



DON'T MISS THE EVENT OF THE YEAR - OUR 49TH ANNUAL DINNER

GUEST OF HONOUR: OUR PATRON, RICKY PONTING AO

Australia's finest batsman since the Don — and a wonderful ambassador for the game — Ricky Ponting's skill, passion and outstanding flair saw him make more than 40 Test centuries and spearhead one of Australian cricket's most outstanding eras. He piloted two World Cups and an extraordinary two-thirds of his 77 Tests were as Australia's leader. No Australian has been involved in more overall Test wins. A four-time Allan Border Medallist, Ponting was the game's quintessential batsman in the 2000s alongside India's Sachin Tendulkar. Ricky continues to work in cricket as a coach with the Mumbai Indians and as a commentator with Channel 10 on the Big Bash League where his expert comments and analysis are lively, informative and eloquent. We are proud to back Ricky and Rianna's Ponting Foundation as our official charity.

JUNIORS WELCOME: We would love to see as many juniors as possible attend. They will get to meet Ricky and if they wish, have their photo taken with him. Your entrance fee will qualify you for automatic membership of the Society again in 2016-17.



DATE: Thursday, 23 June, 2016

TIME: 6.45 pm for 7.15 pm

VENUE: The Kooyong LTC, 489 Glenferrie Rd, Kooyong.

COST: Members & Partners, \$100 each; Non-Members - \$110 ; Juniors Under 16 \$75

BOOKINGS HOTLINE: This event is sure to sell out. To avoid disappointment monies need to be with the ACS Secretary Wayne Ross at PO Box 4528, Langwarrin, Vic., 3910 no later than Monday, 20 June, 2016. EFT payments are fine. Cheques should be made out to the Australian Cricket Society. Wayne's phone number is 0416 983 888. His email address is info@australiancricketsociety.com.au

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Future Activities & Events

LUNCH WITH DAVID SAKER AT THE KELVIN CLUB, FRIDAY 13 MAY, 2016.

The important details of this joyous Big V victory event on the Society's Calendar are as follows:

DATE: Friday 13 May, 2016

TIME: 12 noon for a 12.30pm start

VENUE: Kelvin Club, Melbourne Place (off Russell St.), City

COST: \$75 for members & members' partners; \$85 for non-members.

BOOKINGS: Bookings are essential. Bookings and moneys need to be in the hands of the Society's Secretary Wayne Ross at P. O. Box 4528, Langwarrin, Vic. 3910 by no later than Tuesday, 10 May, 2016. Cheques should be made payable to the Australian Cricket Society. Payment by electronic transfer is acceptable. The ACS's bank details are as follows; BSB 633-000 Account Number 143226314. If you are paying in this way please record your name and the names of any guests for whom you are paying. Contact Wayne Ross on 0416 983 888. Or email him at info@australiancricket.com.au

OUR GUEST OF HONOUR

Coach of the victorious Victorian Bushrangers, defending champions of the Sheffield Shield, DAVID SAKER has had a lifetime in cricket as player and coach.

He will share his journey which includes notable playing stints with Tasmania and Victoria and of course his specialist coaching of the English Test fast bowlers.

Several times this year, particularly in Alice Springs in March, Victoria's campaign to win again seemed doomed, but Sakes remained optimistic that Victoria could again qualify for the final and once there: win. It did.

This will be one of the special Big V occasions of all. Please come with a friend and fill the Kelvin Club.



The 2016 Over 60s National Championships

The Over 60s Australian National Championships will be held in Perth this year from 5-12 November. The ACS is sending a squad of 14 players. If you would like to be considered for selection, please contact Ian Hammet (0438 250 145) or Peter Flack 94671118. Supporters are also most welcome to attend.

The President's Piesse

OUR OFFICIAL ACS TOUR OF NEW ZEALAND

An adventure in paradise



Frequent followers of Australia's Test team overseas are by necessity patient and forgiving, so consistently erratic have been the team's fortunes.

Our 2016 Australian Cricket Society tourists were in for a pleasant surprise with Australia's clean sweep of the two-Test mini-

series most notable for Brendon McCullum's stunning Test farewell in Christchurch. Nothing beats being at the big cricket and we were the lucky ones as McCullum raced to the fastest Test century in history.

For three glorious weeks our ACS group of nineteen enjoyed the best of New Zealand

GRANDSTAND HAPPINESS: Enjoying the cricket at the Basin

from its cricketing mecca in Wellington through to some of the great sights at Queenstown and Milford Sound. Once again it was a privilege for Susan and I to

The President's Piesse

be co-leaders of our tour group, many of whom also journeyed to the UK with us in 2015 for the Ashes openers.

The Basin Reserve experience in Wellington was wondrous. The sun was shining and the winds were tranquil throughout our stay in New Zealand's cricket mecca. The appearance of many Australasian cricket legends from John Reid and Neil Harvey (both 87), and Alan Davidson (86) added to the fun, 'Davo'



AUTHORS MEET: Leading NZ cricket historian, author Don Neely, now 80, with Ken Piesse at the Basin

doing a lovely interview with me which we will highlight in the next edition of *Pavilion*. Other big names present included Bobby Simpson, Ashley Mallett, Allan Border, and Brendon Julian who had tv duties.

A reunion of the 1985-86 NZ team which had defeated Australia in Australia for the first time saw many of the old heroes emerge from Sir Richard Hadlee, Ian Smith, and John Wright through to John F. Reid and Jeremy Coney. Our seats for the Test match were right behind the wicket in the Basin Reserve's only grandstand. First-time tourist Ann Rusden was very impressed.

A visit to the Wellington Cricket Museum was rewarding. Local volunteers

even ran a second-hand bookshop which pleased many of us, keen collector Dennis Coon updating his library with Volume 1 of the *NZ Cricketer* magazine. John Reid's *Sword of Willow* and Davo's *Fifteen Paces* were among those which I chose and duly had signed, complete with a 'Wellington 2016' inscription, which made it special. Eighty-year-old legend Don Neely, after whom the Wellington scoreboard is named, sat with us, yarning about the early days and how the Basin had once been a lake before an earthquake overnight raised its level and caused a major planning re-think. He too signed some books for us: his acclaimed Wellington cricket history *100 Summers* costing \$4.



TOUR LEADERS: Susan and Ken Piesse at the Basin.

Water and sunscreen stations, even a booth to recharge your mobile device, were all part of a wide and varied group of marquees and tents dotted around the ground. While the Test finished early, it gave us a chance on the scheduled Day 5 to take a ferry across the Wellington Harbor to nearby Eastbourne where we heard from local authority and longtime director at the NZ National Cricket Museum, David Mealing.

Bernard Whimpress, one of Australia's leading historians also spoke in a 'q and a'



2016 NZ tourists, back row, left to right: Ken Piesse (president ACS), Dr Phil Hill, Kathy Woodcock, Keith Bollard (man of the tour), Richard Handscomb, Wayne O'Toole, Ross Perry, Alan Clarke (vice-captain), Terry Swingler, Wayne Ross (The Bradman of secretaries). **Front:** Bob Lyon, Ann Rusden, Susan Piesse, Helen Lyon, Mary-Lou Beames, Laura Perry, Rhonda Ross, David Beames (ex NMCC).

conducted over brewed coffees and mud cakes. First-time tourist Phil Hill was most impressed.

'That was just great,' he said. Others did the city sights from the Cable Car up to the Wellington Botanical Gardens and one of the great views. Top quality shops and harbour restaurants were within five minutes of our hotel.



With three days in between Tests, we ferried across the Cook Strait to Marlborough Sound and Picton. After a brilliant luncheon at Allan Scott's award-winning Picton winery, it was too windy to do our planned whale watching morning at Kaikoura, but we proceeded onto Hanmer Springs where the golf courses are plentiful and the thermal pools are invigorating.

The venue for the next Test, Christchurch, was also eye-opening. Only a few of us had been to the city post-earthquakes. It was eerie to see a city on its knees with so

ONCE A SWAMP: Wellington's cricket Citadel, the Basin Reserve, capacity 7500.

Pic courtesy Terry Swingler



The President's Piesse

many car parking lots where once there had been businesses, hotels and homes.

The Test was a beauty. It went into a fifth day thanks to a whirlwind first-innings stand between the farewelling McCullum and Corey Anderson who smashed 199 in a rare session of run making none of us will ever forget. It was Victoria's James Pattinson who helped swing the Test with some key wickets. But the effort again saw him finish lame.

Unlike in Wellington where our stellar grandstand seats were pre-purchased, Christchurch's Hagley Park has little public seating, so another first-time tourist David Beames and I purchased some \$NZ8 deck chairs and rugs and sat at fine-leg on the mound which was perfectly adequate.

David, Dr. Phil, Wayne Ross and I were among those to queue each morning from eight to 'reserve' the best possible position on the mound overlooking fine-leg... the others coming at a more genteel hour. Some of the tall stories and true were excellent, David in great form talking of his time with North Melbourne and in particular playing in the same first XI as such notables as Rohan Kanhai and Ian Chappell in the late '70s.



MEETING 'AB': ACS NZ tourist David Beames with Ken Piesse and Test legend Allan Border

One late afternoon at Footscray, David was given the nightwatchman role with just an over or two to play. Clipping the first one off his hip he called Chappell through for a single. At the change of over, expecting a 'nice shot son,' from his partner, he was taken aback when Chappell abused him for not keeping him off strike. 'Do your @#%`ing job son,' he said.

After the Test match we went on to Queenstown, including a visit by the vehicular gondolier to the Skyhigh Restaurant for a big finale, including another happy hour where our tour 'fine' moneys were put to good use with the purchase of some quality bottles of local red and white wines.

For those hoping to be aboard for the 2019 Ashes Tour, we'd love to have you join us. We are a big happy travelling family. With numbers restricted to 20, everyone looks after each other. Our tourists this time included 90-year old Keith Bollard who was voted Man of the Tour for all his get-about energy and good humour. He is vowing to stay fit in order to be part of our '19 squad. We are looking to travel to the UK in late June 2019 and be away for most of July.

Several are planning extra trips afterwards through our Gold Partners, travel experts Events Worldwide who again did a mighty job of co-ordination in NZ. Do talk to Victoria Radford at Events Worldwide on 1300 788 666 about any of your travel requirements. You won't regret it.

— KEN PIESSE, ACS president

Recent Activities & Events

FOOTY SEASON LAUNCH LUNCHEON, FRIDAY, 18 MARCH FEATURING STEVEN SMITH, THE PRESIDENT OF THE MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB & A FORMER DEMON 200-GAMER

There was an excellent gathering of about 50 members and friends of the Society in the dining room of the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club to hear President Ken Piesse introduce our warm-up man Geoff Poulter. He got proceedings off to a hilarious start with a whole stream of footy jokes; most appropriate for this gathering.

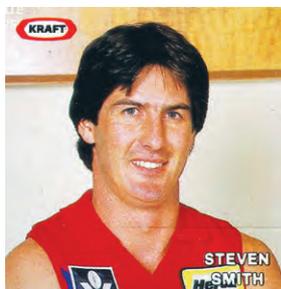
Life member Ian Hammet spoke about the Victorian Over 60s cricket competition and the battle which the ACS, had experienced in remaining in the competition. However, the Society's Over 60s team is in good shape, having come runners-up in their division of the competition at last year's Over 60s National Championships in Hobart.

Our President introduced guest of honour Steven Smith, who is currently serving as president of the Melbourne Cricket Club, having succeeded Paul Sheahan. Steve played more than 200 games for Melbourne in the '70s and early '80s as a centre-half forward and a full-back. He won the club's Bluey Truscott Medal as the best and fairest in 1981. Steven is now a partner in the

Collins Street Law Firm of HWL Ebsworth, so what with his duties as President of the Melbourne Cricket Club as well, he is very busy man.

Steven Smith

Steven began by recalling his early days of playing football as a 10 year-old as a State



Steve Smith won the Melbourne FC B&F in 1981

Francis Doherty collection

Savings Bank Little Leaguer alongside Geoff Raines and Trevor Barker, who even then loved to take off for speckies. Later, while playing for the Ormond Amateurs he recalled his first meeting with our President who was opposing him in the ruck for Beaumaris, Steve saying that after a shock loss to Ken's team on Grand Final day (1972), he decided to have one more year in the Amateurs to atone for the loss, rather than joining

Melbourne as a 17-year-old. Steven also played sub district ones with Ormond, as a lively seam bowler.

He loved his time at Melbourne FC, a lean period when wins were rare. He paid a warm tribute to everyone's hero Robbie Flower, who with his beautiful balance, grace and

speed was maybe the best player never to win the Brownlow Medal.

He also mentioned in most favourable terms the legendary Ron Barassi, who was senior coach at Melbourne for five years of Steve's career. He told us that Ron only returned to Melbourne, the scene of so many of his triumphs as a player, because he loved the club so much. Barassi was a hard coach to work under as he often ran his players into the ground as punishment when they lost. He wanted to win that much and was frustrated when his charges failed to implement his game plans effectively. During 1981, the year he was best and fairest, he was playing at full-back. As Melbourne was on the losing end so often the ball was in Melbourne's back half for long periods, such that he couldn't help but gain a high number of possessions.

He singled out for particular mention the contributions of Brent Crosswell, Mark Jackson and Peter Keenan, all of whom were colourful personalities as well as very good footballers. Steve retired at 29. In his day VFL football was not the fully professional game that AFL is now. By that age you had to think about earning a living outside of football and the demands of his legal career were pressing.

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Steve told us that until 1982 the Melbourne FC was a subsection within the Melbourne Cricket Club. Now the Football Club is an independent entity. The two bodies have excellent relationships, he said.

Everybody loved playing at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. That was obvious from the number of football clubs who played their home games on the MCG. Great care had to be taken to preserve the playing surface, there was so much sport played there, hence the prohibition on clubs training at the ground. The introduction of drop-in pitches to the MCG had been a great boon and improved the availability for both cricket and football significantly. Steven told us that there were about 700 digital screens scattered at various points. These improved the experience of spectators to what was going on at the

ground immeasurably. Steven told us that the lights were now 30 years old and were slated for refurbishment in the near future.

Steven told us that the relationship between the Melbourne Cricket Club and the AFL was absolutely vital, as in a very real sense the AFL bankrolled the maintenance of the ground. It was essential that the ruling bodies for cricket and football should continue to work amicably together for the good of both sports and for the good of the ground. He mentioned that the MCG and the Sydney Opera House were the two most popular venues which tourists from overseas wanted to see in Australia.

Our guest of honour concluded his talk by saying what a pleasure it was to serve on the MCC Committee and how much he enjoyed the demanding and busy life he led as the

President of such a great sporting and cultural body as the MCC.

He reiterated that some Sheffield Shield matches would continue to be fixtured at the MCG, good news for us traditionalists.

Our President thanked our guest for devoting his precious time to linking up with the ACS. He removed the brand new ACS club tie which he was wearing and presented it to Steve so that he could remember this lunch time which he had spent so happily with the ACS. It was a great afternoon and if you are thinking of coming next time... please do. You won't regret it.



2015-16 SCORES AND BEST WANDERING XI & OVER 60s PERFORMANCES

Wandering XI (Over 40s) 7 February, 2016 - The ACS v the Suma Park Bellarinas.

ACS - 3/210, Robertson 37 ret, Chilcott 37 ret., Browning 36 ret, Bourke 34, Dunn 22* v Suma Park Bellarinas - 6/197, Robertson 2/22, Dunn 2/23, Chilcott 1/18, Ferguson 1/25. Match Won.

14 February - The ACS v A Supreme Court XI

ACS - 5/211, Robertson 41 ret, Penaluna 40 ret, Semertzidis 40 ret, Broome 20 v A Supreme Court XI - 8/190, Robertson 3/31, Hopkins 2/24, Smith 1/21, Broome 1/27, Pinder 1/33. Match Won.

21 February - The ACS v The Eccentrics

ACS - 9/137 McKenzie 30*, Corney 22 ret v The Eccentrics - 9/202, Smith 2/24, Leggett 2/28, Broome 2/30, Corney 1/14, Robertson 1/35, Crisp 1/40. Match Lost.

Over 60s 14 February - The ACS v Bayside.

ACS - 4/202, Dummett 41 ret, Johnson 40 ret, Hammet 37 ret, I. Gibson 34 v. Bayside - 6/164, Lloyd 2/22, Hopkins 2/27. Match Won.

28 February - The ACS v Sunbury.

ACS 4/218 - Robertson 38 ret., I. Gibson 37 ret., Spencer 35 ret, Clarkson 35, Lovell 33 ret. v. Sunbury - 6/143, Lloyd 1/17, Hammet 1/4, Clarkson 1/6. Match Won.

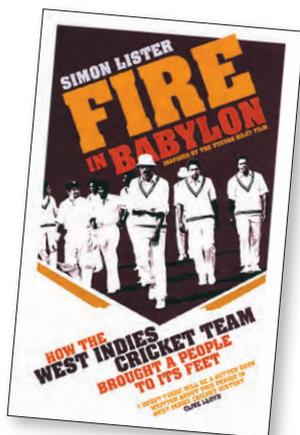
* The editor is indebted to Peter Flack for the above details. Forty-seven players represented the ACS during the 2015-16 season. Of the 11 games played by the Wandering XI there were 5 wins, 2 losses, 2 matches washed out and 2 matches cancelled. Of the 14 Over 60s games the ACS won 8, lost 4, with 1 match washed out. The winners of the Box-Grainger and Richard Elvins Memorial awards, the two leading cricketers from our Sunday teams, will be named at the annual dinner.

Peter Flack and Ian Hammet recommend that the Wandering XI and the Over 60s team play on alternate Sundays during season 2016-17. To maintain interest it is desirable to vary the fixture each year to embrace new communities. Peter and Ian will continue to run the Over 60s. We are seeking a manager for upcoming Wandering XI matches.

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THE CRICKET SOCIETY & MCC CRICKET BOOK OF THE YEAR

At a glittering ceremony which took place in front of a packed auditorium in the Long Room at Lord's during April, cricket writer and BBC news producer Simon Lister was declared the winner of this prestigious award for 2016 for *Fire in Babylon* — how the West Indies Cricket Team Brought a People To Its Feet. Chairman of the Judging Panel Vic Marks hailed 2016 as an exceptional year for cricket writing, Lister achieved his award in the face of opposition from five other books including two about WG Grace and one by Stephen Chalke providing a definitive history of the County Championship. Lister's award carries with it a cheque for 3000 pounds.



ACS Committee Opportunities

Two of our committee members Sara Sprague and William Craddock are not standing for re-election to the Society's Executive Committee.

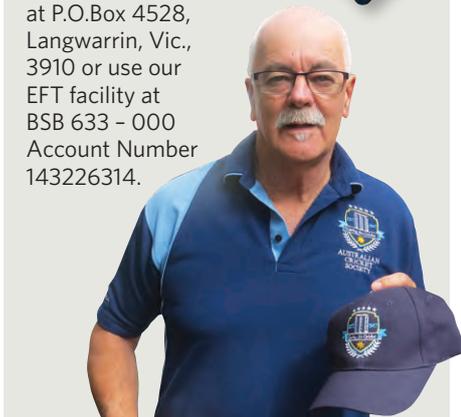
There are several opportunities for keen, committed and talented members to join the Committee and thus provide some much needed assistance to the ACS's hard-working group of people currently within the Society. Interested members should give this matter serious thought so that when the opportunity comes to nominate for the Committee later this year we have some names to consider.

We in particular are seeking a young writer to contribute some website stories, a Scholarship Manager and a Sponsorship Manager. Duties which currently are being shared by others on your hardworking executive.

Please let the Society's Administration Manager, Wayne Ross know of your interest. His contact details are as follows: Phone: 0416 983 888; Email Address: info@australiancricketsociety.com.au.

Our New ACS Tie

Stocks of our brand new Australian Cricket Society ties, polo shirts and caps are now available. The set of three costs \$90 post free or individually \$40, \$35 and \$15 each, plus \$10 post. Cheques payable to the ACS should be sent to Wayne Ross at P.O.Box 4528, Langwarrin, Vic., 3910 or use our EFT facility at BSB 633 - 000 Account Number 143226314.



Young wicketkeeping star and ACS Young Cricketer of the Year, Sam Harper

Sam Harper debuts for Victoria

Sam Harper, the Society's reigning Steve Mason Young Cricketer of the Year, took nine catches in his debut for Victoria against Tasmania at the MCG in February. It was a record for a player making his Shield debut for the Vics. Victoria went on to win that match and ultimately the Sheffield Shield at the season's

end, another of our young favourites Peter Handscomb among the best performed. Congratulations Sam and Pete. We picked some good' uns when we selected you as the Society's Young Cricketers of the Year...

Young Sam and Matty Short, another ACS Young Cricketer of the Year, have been named in the National Performance Squad working in the off-season in Brisbane. We congratulate both of these lads.

Rod Marsh & the Spirit of Cricket Oration at Lord's

This is a shortened version of the 15th Cowdrey Spirit of Cricket Oration delivered by Rod Marsh, Australia's chairman of the National Selection Panel, at Lord's on 1 September, 2015. Marsh played 96 Test matches and 92 one-day internationals for Australia during his record breaking career. It's wonderful to see the old stars giving so much back to the game.

When I was a youngster there was no television — only radio. I rarely got to listen to those early broadcasts of Test cricket from England. There was no thought of an umpire making a mistake before television came in, nor of players disputing an umpire's decision. The game just happened without microscopic scrutiny. But there were characters in the game, for example Freddie Trueman and Denis Compton. What remains important was that the players were educated from an early age that above all they must respect the game, the umpires, the opposition, and their own teammates.

Personal abuse should not be tolerated. Ian Chappell is one of those players who supposedly had a volatile temperament on the field. I can promise you that Ian played the game hard. He was uncompromising, but I never once heard him abuse an umpire or an opposition player. He was always quick to put an end to any of his mates' misbehaviour



on the field. He saw this as his responsibility, and this is what this law about the Spirit of Cricket is about. On field volatility seems to have got worse since the advent of television coverage. I always remind today's players that players make far more mistakes than umpires ever do, so always accept the umpire's decision.

I am worried that the administrators will take all of the characters out of the game. Passion remains paramount. There is nothing more satisfying than to see a player playing with passion. Players should be encouraged to perform their skills with passion and flair.

An example of the difference which a player fully committed to his country's cause can make occurred in the quarter-final in the World Cup between Australia and Pakistan at the Adelaide Oval last March when Wahab Riaz with a sudden burst of passionate fast bowling dismissed the Australian captain and then had the experienced Watson and Maxwell in trouble. The big crowd came alive. There was a buzz of excitement which rippled around the ground. The Australians realized that they were in a contest.

A perfect example of the Spirit of Cricket in action occurred during the Centenary Test match at the MCG in March, 1977 when Derek Randall, was given out caught behind

off the bowling of Greg Chappell. I called him back because the ball did not carry to me on the full. Therefore it was not a catch. I received praise unfairly over this incident. I was brought up not to cheat. If I hadn't called him back I would have been cheating.

My next point in looking at how the game could be fairer relates to the size of bats. Maybe we can limit the size for international and first-class cricket, but still allow weekend cricketers to use whatever size they like. I would put a restriction on the width of the edges because I will never condone a player being totally beaten and yet the ball travels 80 metres for four or six off the fat edge. That's just wrong! Barry Richards, the former great South African batsman, has suggested to even the balance between bat and ball, the fielding side should be allowed to tamper with the ball. I would be happy to see a law which allowed a limited amount of tampering under controlled conditions to be introduced on an experimental basis. With the laws as they are a bowler is penalized if he oversteps the front line, but a non-striking batsman can get away with being yards down the wicket. The only way to stop this blatant form of cheating is to penalize the batting side by taking runs off their total, or by calling dead ball if there is illegal backing up.

We all have differing views on the DRS. I do believe there should be a DRS, but I have little faith in the ball tracking systems. I would let the umpires' call on all lbw

General News

decisions stand unless it was an absolute howler. The technology reliably shows the edge and the decision will be overturned. There won't be too many howlers on height or direction because we'll be playing under the back foot no-ball law as I have advocated and the umpire will have had more time to steady his eyes and give an accurate assessment. The bonus is that the Indian Board may agree to this, and Test cricket would then be played under the same conditions worldwide.

The ICC should be commended for their decision to give seven of the ten Test playing countries US\$1.25 million each for the next eight years to ensure that they don't lose money by having to play Test matches. India, England and Australia don't receive this hand-out. The important thing that these nations should do with this money is to make sure that the kids go to the cricket, because if the kids go, then their parents will go, and the families attending will spend money. Once the next generation catches a love of the game the future of Test cricket in these countries will be assured.

Participation in playing the sport is the key to developing a love of cricket, and yet the barriers to persuading young people to play the sport are many and varied. T20 is not everybody's cup of tea, but the introduction of the Big Bash League has brought thousands of new fans to cricket in Australia. That is its role, and now many kids are playing some form of T20 cricket in their schools, whereas 10 years ago very few schools played any organized cricket. The hand-out must be used to promote Test cricket and make it successful again. I believe that Test match cricket will regain its status once

international T20 matches are restricted to a T20 World Cup on a four year cycle.

The other thing which must be addressed is over rates. Teams are expected to bowl 90 six-ball overs a day and they rarely bowl that number of overs in six hours. The public are paying for 90 overs in six hours of play and that's what they should get. The solution to this failure on the part of modern cricketers is to suspend the captain every time his team fails to fulfill its part of the contract. A note to umpires as well would be in order. Don't let runners with drinks on the field unless a wicket has fallen and no time is wasted.

A NEW ELITE CRICKET ACADEMY SCHOLAR



We are thrilled to announce that the ACS's new scholar is Bryce McGain's Elite Cricket Academy is **Bailey Humphrey**

from Warburton C.C. Bailey is a 12 year old cricketer who is very enthusiastic and should benefit greatly from the expert tuition which he will receive at Bryce's Academy. Bailey has played for two years in the Warburton Under 12 team, winning the batting average both years. He also bowls with good pace. He has excelled in Finals being the team's best afield in both years. Our three current scholarship holders at the Academy - Daniel Vela, Tess Flintoff, and Merinda Hale - are all doing well. The standard of their cricket playing ability is progressing in leaps and bounds. Our first scholar, Adam Cosgrave has now graduated from the Academy.

News from Kindred Societies

ACS Tasmania

The ACS in Tasmania is holding its annual dinner and AGM on Friday, 27 May at the Blundstone Arena in Bellerive. The guest of honour is David Peever, the new Chairman of Cricket Australia, who is a former managing director of Rio Tinto. There are summer plans for our President Ken Piesse to launch his new book, a *Pictorial History of Australian Test Cricket* at Bellerive.

The Cricket Society, England

Recent speakers at the London headquarters of the Cricket Society in England have been Bob Willis, the former captain, Simon Inglis and Richard Tomlinson. Their Book of the Year presentation night which has already been reported upon took place at Lord's during April.

News of Members

Michael Lefebvre - a Valued partner of the Society

In the last issue of Scoresheet we were pleased to briefly profile Julian McDonald, a Director in the Family Law Firm Westminster Lawyers whose sponsorship of the Society we value highly. In this Autumn edition of our newsletter we are pleased to be able to profile his friend and senior colleague Michael Lefebvre.

Michael writes: *I am a specialist family law solicitor having been admitted to practice in 1979. I was a founding Director of Westminster Lawyers in 2002. I was educated at Xavier College and later at the University of Melbourne where I obtained Law and Commerce degrees. Although I played school*

cricket until the age of 13, my love of the game was triggered later as a result of discovering the ball-by-ball commentaries on ABC radio and devouring cricket books. Like Julian I am a long-suffering St. Kilda fan but being older can at least say that I've experienced a premiership half a century ago this year.

New Members

Since the last issue of "Scoresheet" was published during February the following members have joined the Society: **Bruce Cole, Bruce Hockings (re-joined), Graeme McLaughlan, and Ian Ible.**

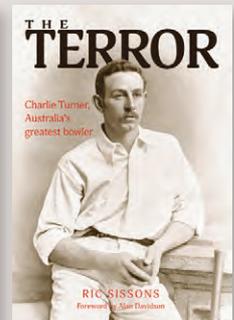
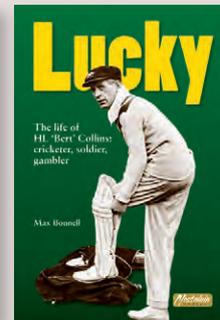
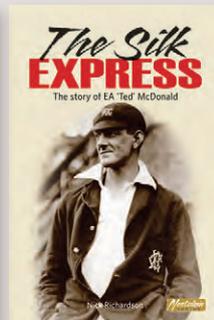
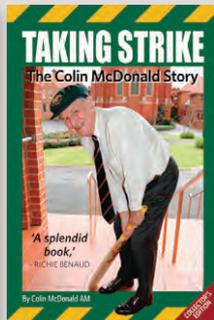
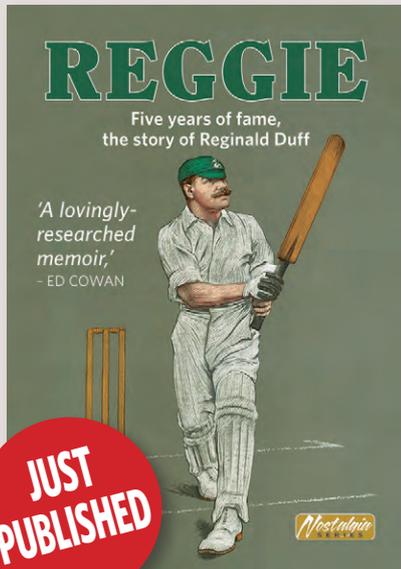
We welcome these new members into the Society. Any change in address or email address should be conveyed to the ACS Membership Officer Adrian McKenzie at the Society's official address at P.O. Box 4528, Langwarrin, Victoria, 3910. Phone 9479 2663. Email Address: adrianmckenzie@netspace.net.au

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It's a little known fact, but as part of your local Bendigo Bank's franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank Limited, 80% of the profits we raise must be returned to the community. Why? It's because when Bendigo Bank first came up with the concept of "Community Banking" they realised that it must be "of the Community, by the Community, for the Community". It is this concept that drives the Manager, the Employees and the Volunteer Board of your local bank to return hundreds of thousands of dollars of profit straight back to your Community every year for funding projects and programs.

At a time when other banks are posting massive profits in dividends back to shareholders and paying large salaries to corporate board members and employees, we thought we should remind you of this important point of difference in banking concepts. We still provide the vast majority of services that the other banks do, we just hand the majority of the profits back to the community. Ask yourself, do you think that's a good model for the Community and therefore worthwhile transferring your business across to Bendigo Bank – Dingley Village?

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