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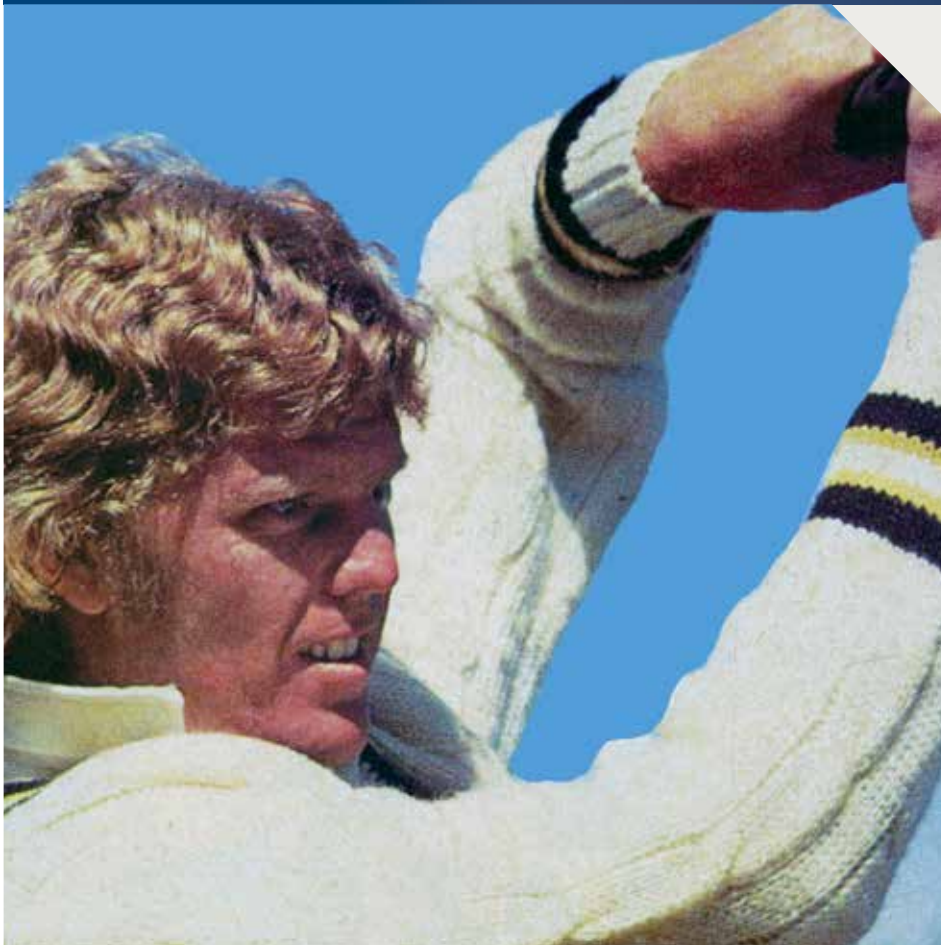
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FEATURING SOUTH AFRICAN ICON

BARRY RICHARDS

DATE:

Friday, 30 May, 2014

TIME:

7 pm for a 7.30 start

VENUE:

The Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club,
489 Glenferrie Road, Kooyong

COST:

Members & Members' Partners \$110;
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BOOKINGS HOTLINE:

This event will sell out. To avoid disappointment monies need to be with ACS secretary Wayne Ross at PO Box 4528, Langwarrin, Vic. 3910 no later than Tuesday, 27 May, 2014. EFT payments fine. Cheques should be made payable to the Austrn Cricket Society. Wayne's phone: 0416 983 888 & email acs@asn.cricketvictoria.com.au

OUR GUEST OF HONOUR: BARRY RICHARDS

Barry Richards, the great South African opening batsman is flying from the Western Cape especially for the Australian Cricket Society. Barry is an icon of the game having made 80 first-class centuries. He averaged 55, his highest score of 356 coming for South Australia during his remarkable solo year of Sheffield Shield cricket in 1970-71 when he was being paid \$1 a run. In his only Test series against Australia in 1970, he made 500+ runs at an average of 72. In addition to hearing from Barry, Chloe Saltau, the award winning "Age" cricket writer, will propose the Toast to Cricket. We will also bestow the Steve Mason Young Cricketer of the Year awards and an Achievement Award. Our Caring for Cricket Silent Auctions are again a feature - plus everyone in high heels receives a free gift compliments of Evelyn Danos and JR Duty Free.

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The President's Piesse



Introducing Daniel Vela, our second cricket scholar

In unveiling our second Australian Cricket Society scholar in 12-year-old Daniel Vela from the Pakenham CC to join the Elite Cricket Academy, we continue our drive to encourage, nurture and fast track the development of the most promising early teen cricketers under our Ambassador and ECA chief executive, former Test slow bowler Bryce McGain.

Daniel ticks all the boxes as an aspiring young cricketer. He's mad- keen on the game and is progressing well at both club and south-east representative levels.

His brother currently opens the batting for Frankston Peninsula in Premier cricket.

The selection of our second scholar was again geared towards looking to assist the under-privileged. Daniel wouldn't mind me saying how his dad has been struggling with cancer and has been in and out of hospital for some time. When he is able he drives the boys to their various games and to practice sessions. Mum does it on other occasions. We wish Daniel all the very best, along with our inaugural scholar Adam Cosgrave from Caulfield CC, now in the second year of his three-year scholarship. Bryce says the sky is the limit for young Adam. "He bats and bowls well", he said. "Like all scholarship holders his progress

will ultimately be determined on how much they want it."

We hope that both boys grow to love and honour the game as we all do.

McLardy-McShane: proud new ACS Gold Partner

Hot on the heels of our 'signing' of the Jefferson Automobile Group as new gold partners, we are thrilled to welcome another important business to our fraternity - McLardy-McShane Insurance and Financial Services. Don McLardy is well known to most of us for his love of the Melbourne Football Club and for his involvement along side Jim Stynes in rejuvenating the club's off-field finances as well as serving a stint as club president.

I do ask all our members and contacts to please consider an involvement with McLardy McShane should you be considering a review of your insurance needs, or merely seeking a second, very expert opinion. Our direct contact at McLardy McShane is Karoline Godycki. She can be contacted on 03 9429 3600. Like Simon Jefferson, the CEO of Jefferson's, McLardy McShane have signed on for a three year period. We are hoping that these two new partnerships can flourish. This is only possible with your hands-on assistance. Please do make a call

as you will be assured of friendly, expert assistance and guidance.

The same applies with our corporate travel partners Events Worldwide. EWW guarantee the best rates and the best locations, and are far more friendly and caring than some of the so-called internet travel giants people use at the last minute. Not only will you save money with Events Worldwide, the accommodations and the destinations will be spot-on as they have been there, or know someone who has.

If you are going on holiday within Australia or overseas, do give Victoria a call at Events World Wide. I assure you they take the pain and the unknown out of the planning.

Susan and I are hosting another ACS Ashes Tour with Events World Wide in 2015. Their service is second to none. We start in Ireland, go into England for the first two Tests and finish on the canals of Amsterdam... a true adventure in paradise. Thanks to EWW it'll be another holiday to remember. Please do register your interest as only a few places remain vacant.

Please support all our gold partners as listed here. Your patronage benefits everyone and helps ensure a vibrant Society. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the upcoming Annual Dinner featuring Springbok great Barry Richards, who is coming to us all the way from the Western Cape.

Ken Piesse
ACS president

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The ACS's Tribute to Neil Harvey

Kelvin Club, Thursday, 30 January, 2014

There was a record attendance of 110 cricket lovers at this luncheon which the Society held to celebrate with Neil and Barbara Harvey who were in Melbourne to witness the unveiling of a statue in Neil's honour at the MCG the next day when he joined such greats as Bradman, Warne, Miller, Lillee and Ponsford, all of whom have been honoured in this way before him. There was an excellent selection of guests present representing Cricket Australia, Cricket Victoria and the Harvey family, including many of his family and old teammates. The Society was privileged to welcome such a large and distinguished group of cricket people to this special Neil Harvey Tribute Luncheon at the Kelvin Club.

Proceedings were opened by David Hobson, Australia's leading operatic tenor, who delighted the large audience by singing a bracket of light classical songs which were most appropriate for the occasion. He was accompanied by his MD, pianist David Cameron.

years Arthur Liddicut and Joe Plant, both of whom were instrumental in giving him the sound technique and the confidence in his own judgment which characterized his glorious stroke play throughout his long career.

Our guest dwelt long and lovingly on the Leeds Test match against England when Australia had to make over 400 runs in the last innings of the match in order to win when he made his first Test century – the first of 21 – in an innings which was instrumental in enabling Australia to win the match and the Ashes under Bradman's wise and experienced leadership during 1948.

He also recalled those dark days of 1956 when Australia, weakened by the successive retirements of Bradman and Hassett, and unused to the spin-friendly conditions which were

as an additional tourist. He arrived in South Africa in time to play his usual dynamic role in the Tests in which he helped Australia to a decisive victory in the series under Hassett's skilful leadership.

Neil recalled with a good deal of pleasure the one Test match in which he captained his country – the Lord's Test match in the Ashes series of 1961 when an injury to the Australian skipper Richie Benaud's shoulder prevented him from playing, thus enabling Neil Harvey, the tour vice-captain to step up and take command. This was the match in which Bill Lawry batted superbly in Australia's first inning in which he scored 130 on a lively wicket resisting the experienced fast bowling of Trueman and Statham for long periods of time. Eventually Australia won the match by 5 wickets, giving Harvey a wonderful triumph in his only Test match as Australia's captain.

Neil dealt briefly and quite severely with his touring experiences in India and Pakistan during 1959-60 where he played eight Test matches – three against Pakistan and five against India. He told us that he did not like touring on the sub-continent where at that point in time the facilities for the cricketers were to say the least of it second rate.

Finally, in answer to a question from the audience in which he was asked to compare the off-spin bowling of Hugh Tayfield of South Africa and Jim Laker of England for effectiveness, Neil plumped for Tayfield on all types of wicket, though Laker could be deadly on any wicket which suited him, Harvey said.

Neil Harvey's long-standing team mate and fellow tourist Colin McDonald thanked his old friend and colleague for an outstanding address. In doing so Colin compared Neil Harvey to several of the other great Australian batsmen who had dominated their eras since the end of the Second World War. He mentioned Ponting, Border and Gilchrist. In the end he gave the palm to his old mate Neil Harvey who, he said, was the greatest of them all.



CELEBRATION DAY:
Neil Harvey with ACS president Ken Piesse

Before our president Ken Piesse introduced our guest of honour, Neil Harvey to the gathering we were privileged to be able to watch some selected highlights of Neil's brilliant career on video, courtesy of Glenn Gibson our film archivist. These highlights served to remind us of what a great cricketer Neil Harvey was in those years which started with the young Harvey's tour of England as the youngest member of Don Bradman's 'Invincibles' in 1948 and continued through to the 1960's when our guest of honour retired from the game universally recognized as one of his country's greatest post-Second World War batsmen and fielders.

Neil began by recalling his earliest days in the game and in so doing paid a warm tribute to his two most important coaches of those early

served up to them by their English hosts, went down to ignominious defeat in Laker's match at Manchester where, unbelievably, the England off-spinner Laker took 19 wickets in the match, including Harvey's wicket twice in that ill-fated match.

Neil was much happier talking about the Australians highly successful tour of South Africa during the summer of 1949-50 when he compiled 660 runs at an average of 132 including four centuries. This was the tour when Keith Miller's initial non-selection for the tour caused a tremendous stir among the cricket media. Fortunately, a minor car accident involving Bill Johnston early during the tour gave the selectors the opportunity to correct their earlier error. They quickly selected Miller

Recent Activities & Events

The ACS's Evening with the Queenslanders MCG, Thursday, 13 March, 2014

A small group of ACS members and friends gathered in the Hans Ebeling Room at the MCG at the conclusion of the second day's play during the Queenslanders' return match against Victoria at the MCG. Queensland Cricket, their coach Stuart Law and their media director Stephen Gray are to be thanked once again for providing two fine young players to come and talk to the small group of enthusiastic members who had stayed back to take part in this informal gathering at the conclusion of play during the Sheffield Shield match.



Our joint guests of honour on this occasion were emerging batsman Joe Burns (ABOVE) and young paceman Cameron Gannon, the leading wicket taker in the 2013-14 Big Bash III.

Burns, who made almost 600 runs during the recent Sheffield Shield season, spoke of the privilege of wearing the maroon Queensland cap, and how the experienced players around him in the team were constantly inspirational. Burns hails from Norths, the same club as James Hopes and Chris Hartley. He told us that these two experienced and talented cricketers had provided the backbone of the team at both club level and state level for a decade and more.

In the Shield match against the Victorians he was out for an entertaining 71. He rued the opportunity of scoring a second century against the Bushrangers as he had made 75 and 102 when the Vics had played the Bulls at the 'Gabba.

Cameron Gannon, who was 12th man in this fixture, took eight wickets in his only two Shield games for the summer before becoming a standout in the Twenty20s. He told us that there was so much to like about limited overs cricket. It tested everyone's mettle. T20 cricket, particularly if you could obtain a spot on the staff of one of the IPL franchises, was enormously tempting. Nevertheless, younger players still wanted to earn the honour of playing for their state, or even for their country in the longer form of the game, Cameron said. Although Cameron admitted that at first he had found bowling for the Brisbane Heat in the Big Bash League had been very expensive, he had learnt his lesson, and now bowled with far more variety to trigger the wicket spree which he subsequently achieved in later matches.

There was a spirited question and answer segment in which our members were invited to ask whatever questions they wanted. Joe Burns told us that Test cricket was most definitely his goal, whilst young Cameron Gannon agreed that while the riches may be in the shorter forms of the game, the true test of one's worth as a cricketer could only come if you excelled in the longer form of the game.

The ACS's Annual AFL Football Season Launch, Friday, 28 March, 2014 Featuring Danny Frawley

Fifty members and friends were present at the Society's annual AFL Football Launch Luncheon at the Kelvin Club in the heart of the CBD on Friday, 28 March, 2014. Continuing with our tradition of inviting past icons of the game to entertain us with reminiscences of their playing days, on this occasion members and friends present at the function were privileged to have as the Society's guest of honour Danny Frawley, the former St Kilda captain and All-Australian defender of the 1980s and 1990s, who played in 240 AFL senior matches, in 177 of which he was captain. Later he coached Richmond into the finals. Danny is currently chief executive of the Australian Football League Coaches Association and a popular presenter on Fox Footy.

Our guest of honour began by recalling his early playing days at the Bungaree Football Club just outside of Ballarat where as a youngster he learnt the elements of the game the hard way under the stern and unforgiving gaze of his father and his uncle, both of whom played for the local club at the time. He recounted how on one occasion he played on a young but extraordinarily gifted Gary Ablett snr. in an upcountry match in which he was good enough to restrict a young Ablett to just two goals, a feat which won him his best afield honours – even though he didn't get many possessions himself!

Danny reminisced on the personality and the achievements of his great friend and contemporary Tony Lockett, the only full-forward in the history of AFL football to win a Brownlow Medal. Lockett, he recalled, was a superb shot for goal, with a 72 per cent strike rate – better than anyone in the game: McKenna, Hudson, even Jack Gunston. In his great days with St Kilda before he transferred in mid-career to Sydney, it was the case that if opposing sides could succeed in preventing the football getting to Lockett they would win the match.

Turning to his coaching days, Danny recalled one amusing incident at Richmond when he was called upon to rescue the big Richmond ruckman Brad Ottens who later became a premiership player with Geelong, from a police station during the early hours of the morning after he had been arrested for becoming involved in a brawl in a night club. Seeing Frawley, Ottens said: 'Oh coach, they've got you too!' he said.

Frawley stated that during his coaching career he was quite strict on not allowing any of his players to touch alcohol whilst they were out of the game injured. In passing, our guest of honour observed that an AFL coach's life at the top was often short, as it was overwhelmingly based on the results of his club in the competition. Looking back to 2009, he observed that Alistair Clarkson, the Hawthorn senior coach, was the only man still in his original position at his club. It is no coincidence that he is also the coach of the present reigning premiers, the top club in the AFL competition.

We were right royally entertained by a true icon of the game.

Danny is currently Chief Executive of the Australian Football League Coaches Association and a popular presenter on Fox Footy.



Recent Activities & Events

The ACS in the New Zealand Over 60s Cricket Championships

An end of season trip to New Zealand with four games of cricket on the picturesque Devonport Domain in Auckland was more than enticing... so enticing in fact that the tour was sold out in just 48 hours.

The team had bonded well at the pre-tournament dinner organized by the bon-vivant Dick Stumbles. For the opening game, captain Ian Hammet lost the toss, but was nevertheless quietly confident of a first-up win especially after debutant Warren Dummett destroyed the bowling with a memorable 43 before he retired. Hammet's

In the second match against the Wellington Rotarians, Blyth was keen to stake his claim as a winning skipper. With the Rotarians struggling for players, he had every reason to be optimistic. What he didn't reckon was the clandestine recruitment by the Kiwi Rotarians of two Aussies, both opening bowlers and the local club manager

(2/22) and Big Dave McNamara (2/26) keeping up the pressure, Lloyd (2/9) then mopped up the tail to dismiss the Kiwis for 103 runs. With rain forecast in the afternoon session, Dummett and Hammet started brightly. Alas, after just 2 overs with the score at 0/10, the heavens opened and the game was abandoned. Another early start at the bar.



THE ACS'S WANDERING XI IN NEW ZEALAND, 2014: (left to right), star maiden tourist Warren Dummett, birthday boy Bobby Hopkins, Dick Stumbles, Ian Hammet, Peter Flack, Chris Toet, Russ Newton, Andrew Blyth, Des Lloyd, John Smith and Carl Duncan. Absent (filling in elsewhere): Dave McNamara.

41 was more circumspect. With the fall of three wickets, scoring dried up due to a Kiwi bowling effort led by two former internationals. Then with matters grinding to a halt, John Smith (35) and Des Lloyd (21 not out) hit hard and often, helping us to 207. Due to miserly bowling by Bob Hopkins and Andrew Blyth, things were looking good at the halfway stage with the Fingletoads struggling with the required run rate. Peter Flack grabbed the prize wicket of one of the internationals, before the Kiwis began to bat with a greater sense of urgency. Dick Stumbles and Chris Toet toiled away, both taking wickets as the score continued to mount. With the Kiwis needing 32 to win from the final four overs, the ACS turned to renowned at the death bowler Des Lloyd. Despite ultra-defensive field placements and Lloyd picking up 2 wickets, the Kiwis managed to find gaps in the field, clubbing a boundary off the last ball of the game to take a memorable victory.

– a 42-year-old allrounder unimintimidated by reputation. With the ACS 5/17 after 10 overs, hopes of a win were starting to fade. Things did improve marginally, but with batting allrounder Dave McNamara providing the only real resistance with 16, the ACS was dismissed for just 59 – the lowest score anyone can remember. The Rotarians started slowly and hopes momentarily rose when a Lloyd lbw appeal was upheld. Blyth, desperate to salvage some pride, chipped in with 2 wickets to give the Rotarians a scare, but thereafter the Kiwis were never in trouble, passing the ACS score with seven wickets still in hand. We hit the bar early.

Keen to atone for the dismal ACS performances to date, new skipper for game 3 – Des Lloyd – inserted the Auckland Cricket Society with immediate success. Devastating opening spells by Hopkins (1/15) and Blyth (2/19) had our New Zealand brothers reeling at 4/34. With Stumbles

Playing in the last game of the tournament, the ACS joined their opponents the Karaka Stallions in a pre-game toast to cricket. Yet another new skipper Chris Toet was named. He asked the Stallions to bat first. He met with immediate success. Spearheaded by the evergreen Hopkins, the 75-year-old birthday boy tore the Stallions batting to shreds, picking up 4 wickets for just 17 runs. Not far behind was McNamara who captured 2/14 having these days slowed to offies and Blyth and Stumbles who both picked up valuable wickets, restricting the Stallions to just 130. In reply, Dummett was again at his devastating best compiling 40 retired in record time. He was ably supported by Stumbles (25) and Lloyd (23). Together with Toet (27 not out) they guided the ACS to a comfortable victory – ending a great week of cricket on a high note.

Ian Hammet

Recent Activities & Events

Scores from the ACS Wandering XI Fixtures, 2013-14

9 February, 2014 – ACS v Suma Park Bellarinas: ACS 4/196 (Scotland 36, Stumbles 32, Hyde 25 not out) def. Suma Park Bellarinas 5/195 (Jansz 2/21, Clinnick 1/23) by 1 run

23 February, 2014 – ACS v Power House: ACS 8/178 (Scotland 40, Stumbles 38, Watsford 27, Hyde 25) lost to Power House 5/190 (Hyde 2/41, Scotland 1/14, Stumbles 1/20, Watsford 1/34) by 12 runs

2 March, 2014 – ACS v the Eccentrics: ACS 6/217 (Robertson 37, Kish 30, R. Toet 29, C. Toet 28, Hammet 27, Pimm 27) def. the Eccentrics 8/133 (Robertson 3/9, Pimm 2/3, McKenzie 1/22, Chaperon, 1/27) by 84 runs

16 March, 2014 – ACS v Supreme Court XI: ACS 9/148 (Smith 43, McNamara 32, Flack 19, Piesse 18) lost to Supreme Court XI 7/149 (Gibson 2/13, Burgess 1/8, Flack 1/20, Piesse 1/23) by 3 wickets

16 March, 2014 – ACS v The Primary Club: ACS 8/124 (Pimm 33, Robertson 23, Hyde 15) lost to the Primary Club 3/128 (Pimm 2/13) by 7 wickets
16 March, 2014 – ACS v East Malvern-Tooronga: ACS 116 (Hyde 25, Stockdale 14, Scotland 12) def. East Malvern-Tooronga 7/98 (Robertson 4/12, Pimm 2/15) by 18 runs

Scores from the ACS Over 60s Fixtures, 2013-14

16 February, 2014 – ACS v Mornington: ACS 9/165 (Matters 38, Hammet 37, I. Gibson 24) def. Mornington 151 (Lloyd 2/14, Newton 2/21, Matters 1/8, Rhodes 1/22, Blyth 1/26) by 14 runs

2 March, 2014 – ACS v Sunbury: ACS 5/192 (Penaluna 40, Matters 37, Smith 24) def. Sunbury 5/175 (Lloyd 1/20, Flack 1/22, Hansen 1/28, Blyth 1/29) by 17 runs

31 March, 2014 – ACS v the Fingletoads (in Auckland, NZ): ACS 7/207 (Dummett 43, Hammet 41, Smith 5, Lloyd 31 not out) lost to the Fingletoads 6/209 (Lloyd 2/54, Flack 1/27, Toet 1/35, Stumbles 1/42) by 4 wickets

1 April, 2014 – ACS v Wellington Rotary (NZ): ACS 59 (McNamara 16) lost to Wellington Rotary 3/62 (Blyth 2/19, Lloyd 1/6) by 7 wickets

3 April, 2014 – ACS v the Auckland Cricket Society (NZ): ACS 0/10 drew with the Auckland Cricket Society 9/103 (Lloyd 2/9, Blyth 2/19, Stumbles 2/22, McNamara 2/26, Hopkins 1/15), match abandoned, rain

4 April, 2014 – ACS v. the Karaka Stallions (NZ): ACS 4/134 (Dummett 40, Toet 27 not out, Stumbles 25, Lloyd 23) def. the Karaka Stallions 8/130 (Hopkins 4/17, McNamara 2/14, Blyth 1/17, Stumbles 1/22) by 6 wickets

General News

ACS Merchandising

Did you know that the Society has a range of merchandise available to its members? Apparel such as shirts, caps, ties, and lapel pins are all available and all come with the Australian Cricket Society logo on them.

Other items include CDs of speeches given at ACS Annual Dinners by such cricketing luminaries as Sir Donald Bradman, Tony Greig, Kim Hughes, Ian Healy, David Boon, Justin Langer and Jeremy Coney. Bob Hawke even features as an annual dinner speaker among a whole host of well known guests.

For a full list of ACS merchandise go to the 'Merchandise' page on the ACS website at www.australiancricket.com.

By purchasing ACS merchandise, you not only support the Society in its efforts to promote the spirit of cricket, but you are also supporting the Society's sponsorship of budding cricketers to the Bryce McGain's Elite Cricket Academy.

Jim Evans
Merchandising Officer

Kindred Societies

THE ACS – TASMANIA

In a formal ceremony attended by 55 members the Tasmanian branch of the Australian Cricket Society awarded well deserved Life Memberships to long-serving members of their fraternity Geoff Rowlands and Mike Gandy. At the same meeting (last November) the Tasmanian Society honoured retiring head coach Tim Coyle, who was bowing out after having guided the Tasmanian Sheffield Shield team through one of its most successful periods in the competition.

THE ACS – QUEENSLAND

The guest of honour at the ACS- Queensland's February meeting was long-serving Queensland wicket keeper and down the list batsman Chris Hartley, who has played in more than 100 Sheffield Shield matches for his state.

Six of these matches were Shield finals. Chris spoke about the vital role played by Darren Lehmann, who is now the Australian senior coach, in lifting the performance level of the Queensland squad during his time as senior coach of the Bulls before taking up his appointment with Cricket Australia as the mentor and coach of all three Australian squads.

General News

The ICC Announces a New Challenge System for Entry Into Test Cricket

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has paved the way for its second-tier Associate member countries to earn Test status by introducing what it calls the 'Test Challenge', an event that will take place every four years between the lowest ranked Test team and the winner of the world body's first-class Intercontinental Cup (IC) series for second-level cricket nations. The decision, which was taken at a recent meeting of the ICC's board in Dubai, means that at the current time either Bangladesh or Zimbabwe, the two lowest-ranked Test teams in the ICC rankings, will have to play the likes of Afghanistan, the Netherlands, Ireland or the United Arab Emirates, for Test status.

Elaborating on the decision, the ICC stated that the Test Challenge proposal is for the tenth ranked Test side on 31 December, 2017, or at the conclusion of any series in progress at that time, to play two five-day matches at home and two five-day matches away against the winner of the 2015 - 17 Intercontinental Cup, with the inaugural challenge matches to take place during 2018.

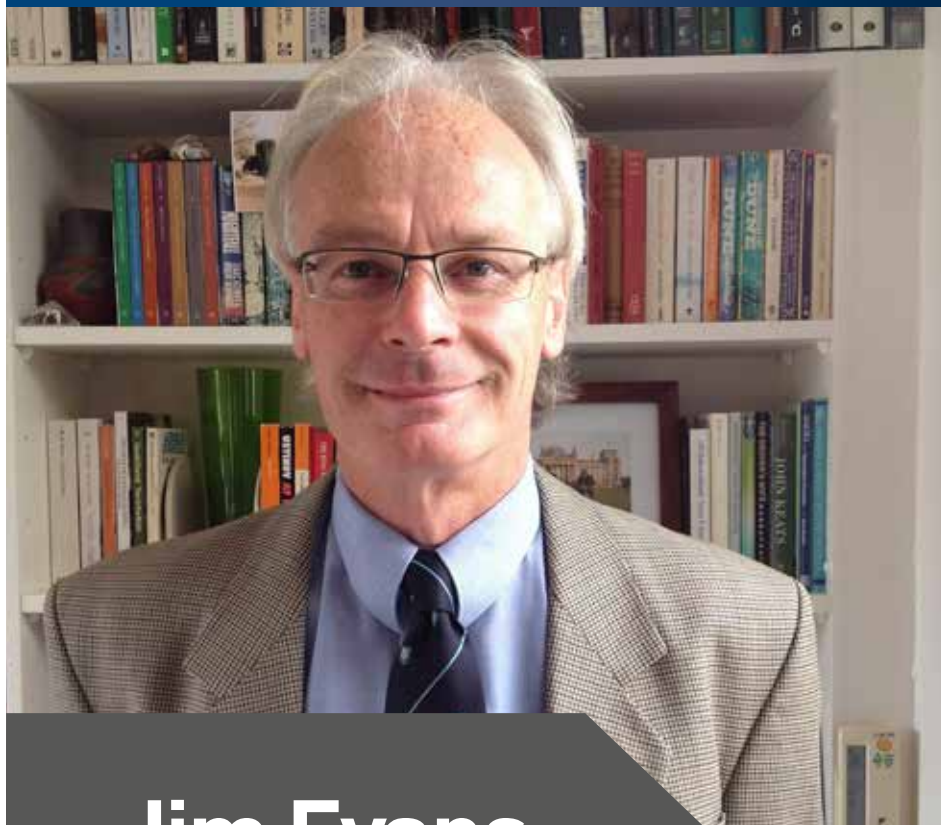
ICC Chief Executive David Richardson has been quoted as saying: "The ICC Test Challenge now opens the door for Associate Members to play Test cricket and in doing so gives even greater context to the Intercontinental Cup which will now be a pathway into Test cricket." It would appear that the status of a current Test playing nation will not change if it loses to a contender from the lower level.

Members & Friends

Bob Seymour's Honour

Among those honoured by Cricket Victoria at a 50 Year Service Luncheon which took place on Day 1 of the Sheffield Shield clash between Victoria and Queensland at the MCG during March of this year was ACS member Bob Seymour who was honoured for his many years of service, mainly as an umpire, with the Victorian Sub-District Cricket Association. Congratulations, Bob, we are all pleased that Cricket Victoria has seen fit to recognize your years of service to the game of cricket over the past 50 years. Other ACS members and friends to be similarly honoured were Phil O'Meara and Jack Sheehan.

Profile



Jim Evans

SOCIETY'S NEW MERCHANDISING OFFICER

Jim Evans is a late bloomer to the game of cricket. The one and only time he played was 30 years ago at school on a cement pitch, with a hard ball and no matting. Having caught the cricketing bug about 10 years ago, he now attends many games at the MCG. He is an avid reader on the history of the game and has a small under-financed memorabilia collection.

After a career in banking, these days he spends his time either renovating houses or doing some volunteer work. We are pleased to welcome him to our fold.

New Members

Since the last issue of **scoresheet** the following new members have joined the Society: *John Nipress, John & Robert Dimattina, Barry James and Graham Slater*. We welcome these new members into the Society and express the hope that they enjoy the fraternity.

Any changes in address or email address details should be conveyed to:

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