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**THE LORD’S TAVERNERS AUSTRALIA (VICTORIAN BRANCH) INC.**

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 **ANNUAL REPORT**

**AND**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the year ended 30th June, 2012**

**Committee 2011 - 2012**

Paul Sheahan President

Joined the committee in 2000

 Elected President in 2000





John Kilgour Chairman

 Joined the committee in 2009

 Elected Chairman in 2011

Tim Winter Treasurer

Joined the committee in 2005

 Elected Treasurer in 2005





Carolyn Johnson Secretary

 Joined the committee in 2007

Mike Bullock Joined the committee in 2009

James Cameron Joined the committee in 2011 Kevan Carroll Joined the committee in 1994

Matthew Clayton Joined the committee in 2010

Ian Crawford Joined the committee in 1998

Graeme Eccles Joined the committee in 2007

Kevin Johnson Joined the committee in 2004

Anita Matthews Joined the committee in 2004

Bruce McDonald Joined the committee in 2008

Peta Phillips Joined the committee in 1986

 Elected Life Member in 2010

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| **Chairman’s Report 2011-2012** | C:\Users\john.CB\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Word\Crothers_2834.jpg |

***A MEMBERS’ ORGANISATION***

As the Lord’s Taverners prepare to celebrate this year our 30th anniversary in Australia, the last 12 months have been both a challenging and rewarding year for the Victorian Branch.

Challenging, in the fact that our membership numbers have declined in a tough economic environment; but rewarding in the work we do in promoting personal development, social interaction and companionship for the young and disadvantaged through active participation in sport.

We are truly proud that our agenda is driven by volunteer members who contribute their expertise to our work in many ways. While the Lord’s Taverners has always enjoyed and relied on members to drive specific events, the response this year has been stunning.

*“Our many successes this year confirm that the Victorian Branch is doing what it does best – organising and sponsoring first class events and then working with key partners to make it happen”.*

***strategic review***

During the year, we conducted a strategic review of our Branch to ensure that we continue to remain relevant to our members and deliver programs to key stakeholders in accordance with our constitution and social investment charter.

Led by Chris Bulford, CIRC Consulting a Lord’s Taverners member, and supported by Committee member Bruce Mc Donald, our objective was to develop and publish a strategic plan, or road map, that will guide our organisation over the next 5 years. Key to this process was the engagement of stakeholders such as members, committee, sponsors & donor recipients.

Members and stakeholder groups spoke passionately about the respect for the Lord’s Taverners, our strong core values and the commitment of our founding fathers. However, we have poor brand awareness and customer experience in managing and attracting membership and sponsors. In addition, we struggle to connect with younger members and there is strong reliance on the committee to manage our operations. The result of this work has led to development of a new Vision and 3 year strategic plan.

***Vision***

*A 1000 strong membership based organisation that is recognised as the leading cricket charity in Victoria supporting the young & disadvantaged.*

***Aspiration***

 *1 to 1000 to 100,000 in 3 years – Leadership – No 1 Cricket Charity in this State, Membership – 1,000 members statewide – generating $100,000 annual sponsorship.*

Underpinning delivery of this strategy is a restructuring of our committee in line with the 4 strategic drivers developed and the following is a brief summary of our key objectives to support its delivery.



***PARTNERSHIPS***

The cornerstone to delivery of our vision is the strength of our relationship with Cricket Victoria. We acknowledge and thank Cricket Victoria Chairman - Geoff Tamblyn, CEO - Tony Dodemaide and General Manager Game Development - John Watkin, for their continued encouragement and support in this regard.

We continue to enjoy excellent support at a National Level with the Lord’s Tavnerners National Conference conducted during February 2012 in Perth WA. This was an excellent opportunity for all delegates around the country to discuss key issues and share best practice. We heard from National Chairman, Greg Brown, on the 4 pillars of support covering sponsorships and presentations were conducted by Robyn Smith – CEO Auspraid, on the programs supported by the Lord’s Taverners; and also Neale Price – Cricket Australia on Game development initiatives including indiginous programs. We also welcome the appointment of former Victorian Chairman, John Jeffreys, as National Treasurer, which was ratified at this meeting and we wish him every succes in this key role.

***SPONSORSHIPS***

We continue to sponsor major sporting events with our partners. These include the:

* 2011 Australian Indoor Championships, Ballajura WA, (Cricket Victoria)
* 2012 Australian Open Tennis Championships, (Ausrapid)
* All Abilities Victorian Cricket Carnival, at Casey Fields (Cricket Victoria)
* All Abilities Indoor Cricket (Footscray / Maribyrnong Indoor Centre)

We also acknowledge the valuable financial support we have received from Committee member, Mike Bullock, and the Waverley Basketball Association.

***EVENTS***

During the year we conducted a number of memorable events for members and their guests.

Our AGM last year was conducted at the Kookaburra factory in Moorabbin. A tour of the manufacturing plant ensued for those who attended and we thank Lord’s Taverners Life Member, Jim Thompson OAM, and his son Ross, for the courtesy extended to us.

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| The Victorian Legends Dinner conducted in August 2011 at Royal South Yarra Tennis Club was another key highlight, which saw Keith Stackpole, Darren Berry, Bill Sheahan, and the late Jack Ryder inducted as Legends of Victorian Cricket. Over 140 who attended were treated to a night of passionate stories and a celebration of 4 remarkable careers that have made an enormous contribution to cricket in this State. | http://www.lordstavernersvic.org.au/uploads/1/3/5/7/13575217/2111583.jpg*Committee Member, Ian Crawford, with Legend of Victorian Cricket, Darren Berry.* |

We also acknowledge and congratulate the following Lord’s Taverners Award Winners:

Clive Rose 2011 Junior Male Taverner of the Year

Meg Lanning 2011 Junior Female Taverner of the Year

Molly Strano 2011 Betty Butcher Emerging Player of the Year

Our casual dinner nights at the Kingston Hotel continue to delight those who attend and this year was no exception. In October 2011, Sports media personalities, Tim & Sam Lane, took over 80 in attendance on a memorable journey as they shared their personal stories in sport as we celebrated the “Laneways of Sport”.

The annual Boxing Day Test Breakfast was again well supported by members. With MC, Tim Lane, keeping us on track, Chairman - Cricket Australia, Wally Edwards, shared his journey in cricket and the challenges confronting Australian cricket as they prepared for their own strategic review following an unsuccessful Ashes campaign in the UK. He was ably supported by well known Australian comedian Marty Fields.

Our traditional cricket match against the MCC 29rs was held once again and this year we joined forces with the Primary Club to play the Australian Cricket Society at the beautiful Hume & Hovell Ground at Strath Creek. I am pleased to say the Lord’s Taverners came through ably supported by an excellent innings from New Zealand import and member, Paul Green and a stunning innings at the end by young D’arcy Ferguson. Special thanks go to Committee member, Tim Winter, for the organisation and conduct of these games.

***VALE – SAM LOXTON & SHEILA sCOTTER OAM***

During the year, Lord’s Taverners members were saddened by the passing of two long-standing supporters, fellow members and friends of the Victorian Branch.

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| Samuel John Everett Loxton | **Sam Loxton** was inducted by the Lord’s Taverners as a legend of Victorian Cricket in 2004 and his contribution to cricket in this country cannot be understated. Sam was a gutsy batsman who liked nothing more than having fast bowlers try the blast him out with short-pitched bowling. He made his debut against India in 1947-48 and as part of the 1948 Invincibles scored 973 runs at 57.23 on tour, appearing in three Tests. He made his only Test hundred against South Africa at Johannesburg in  |

1949-50, playing in all five Tests, but lost his place after a poor start to the 1950-51 Ashes series. He was a Liberal-Country member of parliament, and was also a Test selector between 1972 and 1981. Sam died on the 3rd December 2011, aged 90.

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| **Sheila Scotter, AM, MBE** | **Sheila Scotter OAM**, an inaugural Committee member (1982), staunch supporter and one of only four Life Members of the Lord’s Taverners in Victoria, sadly passed away this year on Good Friday, aged 91. In his eulogy, founding Lord’s Taverners Chairman, John Mc Kinnon eloquently articulated the enormous contribution Sheila made in those formative years and provided us with an insight into this much loved identity.  |

John said, her appointment was one his “more enlightened” appointments with Sheila bringing considerable order and discipline to the Committee. Sheila had a total respect for the Lord’s Taverners ethos and a fierce expectation for the same commitment from all members. Sheila came into cricket whilst at St Swithuns School, Winchester. In passing, Sheila’s passion for the Lord’s Taverners was evident in her generous donation from her estate to assist us continue our work in supporting the young and disadvantaged.

***THANK YOU***

I would like to acknowledge and express my personal thanks to all the Committee for their tireless work “behind the scenes”. In particular, Kevan Carroll, Ian Crawford and Kevin Johnson in organising our amazing events, Secretary - Carolyn Johnson and Treasurer - Tim Winter, for their on-going work and the contribution they make in their respective positions

***WHAT’S AHEAD***

It is important that our role and purpose remain relevant to our members and that we are committed to delivering our long-term strategic vision. We have a clear mandate and road map ahead with the finalisation of our Strategic Review and the four key drivers centred on Partnership, Sponsorship, Membership and Community that will support its delivery.

Membership is the lifeblood of our organisation and we encourage members to become advocates for our work. As a membership based group, we will be judged by you, our members, on delivery of these targeted outcomes over the next 3 year period.

**John Kilgour** Chairman