



## DON'T MISS OUR BOXING DAY TEST MATCH DINNER WITH PAKISTANI CHAMPION WASIM AKRAM



### OUR GUEST OF HONOUR

Our guest of honour, Wasim Akram, is acknowledged to be one of the greatest bowlers of all time. In a career spanning the 1980s and '90s he took 414 wickets in 104 Test matches at an average of 23.64 and 502 wickets in 356 one-day-internationals (ODIs) at an average of 23.52. He is considered to be one of the founders and perhaps the finest exponent of reverse swing bowling. His whirring high pace left-arm reverse swingers and yorkers from around the wicket changed forever bowling conventions. Among many fine achievements, he was instrumental with his captain Imran Khan in Pakistan winning the 1992 World Cup played in Australia and New Zealand. He also once made 257 in a Test match against Zimbabwe and 123 against Merv Hughes in an Adelaide Test.

Since retiring in 2003 Wasim has been a television commentator with ESPN. Wasim is here in Melbourne as a tv commentator during this Boxing Day Test.

You never know...he might even tell us the secrets of reverse swing. Having him as our guest is one of the greatest coups in all our 50 year long history, so please, sign up and make sure that you are there on the night. It promises to be a great Society occasion.



#### The important details of this gala Society function are as follows:

**DATE:** Tuesday, 27 December 2016

**TIME:** 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

**VENUE:** The Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, 489 Glenferrie Road, Kooyong

**OUR GUEST:** Wasim Akram, Famous Pakistani Fast Bowler.

**COST:** \$100 - Members & Members' Partners. \$110 - Non-Members. \$75 - Juniors under 16.

**BOOKINGS:** Bookings are essential. Bookings and moneys should be in the hands of the ACS Secretary Wayne Ross at PO Box 4528, Langwarrin, Vic., 3910 by no later than Wednesday, 21 December, 2016. EFT payments are fine. If paying by electronic transfer please note the following details with regard to the ACS Account: BSB 633-000 - Account No. 143226314. Please include your Surname with 'SL' - e.g - MANNINGTD - if paying directly into the Account. Cheques should be made payable to the Australian Cricket Society. Wayne's phone number is 0416 983 888. His email address is [info@australiancricketsociety.com](mailto:info@australiancricketsociety.com). Please also advise if you have any dietary requirements

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# Future Activities & Events

## ACS CRICKET FIXTURES – SEASON 2016 – 17

### Wandering XI (Over 40s Matches)

Managers: Ken Piesse (0419 549 458) and Paul Samertzidis (0499 980 121)

30 Oct 2016 v The Lords Taverners – St Bede's, Mentone



*Ilan Hammet and Tim Winter after the thrilling ACS Wandering XI v Lord's Taverners match at St Bedes Mentone on Oct 30. The original declared result of this classic season opener was a spine tingling final ball victory to the ACS. Some debate remains as to the true result, however the joy of cricket was a clear winner on the day.*

- 13 Nov 2016 v The Ringwood Possums \*- Caulfield.
- 20 Nov 2016 v The VCA Umpires – Walter Galt Oval, Parkdale
- 4 Dec 2016 v The MCC XXIXners – Wesley College, Glen Waverley
- 8 Jan 2017 v The Pakistani Asylum Seekers – Lucas Reserve, East Malvern\*
- 15 Jan 2017 v The Eccentrics – Venue To Be Confirmed.
- 29 Jan 2017 v The Ballarat Bushwackers – Ballarat Grammar School.
- 12 Feb 2017 v The Suma Park Bellerinas – Queenscliff.
- 26 Feb 2017 v The Supreme Court XI – Lucas Reserve, East Mavern
- 3 Mar 2017 v Power House – Waverley Oval, East Malvern.
  - Invitation Game.
  - Lucas Reserve – Dunlop Street, East Malvern.

### Over 60s Matches

Manager: Peter Flack (0419 001 939)

- 9 Oct 2016 v Mornington – Elsternwick Park
- 16 Oct 2016 v Gippsland – Elsternwick Park
- 23 Oct 2016 v Essendon – Essendon
- 30 Oct 2016 v VOSCA Zone Game\*

### The Australian National Over 60s Championships - Perth

- 6 Nov 2016 v Queensland - Perth
- 7 Nov 2016 v Victoria 'V' - Perth
- 9 Nov 2016 v South-East Coast – Perth
- 10 Nov 2016 v New Zealand (Bronze Medal playoff match), Perth

### Regular Fixtures

- 27 Nov 2016 v Casey – Elsternwick Park
- 11 Dec 2016 v Glen Waverley – Elsternwick Park
- 18 Dec 2016 v Richmond Union – Richmond
- 8 Jan 2017 VOSCA Zone Game\* – Geelong
- 15 Jan 2017 v Hobsons Bay – Newport
- 22 Jan 2017 v Warrandyte – Warrandyte
- 5 Feb 2017 v Vic. Country – Cooma
- 19 Feb 2017 VOSCA Zone Game\* – Venue To Be Confirmed
- 19 Feb 2017 v Ringwood – Ringwood
- 26 Feb 2017 v Macedon Ranges – Sunbury
- 19 Mar 2017 VOSCA Over 60s Carnival<sup>o</sup> Echuca
  - Invitation Game

## CRICKET FOR LIFE

**C**ricket For Life is about old blokes playing cricket – the game they love. It is a You Tube Video co-produced by Ian Hammet, former Vice President of the Australian Cricket Society, who is a leading member of the ACS's Over 60s cricket team. Some haven't played cricket for years. Others haven't stopped playing recreational cricket since the days of their youth. They are in their 50s, 60s, and even in their 70s, but they're starting to don their whites again. For them it's about staying fit and healthy. And most of all, it's about the camaraderie and enjoyment of playing with a bunch of mates their own age.



**STALWARTS:** *Ilan Gibson (left) and Peter Neville after a half century stand against South-East Coast at Britannia Reserve, Perth. The ACS scored 0-244, with four 'retirements' — it was highest score of the tournament and we won by 29 runs. Full details p6*

The Australian Cricket Society plays 28 games each year at some of the loveliest venues in the cricketing world. And you don't have to be a star to get a game. Its Wandering XI plays a good standard of social cricket against a range of like-minded opponents, while our Over 60s play in the Victorian Over 60s Cricket Association (VOSCA) where rules are tailored for veterans and talent is secondary to fun and friendship.

For some there's even the chance of higher honours when we compete against the *Best of the Rest* at the Australian National Over 60s Championships, which this year were held in Perth. And the ultimate – Australian selection and a Baggy Green if you are good enough. If you'd like a game with the Cricket Society, or you know someone who might, do give ACS Over 60s Manager Peter Flack a call on 0416 001 939 or email him at peterflack@optusnet.com.au, or if you are under 60 but over 40 please get in touch with Ken Piesse at 0419 549 458 (email address – kenpiesse@ozemail.com.au). He would be glad to welcome you into the ranks of the Wandering XI team.

# The President's Piesse

## BRAVERY WITH A CAPITAL B

Every cricketer has a story. Most of you would not have heard of a gent named David Sands, who recently became the first to play 300 games with the Mt. Martha Cricket Club on the Mornington Peninsula. David is 43 and captains Mt. Martha's 'B3' team. He started a generation ago with the club's Under 10s, and has played almost every year since.

Three years ago, ever so suddenly, he experienced an ear ache which became

bacterial meningitis, an infection which attacked his brain. He suffered five strokes and was on life support for a time. He survived, but initially was unable to talk, walk, eat, stand or communicate.

That was three years ago. David had to teach himself to do everything in life which we take for granted all over again. Now he is back at work as a postie, and back playing the game which he has always loved - cricket.

Many of his old mates returned to the club to play alongside him on his 300th game. David faced the first ball of the match, batted for eight overs, took a catch and a wicket - and Mt. Martha won.

David's passion to play is one of the reasons why cricket is the greatest game of all. And why we love it so much.

Have a great summer everyone. Please keep supporting us as we enter our 50th year.

**Ken Piesse - ACS President.**

## Recent Activities & Events

### THE ACS WINTER NOSTALGIA LUNCHEON & THE LAUNCH OF AGAINST ALL ODDS — FRIDAY, 22 JULY, 2016 AT THE KELVIN CLUB

Eleven of Victoria's champion squad from the 1966-67 season were in attendance at our annual Winter Nostalgia Luncheon — again generously supported by Westminster Lawyers, experts in family law matters.

Captain Jack Potter, who now lives in New Zealand, had intended to come but was an 11th hour withdrawal for health reasons.

Three others of the victorious squad Keith Kirby, Eric Shade and Norm Emerson were interstate or overseas at the time, but all kindly signed a special limited edition booklet we produced for the day, entitled *Against All Odds*, by our own Ken Piesse and Mark Browning.

Alan Connolly opened the batting, saying Potter's genius as a leader and motivator had been instrumental in Victoria's campaign.

'No one had expected us to be up there in the fight for the Shield, especially with five of our best players in South Africa with the Aussie team,' he said.

He paid tribute to his opening partner John 'The General' Grant, saying Grant was faster than him yet always bowled into the wind without even one complaint — 'not that I heard anyway!'

Connolly, Grant and wrong-foot spinner Bob Bitmead carried the attack and from the first 'away' game in Perth, created havoc among opposition batsmen.

Grant was one of the unlucky ones not to be chosen in early 1967 for Australia on its 'B' team tour of NZ. Potter also missed a place despite a consistent season with the bat.

Each of the players answered questions and talked of their wonderful season, a career highlight for all.

Peter Bedford, who was 12th man in seven of the eight matches, said it was a great learning experience being around so many legends of the game like Ray Jordon, 'Al Pal'



Connolly and Co. Peter was to go on and win a Brownlow Medal but said he would have gladly swapped it for an Australian baggy green cap.

'I loved cricket and would play three games a weekend. I couldn't get enough of it,' he said.

Opening batsman Bruce 'Tonker' Thomas found himself bowling regularly in the second half of the season, even though he rarely bowled for his club team Hawthorn-East Melbourne.

John Swanson's century of his career in Adelaide helped set up more points for the Vics and the team prospered, losing only one match all season.

Many of the '66 boys were to go on and play Tests including Ken Eastwood, Les Joslin and Paul Sheahan.

All were most generous with their time, signing a special 'tipped in' autograph page, ideal for collectors.

The book was produced by the ACS and president Ken Piesse's publishing arm: [cricketbooks.com.au](http://cricketbooks.com.au)

Among an array of guests were Kevan Carroll, Eddie Illingworth, Don Moyes, Bill Meaklim and George Murray, who had coached Potter at University High.

Almost 80 attended and it was generally agreed to have been one of the finest ACS nostalgia luncheons of them all.

- A few copies of *Against All Odds* remain and are available for \$35 posted from the ACS secretary Wayne Ross at PO Box 4528, Langwarrin 3910

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## The 49th AGM of the Australian Cricket Society - Monday, 3rd October, 2016 - Ron Casey Media Centre at the Melbourne Cricket Ground

### The President's Report

A small group of members were in their places in the Ron Casey Media Centre at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on the evening of Monday 3rd October to hear the President, Ken Piesse, deliver his report on the Society's activities for the year ended the 30th June, 2016. His report, together with the Treasurer's report, and the results of all the matches played by the ACS teams during the 2015-16 season had been previously printed and distributed to members at the AGM.

In particular, Ken made a plea for assistance especially at Board level. He thanked each of our Gold Partners, advising that the funds which we received from them greatly contribute to the Society being able to continue to send Scholars to Bryce McGain's Elite Cricket Academy.

### The Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Adrian McKenzie, outlined the Society's financial situation, pointing out that the ACS had made a small profit of \$280 on a turnover of \$70,000 over the twelve month period under review.

### The Appointment of the Society's Office-Bearers for the 2016 - 17 Year of the ACS's Activities

**President:** Ken Piesse

**Vice-Presidents:** Doug Manning and Anthony Hall

**Secretary:** Wayne Ross

**Treasurer:**

**Committee:** Ross Cook, Peter Flack, David McNamara, Mike Rose.

It should be pointed out that the Board of the ACS has the power to co-opt additional members where this becomes necessary.

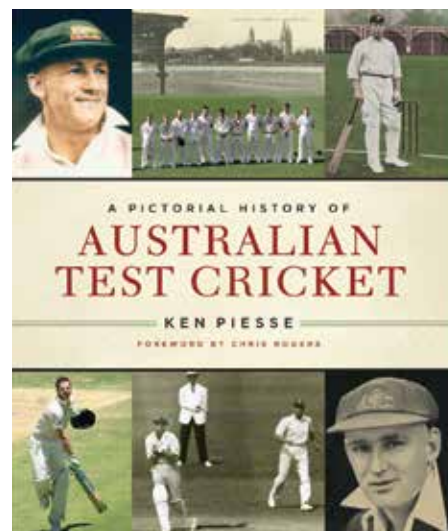
### The ACS's Jack Pollard Literary Award for 2015 - 16.

Roger Page, the Chairman of the Committee, announced that the Society's Literary Award for the 2015-16 publishing year was awarded to Elliot Cartledge and Tim Lane for their book *Chasing Shadows*.

The book is based on the life of the late Peter Roebuck. Elliot Cartledge accepted the Award on behalf of himself and his co-author Tim Lane and spoke for some time on the work of writing the book.

### The Launch of President Ken Piesse's 52nd Book on Cricket - A Pictorial History of Australian Test Cricket.

At the conclusion of the business of the AGM our President, Ken Piesse, was very pleased and proud to launch his latest book - *A Pictorial History of Australian Test Cricket*. He told us that the arrival of a huge collection of cricket memorabilia from northern NSW, which included hundreds of photographs, had prompted him to write the book - his 52nd on cricket. He said that this latest release by Echo Publishing based here in Melbourne, was by far his largest and most important book so far. It contains almost 300 coffee-table sized pages filled with well-researched information on the history of Test cricket played by Australians both at home and abroad, together with hundreds of appropriate photographs matching the text. Ken spoke of his love for the game which had grown and developed since he had attended his first Test match at the MCG in December, 1963.



Ken will have his book, which is truly magnificent, available to members for sale at upcoming functions. If you can't wait until then you could contact Ken direct on 0419 549 458 or email him at [kenpiesse@ozemail.com.au](mailto:kenpiesse@ozemail.com.au).

### Stroke of Genius - Gideon Haigh's Evocation of Victor Trumper Based on Beldam's Famous Photo at an ACS Luncheon Held at the Kelvin Club on Friday, 21st October, 2016

There was an excellent attendance of members and friends of the Society at the Kelvin Club on a cold and mostly wet October day to hear Gideon Haigh, one of Australia's best known and finest cricket writers, evoke an absorbing and enlightening image of the great Victor Trumper.

Gideon's latest book is based around George Beldam's famous photo of the champion batsman, jumping out to drive in a classic pose. It is an iconic image of a cricketer some rate greater than Bradman and has probably been reproduced more often than any other cricket photo, even though the original was taken when the art was in its infancy. Beldam's visionary work in that period saw him elevated as one of its ground breaking and greatest practitioners.

Gideon made the obvious point that none of us now living had seen Trumper play, but because of Beldam's famous photo we all knew what Trumper looked like and his attitude towards playing the game. In particular we admired the fearless and confident way in which Trumper played the drive, the most peerless stroke in cricket, which epitomized the way the game was played in what is known as its golden age.

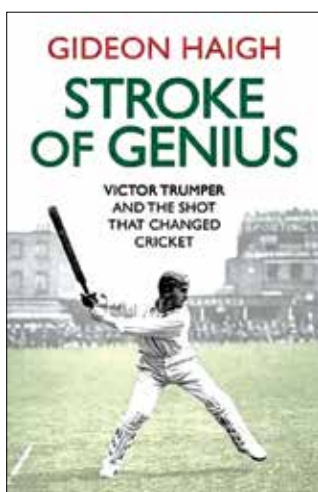


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*The MCG as the young Trumper would have seen it in 1898.*

To quote the blurb on the dust jacket of Gideon Haigh's book, Trumper "lives in an image that captures him mid-stroke: a daring player's graceful advance into the unknown, alive with intent and controlled abandon." Having captured our attention with some telling word pictures of Trumper, Gideon proceeded to examine and analyse Beldam's famous photo from every possible angle. He told us that Beldam was very well known as both an amateur cricketer and a photographer in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, and that in his heyday he recorded images of many of the famous sportsmen of the late Victorian and the Edwardian era, including cricketers.



Turning his attention from Beldam back to Trumper, Gideon told us that Trumper, who died prematurely in 1915 aged just 37 from Bright's disease, was among the most loved and admired cricketers of his age. He mentioned in particular that some of our knowledge of Trumper had come down to us through the comments of C.B. Fry, and unusually for that day and age, Fry's wife, who was also quite a public figure at the

time. Sir Neville Cardus also wrote glowingly of Trumper's prowess, even although Cardus remembered Trumper through the mystic haze of his youth, writing long after the great batsman's sad demise.

Finally, our guest of honour focused briefly on Trumper's well known kindness and generosity of spirit. He speculated that this may have had something to do with why Trumper's sports store in Sydney went broke. But so too did Charlie Turner's sports store, which was located in the same area as Trumper's. Times were often hard during those pre- World War One days. Australia's international cricketers could be away touring for up to six months of the year. On such occasions they would have had to leave their business affairs in the hands of others. It could be risky.

And they weren't paid as handsomely as our top cricketers are today. They only got paid more than just their expenses if the tour made a profit.

Gideon Haigh's address was greeted with spontaneous and heartfelt applause. It was generally agreed that his talk had been among the best that we had heard at our lunch-time



**GUEST OF HONOUR: Gideon Haigh with our own Ken Piesse at our 2016-17 season launch at the Kelvin Club.**

gatherings. When the applause had died down, our President, Ken Piesse, thanked Gideon for his brilliant evocation of the life and times of Victor Trumper, and then presented him with a copy of his own history of Australian Test cricket so recently published.

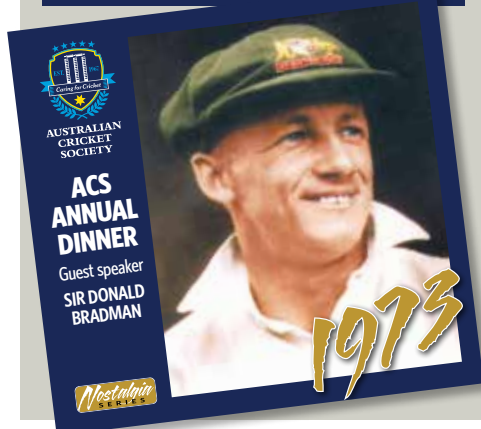
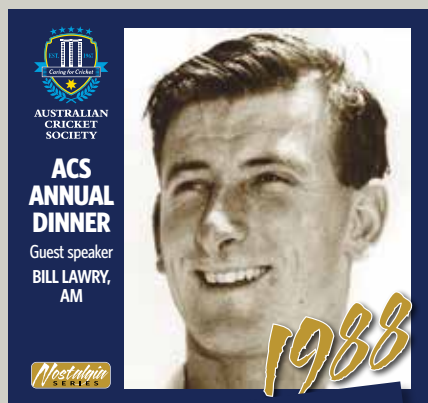
# General News

## The Society's New Category of Membership - Associate Membership

At a recent meeting the Board of the ACS made a decision to introduce an additional category of membership called Associate Membership. This form of membership is designed to meet the needs of those who feel that they are physically no longer able to attend Society functions. For a cost of \$30 a year Associate Members will be entitled to receive a Membership Ticket as well as four copies of *Scoresheet*. This will enable them to retain ACS Membership. If the Member wishes also to receive a copy of our annual magazine *Pavilion*, it will be provided to them for an additional cost of \$10 per year. Already John Bertacco, Ron Mackley and David Robinson have signed up as our first Associate Members.

## The Availability of a Set of ACS Dinner CDs For Sale

A reminder that the Society is marketing a series based on the addresses given by some of the best speakers at our annual dinners and some other functions down through the 50 year history of the ACS. The CDs feature talks by Sir Donald Bradman (1973), Alan Davidson (1974), Bob Cowper (1977), Neil Harvey (1978), Paul Sheahan (1979), Ian Brayshaw (1987), Tony Cozier (1988), Bill Lawry (1988), Tony Grieg (1989), Doug. Walters

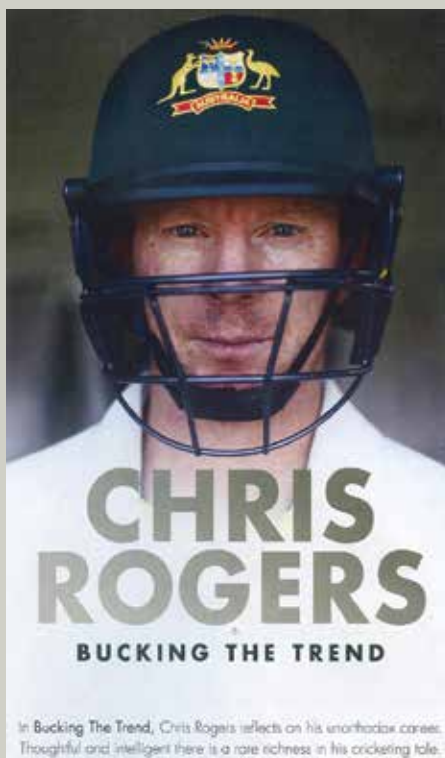


(1993), Christopher Martin-Jenkins (1998), Terry Jenner (1999), Mike Coward ((2000), Jonathan Agnew (2010), and Barry Richards (2014). The cost of each CD is \$20. The cost of the Bradman CD is \$25. They are all available from the Society's Secretary Wayne Ross at P.O.Box 4528, Langwarrin, Vic., 3910. His phone number is 0416 983 888, and his email address is info@australiancricket.com.au.

## A Deluxe Edition of Pavilion is planned for our Jubilee Year in 2017.

Our indefatigable President is also the Editor of our renowned and acclaimed annual magazine *Pavilion*. Ken is planning a deluxe, enlarged edition for later on in 2017 spilling over into 2018, our jubilee year. Watch out for it. It will be a one off very special edition, of the highest quality. Later editions of *Scoresheet* will include further news and developments of this very special project.

## IDEAL XMAS GIFT BOOK



Chris Rogers launched his autobiography *Bucking The Trend* at Kooyong on 18 November. President Ken Piesse rates it one of the best cricketing autobiographies he has read — and he's read a few in his time!

Chris has signed some extra copies for us. If any member would like one for Christmas contact Wayne Ross our secretary on 0416 983 888. With post (within Victoria) the book costs \$50.50. Cheques or EFT ideal thanks. — Ed.

## News from Kindred Societies

### The ACS - Tasmania. Our President Ken Piesse In Tasmania

Ken Piesse, our President, will be in Hobart on Thursday, 8th December to promote his latest book *A Pictorial History of Australian Test Cricket* to the members and friends of the Australian Cricket Society in Tasmania. They are meeting at the Blundstone Arena on Day 4 of the scheduled Sheffield Shield match between Tasmania and Victoria. We feel sure that Ken will receive a warm welcome from our friends across Bass Strait. We are equally confident that he will succeed in selling a few copies of his *magnum opus* to some of the Society members in Hobart

### The ACS - NSW.

The NSW Society, together with the Victor Trumper Society, held a special meeting on Wednesday, 2nd November where they celebrated the 139th birthday of the great man. Initially, they met at the Trumper Oval in Paddington, after which they assembled at the Centennial Hotel in Oxford Street, Paddington. There, they conducted the Cricket Society's 41st annual dinner.

Their special guest of honour was none other than our old friend Gideon Haigh who, very appropriately, spoke about his latest book *Stroke of Genius - Victor Trumper and the Shot That Changed Cricket*.

## 2016-17 Over 60s Championships, Perth

**Game 1:** Queensland 3-193 def. ACS 9-172 (Graeme Anderson 33, Peter Robertson 28, Peter Neville 40 retired, Geoff Crisp 35 not out). Turf.

**Game 2:** Victoria 'V' 2-186 (Greg Johnson 43 ret, Stewart Stockdale 43 ret) lost to ACS 4-190 (Phil O'Meara 30, Ken Piesse 41 ret, Peter Robertson 45 retired), in the 38th over. Carpet.

**Game 3:** ACS 0-243 (Ken Piesse 40 ret, Peter Robertson 40 ret, Graeme Anderson 43 ret, Phil O'Meara 43 ret, Peter Neville 42 no, Ian Gibson 25 no) def *South East Coast* 3-214. Carpet

**Game 4:** ACS 1-238 (Peter Robertson 41 ret, Graeme Anderson 43 ret, Phil O'Meara 41 ret, Peter Neville 36 no, Ian Gibson 25 no) def *New Zealand* 5-123 (24 overs) (Geoff Crisp 2-44, Warren Dummett 4 dismissals) Bronze Play-off Medal match. Carpet

# News of Members

## Peter Flack - Our Over 70s Australian Test Man

**P**eter Flack, the Manager of our Over 60s cricket team which plays in the VOSCA competition, is married to Denise. They have two sons and one daughter, all of whom are sports nuts, their father says. After a distinguished career in business as an administrator he is now well and truly retired. He has been playing cricket since the age of nine, including 27 years with Coburg in the VSDCA competition.

Peter coached Hatch Shield Under 14 teams at Coburg for 15 seasons, winning 5 premierships. He was inducted into the Coburg Club's Hall of Fame, and after 50 years service to the game, was presented with a 50 Year Service Award by Cricket Victoria.

Peter has been playing a most enjoyable brand of cricket with the Society's Over 60s squad since 2008. He was selected in the inaugural Over 70s squad which



represented Australia in a Test Match against England at Rupertswood, and since then has toured England with an Australian representative team in 2013.

An important point to remember about Peter and his cricket is that, due to renal failure, he has to spend three mornings a week on a dialysis machine, which makes his achievements in all the spheres of his activities all the more impressive.

## Our Men at the Victorian Over 60s Cricket Association (VOSCA).

Peter Flack and Ian Gibson have been appointed ACS delegates to the VOSCA Board by the Society's Committee of Management. We feel confident that they will represent the interests of the Society to other members of the VOSCA Board in an enlightened and progressive manner.



**BRONZE MEDALLISTS (SECTION III):** The Australian Cricket Society XIII which finished third in the recent Over 60s National Championships in Perth with three wins and one loss. Only the opening match was played on turf, the rest on carpet. Many of the team took the opportunity to view play in the first Test at the WACA before Carnival Week. Back row, left to right: Phil O'Meara, Paul Taylor, Ken Piesse, Des Lloyd, Geoff Crisp, Ian Hammet. Front: Neil Smith, Ian Gibson, Graeme Anderson, Peter Robertson, Peter Neville, Stuart Jenvey, Warren Dummett. Next year's titles are in Canberra.

# New Members

Since the last issue of *Scoresheet* was published last August, the following members have joined the Society: **Ken Bowden, Brian Gardner, Joel McGlynn, Tim Macmillan, and Stephen Pearson**. In addition **John Bertacco, Ron Macley, Roger Newham, and David Robinson** have joined the Society as Associate Members.

We welcome these new members into the Society. Any change in address or email address should be conveyed to the ACS Secretary, Wayne Ross at P.O.Box 4528, Langwarrin, Victoria, 3910. Phone: 0416 983 888. Email Address: [info@australiancricketsociety.com.au](mailto:info@australiancricketsociety.com.au)

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