamblin, CEO Tony Dodemaide and general manager of game development John Watkin for their encouragement and support of this event. The branch also acknowledges our inaugural indigenous cricket scholarship winner Alex Kerr.

Ausrapid has again been helped on a number of fronts

through events co-ordinated nationally. In Victoria, we are particularly proud of the continued support of the Australian Tennis Open for those with a disadvantage. We provide money as well as the active participation by committee members Ian Crawford and Peta Phillips.

## A YEAR OF CHANGE

**THE PAST YEAR** has been one of significant change, both in leadership and direction. Our former chairman John Jeffreys resigned due to work commitments in Adelaide, and we take this opportunity to thank "JJ" for his enormous contribution at both a state and national level.

Like many charitable groups we continue to face many challenges. These include generating funds, ensuring we remain relevant to our members and that we have a clear strategic agenda that can be easily communicated, monitored and measured. Importantly, we must not lose sight of having fun along the way. To this end we have introduced a new branch website led by Matthew Clayton to improve communication with members (<http://lordstavernersvic.nning.com>).

We have also recently commissioned a strategic view of the branch led by Chris Bulford and committee member Bruce McDonald. It is important we have a clear strategy and road map as we move forward over the next three to five years.

## \$130,000 RAISED FOR CHARITIES

**WE RAISED** over \$130,000 last year for charities and events and distributed \$66,800. This was a remarkable effort in an economic environment hit hard by the global financial crisis.

We also conducted our fourth major raffle which raised over \$60,000 for use by branches around Australia. The branch is extremely grateful to John Jeffreys for the co-ordination of tickets, and also Etihad Airways for their continued support and donation of two return tickets to London.

The branch acknowledges the continued support provided



*Top left: A tour of the Kookaburra factory after the recent AGM*

*Top: Cricket Australia chairman Wally Edwards.*

*Above middle: MC Tim Lane at the Boxing Day breakfast, Junior Cricketer of the Year Clive Rose with Victoria chairman John Kilgour*

by Etihad, Primus Telecom, Moule Print, Waverley Basketball Centre, Kookaburra Sport and Pricewaterhouse Coopers.

During the year we welcomed to the committee Matthew Clayton and Evan Dimitriou, and take this opportunity to congratulate president Paul Sheahan on his appointment as president of the Melbourne Cricket Club.

And a special thank you to our secretary Carolyn Johnson, treasurer Tim Winter, and all the committee members for their tireless work.

**JOHN KILGOUR**, chairman.



# Victoria



Above: Attendees enjoy the Action Street Arena Cricket bowling lane as Australian Cricket greats such as Ricky Ponting, Allan Border, Mathew Haden, Ian Healy, Damien Fleming, James Patterson and Peter Siddle get involved to raise funds for charity.



Above: Action Street Arena supports the Ponting Foundation at their Cricket Rocks Melbourne Event to raise money to support children and young people with cancer. Andrew Vernes (left) and Mark Davis (right) from Sportainment Leisure with Ricky Ponting at the Docklands Event on 31st May 2012.

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# Australian Capital Territory



**THIS PAST** twelve months the ACT Branch of the Lord's Taverners has been active in raising funds to support a range of cricket and disabled sporting activities. Fund raising events included The AGM and Dinner in September 2011, the Lord's Taverners Dinner and PM's XI cricket match in February 2012, a golf day in March 2011 and a garden party at the British High Commissioner's Residence.

In support of cricket the Branch, working closely with Cricket ACT, funded male and female Junior Taverners awards, Indigenous cricket – male and female teams for the Imparja Cup, Spirit of Cricket awards, Women's Premier League Cricket (Taverners' ACT became 2012 Women's Premier League Champions), Deaf Cricket International, Table Top Cricket (for the disabled) and Lord's Taverners Indigenous Schools Super 8's Cricket Day. We part funded the Ashes winning Australian Blind Cricket team, two members of which were from the ACT.

Thirteen Lord's Taverners Scholarships (value \$7500) for Young Athletes with Disabilities were awarded in February 2012, and support was provided for the Schools Table Cricket Challenge and the Lord's Taverners Disability Super Clinic.

Last year we gave a sailing dinghy to the disabled sailors and a pony to the disabled riders.

## 2012 TAVERNERS DINNER AND PM'S MATCH LUNCH.

The 2012 Taverners Dinner held on 2 February was a most enjoyable event. Gideon Haigh – well known cricket writer – was the guest speaker and provided a stimulating and entertaining address. Together with Neil Harvey he also provided a very interesting Q and A session. Tom Bradman (grandson of "the Don" and Branch member) provided some recollections of his grandfather.

Gary Goodman again was MC and oversaw the main (and silent) auctions raising \$2000 for a commemorative program from the 100th Test at the SCG signed by the Australian team and many cricket "legends. A miniature bat signed by Sachin Tendulkar raised \$500.

Sadly the PM's match scheduled for the next day was washed out without a ball being bowled but the Taverners lunch prepared and managed by Chairman David Nicholls and his wife Lorraine was enjoyed by over 50 intrepid stalwarts.

## SUPPORT FOR ACT IMPARJA CUP TEAMS.

**THE BRANCH** provided financial support for the ACT Men's and Women's teams at the 2012 Imparja Cup tournament. Support for the Women's team, one of only three State or Territory teams to compete, has resulted in significant additional indigenous women involvement in the team and in the local ACT competition.

Both teams performed well, winning two matches each, with Sally Moylen being named in the honours team and player of the tournament.

## 2011 LORD'S TAVERNERS TABLE CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

**NINE TEAMS** from 8 schools involving more than 65 children competed in the 2011 Lord's Taverners Table Cricket Championship on 14 September 2011. It was umpired by volunteer students from Burgmann Anglican School. The winner by 3 runs in the final was the team from St Francis Xavier School competing for the first time.

Table cricket is a developmental game for young people for



# Australian Capital Territory

players of all abilities but specifically those with complex or higher support needs.

ACT Branch has provided several table cricket sets to schools having provision for children with special needs as well as funding support for the Championship which is ably run by Cricket ACT.

The ACT Branch has been running its Junior Taverners program since 1987. It is for cricketers aged between 14 and 18 who show outstanding qualities of sportsmanship, ability and general attitude towards the game on and off the field. The 2011 Junior Taverners, Tom Rogers and Zoe Cook, received their awards during the Lord's Taverners AGM Dinner in September 2011. Their financial awards were donated by Muriel Wilkinson, widow of foundation Branch President Graham, and presented by Major General Michael Jeffery former Governor General and Taverners member. Cricket kits provided by Kookaburra, were presented by guest speaker and former test cricketer Geoff Dymock.

Now in its fifth year the Lord's Taverners Scholarship Scheme for Young Athletes with a Disability attracted the largest and strongest field of applicants so far. A number of sports were represented including athletics, table tennis, boxing, futsal and swimming. Thirteen scholarships were awarded to the young athletes and \$7500 was distributed amongst the winners.

Since the Branch established the Scholarship Scheme \$30,000 has been distributed amongst 43 Scholarship winners, enabling them to pursue their long term sporting goals.

*Left: ACT members of the Australian Blind Cricket team, Nick Haydar and Cameron Roles with ACT Committee member Roger Hooper whose half marathon run funded ACT Branch support for the team.*

*Right top: The ACT women's team.*

*Right bottom: St Francis Xavier School team which won the 2011 table cricket title.*



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# Northern New South Wales



*Kayaking at the Top Sports Camp*



*Vice President Jim Pryce*



*Basketball at the Top Sports Camp*



*Healthy food preparation at the Top Sports Camp.*

## TWO YEARS ON AND GOING STRONG

**SO MUCH SEEMS** to have happened in just over two years since we were admitted into the Lord's Taverners' family! Three telephoned AGMs, two annual conferences, various financial sponsorships, several major fund-raising events, social activities and some wonderful fellowship. It all adds up to an eventful and exhilarating 18 months.

We were fortunate to have had minimal turn-over of the executive, giving us the chance to consolidate on our beginnings. The following were elected: President, Denis Byrne; Vice-President, Jim Pryce; Chairman, Stan Gilchrist; Hon. Treasurer, John Buttrum; Minute Secretary, Ruth Tinker. Our current membership is 93, of whom 14 are women.

We now have nine Captains throughout Northern NSW, even after three were unable to continue due to other commitments. These members have been enthusiastic in their efforts to promote Lord's Taverners in the "outposts" of our region, and were closely involved as we sought participants in our Top Sports Camp for disadvantaged youth.

## REGIONAL PROGRAM

**WE HAVE ESTABLISHED** a sub-committee under the chairmanship of our President, Denis Byrne, to promote Taverners in the outer parts of our "territory", and more

importantly, to develop programs to help both cricket and disadvantaged youth in these places. Captains and other local people have submitted ideas for us to follow up in the next few months.

We have conducted two special cricket days at Tenterfield where cricket has been dormant for a number of years, taking coaches and young players from the Lismore area to assist us in revitalising cricket in that town. We have in hand plans for a major function in Coffs Harbour featuring a group from Lismore and a special guest speaker - an attempt to build on the smallish member base there.

## TOP SPORTS CAMP

**THE BRANCH** conducted a residential camp for disadvantaged youth at Southern Cross University in January. Captains and other members found children aged 12 - 15 who are disadvantaged from within our "borders", and they were treated to a smorgasbord of sporting activities including swimming, surfing, tennis, soccer, lawn bowls, golf, athletics, basketball and, of course, cricket.

Accommodation was in a university college, and activities were on local sporting venues. All instructors were fully accredited and experienced sports personnel, with general supervision by Taverners.



*Former Prime Minister John Howard with our member Eileen Gray.*

## VOTE OF THANKS

**WE OWE A** vote of thanks to Southern Cross University for their encouragement and continued sponsorship, our local sponsors, the media throughout northern NSW, whose coverage of all events has been exceptional, Jenny Dowell, Mayor of Lismore, and local parliamentarians for their ongoing support and enthusiasm, and all of our members for regular attendance at meetings, for constantly canvassing new members and for their unceasing support and encouragement in all that we do.

Stan Gilchrist, Chairman.





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## LEGENDS TAKE CENTRE STAGE

**TWO OF** Australian cricket's living legends, Arthur Morris and Richie Benaud, took centre stage at a Newcastle Taverners' dinner recently.

It was meant to be an interview by Richie of Arthur, arguably our greatest opening batsman and the leading run scorer on the 1948 "Invincibles" tour with three centuries, but the two legends fed off one another so well that their "conversation" deserves a place in the nation's sporting archives.

The duo enthralled a big audience for more than an hour with their reminiscences and often had them roaring with laughter.

Here is an edited version of their repartee prepared by former branch chairman of the Newcastle branch Vic Levi:

**RICHIE:** (referring to a photograph of Arthur on the souvenir menu).

It never ceases to amaze me what people can do. Lord's Taverners Australia, Newcastle branch, the time it must have taken you to find that photograph of Arthur in his fifth year at high school. (Then turning to Arthur): By the way, why didn't you bowl me in my first Sheffield Shield match?

**ARTHUR:** I refuse to answer that on the grounds it might incriminate me.

**RICHIE:** I was making my debut and it was NSW against Queensland. It threw it down the night before the first day and there was no play. So there I was making my debut and I was sitting there as the rain was belting down. We were in a dicey situation and Arthur was skippering. So the first day was washed out and the second day Queensland batted and made 202 and they led on the first innings. Alan Walker, who

was a Rugby international, knocked over 6 for 20 in 14 overs. NSW still had to make 143 to win on the last day and there was still a bit in the pitch. Jimmy Burke and Arthur went out and Burkey did very well. He was 24 not out when Arthur hit the winning runs. Arthur made 108 in 82 minutes.

Keith Miller played in that match but he had conjunctivitis and had to bat in our first innings down at No. 7. He could hardly see and he made 52 not out and Ron Saggars made 48. The wonderful thing about Arthur was that he never changed all the time he was captain. Stayed the same quiet, self effacing guy who absolutely carved hell out of the opposing bowlers. And that is a very good trait to have. Why didn't you bowl me that day?

**ARTHUR:** I am sorry Richie. You did play a very fine innings though. Didn't you?

**RICHIE:** Yes I did. I didn't make many but I stuck around for six balls.

**ARTHUR:** I thought your two was one of the best innings I've seen.

**RICHIE:** And what's more I agree with you.

Captaincy is a very interesting thing. Arthur was captain of NSW for a number of years and when Keith Miller came up from Victoria, the NSW Cricket Association made Miller captain over Arthur. But they did have the common sense to do it while Arthur was up in Hong Kong playing with a Jack Chegwin side, so he had to read about it in the paper.

**ARTHUR:** Actually Richie it was a Chinese journalist who told me.

**RICHIE:** Captaincy. I've always thought was 90% luck

and only 10% skill. But don't think of trying it without the 10%. I know you are all wanting to know why I didn't get a bowl in that first match. So, I'll tell you. I didn't ask Arthur because that wouldn't have been the done thing. He came to me. He said, son we both know you haven't had a bowl in this match.

I first met Arthur in 1946. I was with my dad out at the Sydney Cricket Ground and Arthur was walking past from the SCG No. 2 where they used to practice in those days.

Arthur and my dad had played grade cricket together so they knew one another and my dad introduced me as his son Richie. It was the thrill of a lifetime. That was the day I saw Bradman get 234 and Barnes get 234.

**ARTHUR:** I saw it too. I got five and sat on the hill and watched it. You know Richie, I thought the other day about when I first played for the State in 1940-41. We did the southern tour to Adelaide which was our first match. You know it took more time for us to get to Adelaide then than it does to get to England today. You got the train to Albury where you got out at about

10.30 or 11 o'clock at night. Then you got into another train which was a different gauge. Then you got to Melbourne early in the morning and had to spend half the day wandering around and then you got on to another train with a different gauge to go to Adelaide. Extraordinary isn't it when you think of those days. Then the time it took to go to England on a ship. That would take two series. Sitting there drinking grog and putting on the black tie for the cocktail parties at night. It was tough going wasn't it.

**RICHIE:** It was. You traveled with a trunk. Not suitcases, a great big trunk. When we got into London in 1953, we landed in Tilbury and I remember all these trunks arriving at the hotel. I roomed with Graham Hole and it was sort of a ritual the way we traveled. In fact we broke the record on the Orcades in 1953 when we did the trip in four weeks and one day.

**ARTHUR:** I would have preferred five weeks. We played cricket at Colombo didn't we?

**RICHIE:** You did. I wasn't chosen.

**ARTHUR:** Sorry. I was doing my best. I was vice captain. But it did make you work hard for the rest of the season.

**RICHIE:** When Keith Miller was playing for Victoria, there was a move in NSW to get him to play here, and in the match NSW v Victoria, Miller decided he was going to take to Arthur Morris. I think you got 120 and I can still see the hook shots. He was bowling bouncer after bouncer from the northern end and you belted hell out of him.

**ARTHUR:** He did give me the works. I think as a kid when you grow up in the country and you play on concrete wickets you are at an advantage because you play a lot of hook shots.



## JUST FOR THE RECORD

**FORMER TEST** opening batsman Rick McCosker introduced Arthur and gave this summary of the great man's record:

Arthur Robert Morris was born on January 19, 1922. At the age of five his family moved to Dungog and then to Newcastle. At the age of 12 he gained a place as a slow bowler in the Newcastle Boys' High first eleven.

Arthur excelled at rugby as well as cricket. He represented combined high schools in rugby and cricket and later played rugby for St George at the age of 19.

He developed as a batsman during his teens and during the 1940-41 season, he became the first player in the world to score a century in each innings of his first class debut (playing for NSW).

His career was interrupted by World War Two during which he served in the army. He represented the Army and the Combined Services at rugby in 1942-43.

In November, 1946, he made his Test debut at the age of 24 against England and holds baggy green Number 171. He made a century in his first match and made two centuries in the following Test, becoming only the second Australian to do so in an Ashes Test.

He scored eight test centuries against England, second only to Bradman in the first 100 years of Ashes Tests.

He captained Australia twice and was vice captain 25 times and captained NSW 26 times. Following the Invincibles tour in 1948, he was named as one of the five Wisden cricketers of the year.

He was inducted into the Australian Cricket Hall of Fame, Sports Hall of Fame and NSW Cricket Hall of Fame. He was also named in Cricket Australia's first Team of the Century and was also named as an opening batsman in Bradman's selection of the best team in test history.

## GOLD, GOLD, GOLD FOR TIM

**ONE OF THE** winners of a Newcastle Taverners' sport scholarship this year, Tim Reis, has just been named the City of Lake Macquarie's Disabled Sports Person of the Year.

The award caps a remarkable year for Tim who won gold in the Open Disabled State basketball championships and was then selected in the Australian team to play in the international series in Auckland.

Tim was selected as the outstanding sportsman in that carnival for both skill and attitude.

Last October he also won gold in the Lake Macquarie Disabled Games.

Tim, who lives in the Lake Macquarie suburb of Windale, is also a talented cricketer and every Saturday, he helps train and coach other athletes with an intellectual disability.

He received his Taverners' scholarship with our two Junior Taverners, cricket all-rounders Jake Montgomery and Dion Marsh, at the branch's annual dinner which followed the golf



Newcastle President Rick McCosker with Judy and Arthur Morris.



A pic from the past---Taverners Barry and Jeanette Beuzeville, Vic Levi, the late Dick Stokoe, Meg Levi, Prince Edward and the late Ann Stokoe at a Taverners lunch for the Prince at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 1993.

day at Newcastle Golf Club in February.

Jake, 17, who comes from Bolwarra Heights near Maitland is already a first grader with the Wallsend club.

Dion captained this year's Hunter CHS Open Girls cricket team and performed well with bat and ball in the state carnival in Sutherland.

She is a member of the Cricket NSW Academy and played for the Hunter in the Bradman Invitation Under 14 Carnival at Bowral last year.

The Newcastle Taverners also awarded a scholarship to Hunter Academy of Sport athlete with a disability, Wayne Hurley, of Merewether. Wayne suffers from muscular paralysis but excels in athletics, basketball and ten pin bowling.

A fifth scholarship was awarded to 12-year-old cricketing all-rounder, Tyla Binnie, who comes from Kanwal on the NSW Central Coast and who plays for Wyong.

The dinner and the golf day were resounding successes with the help of sponsors, Tyrrells and Sobels Wines, Garry Dowling Real Estate and the Newcastle Golf Club.

Once again there was a big contingent from the Lewis family, the relatives of the Newcastle branch's founding father and former National Taverners CEO, the late Keith Lewis. Our Junior Taverner awards are named in Keith's honour.

The Arthur Morris - Richie Benaud Conversations dinner and the golf day were the highlights of the Newcastle Taverners year. - VIC LEVI.



Ex-cricketers at the golf day (l to r) Robert Holland, Robert Wilkinson, Rick McCosker, Ted Atchison and John McLaughlin



Behind the scenes: Golf Day workers (l to r) Irona Webb, Meg Levi and Cathy Black.



(l to r) Junior Taverner Dion Marsh, Tim Reis, Jake Montgomery, Mrs Baith Lewis, Chairman John McLaughlin and CEO of the Hunter Academy of Sport, Ken Clifford



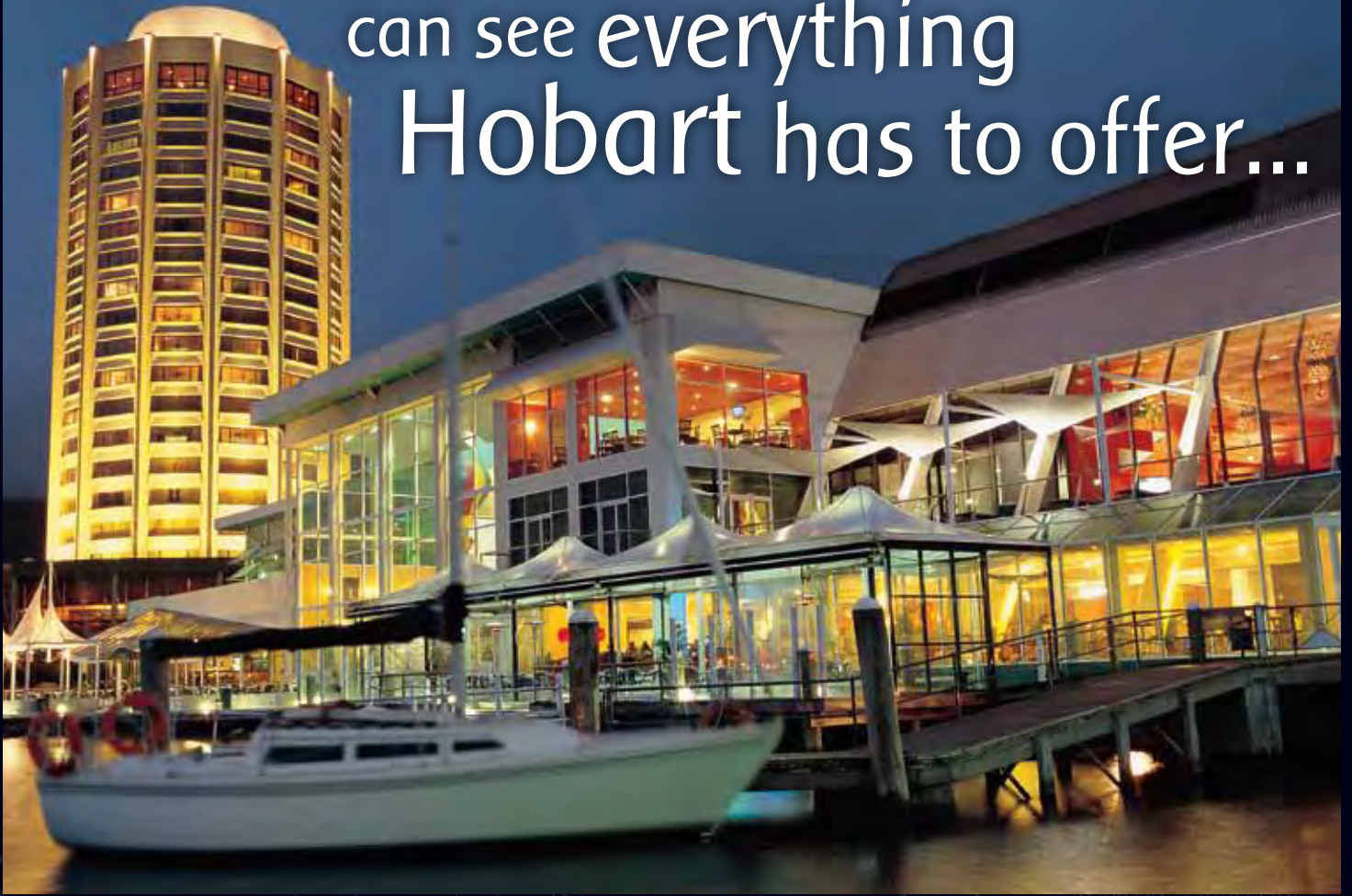
Members of the Newcastle Taverners cricket team Ian Hodge, Robert Holland, Arun Muckagee, Roger Black and Paul Clark



The Lewis Family at the golf day.



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