



V FOR VICTORY REUNION

The 40th year Reunion Luncheon of Victoria's title-winning teams of 1978-79 & 1979-80

Friday, August 17, 2018, Kelvin Club, Melbourne

It's 40 years since the Victorian XI under the captaincy of Graham Yallop and Dav Whatmore clinched back-to-back Sheffield Shield titles in 1978-79 and 1979-80. We are proud to host a reunion of the all-star team.

Come and hear Graham, Jimmy Higgs, Mick Taylor, Jeff Moss and others from this stellar period for Victorian cricket. A signed, free-of-charge commemorative program will be available on the day, only to those who attend.

Please book early to guarantee your place. The capacity upstairs at the Kelvin Club is limited. Our last reunion luncheon for Jack Potter's 1966-67 boys was a sell-out. Each of the old stars will again speak this time. It shapes as a wonderful afternoon of nostalgia.

Date: Friday, August 17, 2018.

Time: 12 noon for a 12.20 pm start

Venue: Kelvin Club, Melbourne Place, CBD

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

Bookings: Pre-bookings are essential. Bookings and monies should be sent to ACS secretary Wayne Ross at PO Box 4528, Langwarrin, Vic., 3910 by August 14. Cheques should be made payable to the Australian Cricket Society. Payment by electronic transfer is preferred to BSB 633-000, Acc: 143226314. Please record your name and the names of your guests. Wayne can be contacted on 0416 983 888. His email is info@australiancricketsociety.com.au



THE MIGHTY VICS: From the 1979-80 season. Pic courtesy: Peter Binns/Craig White/Cricket Victoria

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Future Activities & Events

The 51st AGM of the ACS

Ron Casey Media Centre, MCG, Monday, 24 September, 2018

The details of this important Society meeting are as follows:

Date: Monday, 24 September, 2018

Time: 6.30 pm for a 6.45 pm start

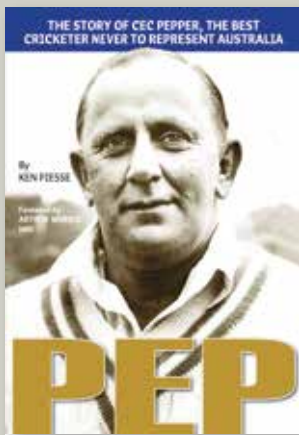
Venue: The Ron Casey Media Centre at the MCG

Parking: Through Gate A off Brunton Ave. Then take Lift 6 & 7 to Level 3 in the Members' Stand. Please contact Wayne Ross if you are coming and require parking.

Purpose:

1. Confirming the Minutes of the 2017 AGM
2. Receiving of Reports.
3. The Election of Office-Bearers.
4. To attend to any other business.

AFTERWARDS: 'Don't cross the Don'



Pep is available in only limited numbers from spring, 2018. It promises to be one of the cricket books of the year.

At the conclusion of the AGM members and friends attending are in for a treat with the launch of *Pep*, the biography of Cec Pepper, our president Ken Piessé's latest book with much Bradman interest... Pepper was just one of those who 'crossed' Don Bradman and lived to regret it.

Ken's address will fascinate. His latest book is '*Pep, the Cec Pepper Story, 'The Best Cricketer Never To Play for Australia'*'. It is available on the night at \$35, a special ACS member's price, or at \$50 posted. One of our members Mark Browning read a pre-release copy of *Pep* and rated it our president's best ever book and a worthy contender for the Jack Pollard Literary Award.

Joe Darling, hero of the Golden Age Book launch luncheon, featuring Adelaide author Bernard Whimpress

Kelvin Club, Friday, October 12, from noon

Join us at the Kelvin Club for the Melbourne ACS launch of a biography of Joe Darling, part-written by new ACS member Graeme Ryan.

Author Bernard Whimpress is coming from Adelaide for the event. He is a very fine orator — and Darling a brilliant cricketer who settled in Tasmania with his set of *Wisden* and chopped wood and played cricket into his 50s to maintain fitness. A fascinating man... and an absorbing book.



The cost of the event is \$75 and \$85. Signed copies of the book available on the day. Please pre-book with Wayne Ross. Payment details, see page 1.

Our Christmas Test Match Dinner Featuring India's famed broadcaster, Harsha Bhogle

Kooyong, Thursday, December 27, 2018 from 7 p.m.



HARSHA BHOGLE:
Our guest on December 27

Voted recently the world's most popular television cricket commentator by Cricinfo, Harsha Bhogle is our guest of honour this Christmas. He is not to be missed. He has been broadcasting and writing about the game since he was 19.

The Society looks forward to the Boxing Day Test Match in Melbourne for the opportunity to see many of the world's best cricketers in action and also to listen to the world's most popular cricket commentator.

The cost of the evening is \$115 and \$125. Payment details: see page 1.

The President's Piesse

Arise Sir Douglas

In the first 50 years of the Australian Cricket Society just 18 have been made life members. Sir Robert Menzies, Sir Donald Bradman and Sydney Smith jnr. were recognized for their sterling involvements with cricket rather than any relationship with the ACS.

Among the 10 living life members none have made a bigger or more constant contribution to all things ACS than Doug Manning.



LIVING LEGEND: Doug Manning.

Caricature by Paul Harvey

At the recent Brad Hodge Dinner we made Doug, 87, our first ever Legend and he received a standing ovation from those present. Remarkably, Doug has been chronicling all our events and activities uninterrupted for five decades. He has been responsible for all but the flimsy editions of Scoresheet edited by John McG Edwards in the very first year of the Society's existence in 1967.

Doug's services and commitment to the Society is unparalleled. He is a foundation member and a life member and still loves watching, reading and writing about cricket.

He was delighted when Scoresheet went all colour several years ago. As a former schoolteacher and lecturer his grammar is immaculate and deadlines are always addressed.

To commemorate his status as our first Legend, Doug. received a plaque and also a magnificent framed illustration penned by Australia's master caricaturist Paul Harvey.

Well played Doug. What an innings you have had. Congratulations and thank you from us all.

Editor's Note: Many thanks for the award. It was a wonderful surprise. It was great to be recognised and appreciated by your colleagues and friends in the Society. You do what you do on a voluntary basis out of love for the game and a desire to serve the Society in assisting to promote and advance our glorious game of cricket. I hope to be able to continue my service to the ACS for a number of years yet whilst I still have health and strength to do so — DM.



DONATIONS: ACS president Ken Piesse with the mini-mountain of cricket gear headed for Port Vila and the headquarters of Cricket Vanuatu, where the game is a religion. Susan Piesse

'A great injustice'

Victoria's most successful cricket coach Greg Shipperd says the controversial omission of Brad Hodge from Australia's Test team remains 'one of the greatest injustices in Australian sport'. Speaking at our ACS Annual Dinner, Shipperd said: 'I can't explain it and can't wait for the book!' Shipperd rated Hodge as Victoria's greatest cricketer of his era, ahead even of Shane Warne. 'He had the "X" factor that few possess,' he said. 'He deserved to play for Australia more often.'

Hodge's continuing omissions from Test teams and tours was partly offset late in his career when he was recalled by Australia at Twenty20 level and played into his 40th year.

Just back from coaching in the IPL, Hodge said a run-in with then Australian captain Ricky Ponting at the MCG during a Sheffield

Shield match had nothing to do with his puzzling omissions.

A father of two, Hodge has ambitions to remain in the game and be a coach at international level. Few understand the intricacies of Twenty/20 cricket like the champion Victorian, widely known as *The Little Master*.

While his Test career was restricted to six matches - he was dropped just two matches after making a double century against the South Africans in Perth - Hodge said rather than worrying about the injustice of it all, he was proud to be selected six times for Australia when its top six batting arsenal was as strong as at any time in history.

In his introduction, Shipperd said that Hodge's famed confidence gave the Victorians an air of invincibility and led to countless titles and trophies. With more than 10,000-plus runs Hodge remains the highest run scorer in Big V history. — KEN PIESSE

Recent Activities & Events

Cameron White Celebration Day, Friday, May 25, 2018.

Seventy members and friends of the Society were present to hear from the well-known Victorian and Australian cricketer Cameron White, who is once again a part of the state's push for another Sheffield Shield in 2018-19.

Among the ACS's guests at this well-attended function were Cricket Australia's long-serving CEO James Sutherland and the recently retired CEO of Cricket Victoria, Tony Dodemaide.

After the evergreen Geoff Poulter had warmed us up as only he can, our guest of honour was introduced to the gathering by 'Dodders' who reminded us of Cameron's considerable CV, which included selection for Victoria at 17, the Victorian captaincy at the age of 20 and Australian selection across all three formats of the game.

Tony also spoke of Cameron's finest team moment in a long and distinguished cricketing career. It was when he and tailender Scott Boland saved the Bushrangers from almost certain defeat at the hands of arch-rivals NSW in Alice Springs. Cameron's 97 ensured a draw which had seemed impossible when the Vics had lost five wickets for just over 50. The Vics snuck into the final and won the title a week or so later against favourites South Australia.

President Ken Piesse, in a scintillating question and answer session, asked how proud Cam was to play such an important role in enabling Victoria to win the Shield in that triumphant 2015-16 season. Ever-modest, Cam proceeded to heap praise on his batting partner Boland ... but he did recall the warm fuzzy feeling he enjoyed with his team mates a few weeks later when the Bushrangers won the final in Adelaide. Cameron had once again chipped in with a vital innings of 78.



GUEST OF HONOUR: Cam White (second from the left) with CA's James Sutherland and Peter Roach and Cricket Victoria's ex-CEO Tony Dodemaide

When asked about the Cape Town ball tampering scandal, Cam said he could understand Cam Bancroft's attitude when he was asked to use sandpaper to change the condition of the ball. Bancroft was a junior member of the team and was by no means certain of his place in the side. Nevertheless, he felt that the action of the Australian players was wrong. He remarked that in all of his long experience as a player he had only seen one other instance of attempted ball tampering (*in a Shield game by WA — ed.*).

Cam's Test cricket career lasted just four matches, in India, when he played as a specialist spinner.

His first Test wicket? Sachin Tendulkar!

Cam paid tribute to Terry Jenner who helped him significantly with his spin bowling earlier in his career. He also thanked his parents, who, during his early days as a teenage cricketer, drove him on a regular basis from his country home in far-away

Bairnsdale up to his club Dandenong for practice and matches.

Captain of the Vics at 20, Cam said it wasn't an easy task. He had to learn quickly how to deal with the personalities and foibles of a wide range of men, on and off the field. He was well assisted by Greg Shipperd, Victoria's long-time coach.

Asked who were the best Victorian players with whom he had played over the last 17 years, he opted for Brad Hodge, just ahead of Matthew Elliott as batsmen. Shane Warne, Peter Siddle and James Pattinson were the outstanding bowlers.

He regarded Ricky Ponting as the best captain under whom he had played.

After answering some questions from the audience, Cameron was thanked most heartily by our president for his presence, at a time when he and his wife were expecting another baby. It had been another top class ACS function.

The Society's 51st Annual Dinner - Friday, June 22, 2018 - at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

Our annual dinner this year featured champion Victorian batsman Brad Hodge, just back from India and collecting in the IPL.

Before the speeches, president Ken Piesse outlined a number of the projects and activities in which the ACS was currently engaged. These included our most recent undertaking to help the keen and enthusiastic young cricketers of Vanuatu by sending them a half-garage worth of cricket equipment. The gear included brand new shoes for the youngsters, bats, balls, pads, gloves, books, a scoreboard... even a boxing

bag and gloves. Three or four clubs had been collecting it all summer. It took almost an hour to load it all onto the Kalgin truck.

Ken then welcomed Shaun Graf, Cricket Victoria's long-time cricket manager to propose **the Toast to Cricket**.

Shaun began by praising the universality of cricket, a game that could be played and watched by both sexes and by people of all ages.

He recalled that his own love of cricket had been kindled at a very early age. Following the example of his father at a similar age, and with great support from his parents, he had started playing under-age

cricket while still in short pants in Somerville on the Mornington Peninsula.

With magisterial thoroughness and a broad sweep of the mind he traced how cricket had developed from a single form of the game which became known as Test cricket to include multiple forms such as Fifty50 cricket and Twenty20 cricket. Shaun said how cricket equipment had multiplied and become much more complex in order to meet the needs of today's cricketers. He also referred briefly to how the game had spread on a worldwide scale to include countries like Bangladesh and Ireland who

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YOUNG CRICKETERS OF THE YEAR: Mackenzie Harvey (left) and Nicole Faltum with Ken Piesse

were now very much part of the wider cricket community. He also touched on the expanded media coverage ensuring the game's standing as one of the best loved and most keenly followed sports on a world scale. It was up to us who loved the game to continue playing and watching to ensure that it continued to meet and overcome all the challenges which confront it as it continues to expand and develop.

The Presentation of Awards

The President then proceeded to present Society awards to a number of people who richly deserved them. Firstly, to the astonishment of your editor our President presented a lavish award to **Doug Manning** in honour of the 50 years of service he has given to the Society as Editor of this newsletter *Scoresheet*. The President has very generously referred to this presentation in his section of this edition of the newsletter. All your editor can say at this point is thankyou. It was great to be recognised.

Awards were also presented to **Mackenzie Harvey** and **Nicole Faltum**, the male and female Young Cricketers of the Year, and to **Peter Robertson**, the ACS Representative Cricketer of the Season. Finally, Jeff Scotland presented the Richard Elvins Memorial Trophy for Over 60s to our President **Ken Piesse** who had performed consistently well in the ACS's matches in 2017-18.

Brad Hodge

Having been introduced by his long-time coach Greg Shipperd, Brad Hodge began by paying tribute to those people who had been a huge influence in his development as a cricketer. In particular he mentioned Shipperd, John Scholes and David Hookes.

As a boy the legends who inspired him were Dennis Lillee, Allan Border and Dean Jones. His first serious cricket was played as

a schoolboy at St. Bede's Mentone where he achieved a boyhood ambition by hitting a six over the extra cover high-wire into the wall of the local Mentone Hotel, a carry of almost 100 metres.

Brad traced his cricketing development through under-age representative cricket through to his invitation to the Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy working under the legendary Rod Marsh. He described in some detail how the young cricketers, who included such gifted players as Jimmy Maher, Martin Love and a 16-year-old Ricky Ponting, were put through their paces in an effort to teach them how to deal with fast, short pitched bowling.

Soon afterwards in his very first season of Sheffield Shield cricket, he made almost 1000 runs, aged 18.

He was honest enough to acknowledge, though, that at that stage of his career, he lacked direction and leadership in his game.

His early years of cricket were roller-coasting. His self doubts were so dominant one day that he didn't want to go out and play.

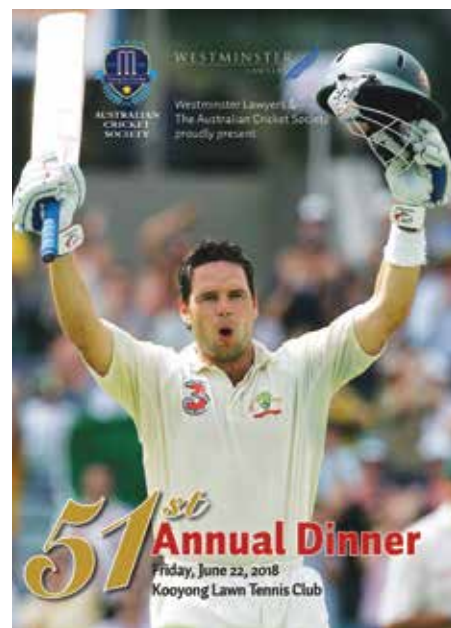
Every cricketer, he said, knew his stats intimately and knew where they stood in the pecking order.

He described in some detail a match against Brian Lara's visiting West Indian team when, after labouring skilfully and well for about four hours he found himself 134 not out, before having his thumb broken by Courtney Walsh. He was out for the next six weeks and had to start his ascent towards the Test team all over again. It was a superb illustration of the roller-coaster nature of the game.

Our guest finally got his chance to wear the famous baggy green cap for the first time in Hobart. He was proud to have represented his country in Test cricket six times in an era when Australia had one of its

strongest and most distinguished top sixes in history. He told us how disappointed he was missing out in his one-and-only Boxing Day Test match in front of a huge crowd, including his family and all the people who had helped him along the way.

He said he had simply stuffed up his one opportunity to perform on the biggest stage of all.



ANNUAL DINNER GUEST: Brad Hodge.
SNNI/Johann Dias Jayasinha

He talked of his enjoyment of batting with his long time Victorian teammate David Hussey. He was always positive and encouraging. He also loved batting with Matthew Hayden as he would bully even the fastest bowlers.

He spoke of his coaching ambitions and how the attitude you needed to adopt when you were coaching was entirely different from that of a player. A good coach was always thinking of his team and how he could make each player a better player so as to maximise his contribution.

Brad had just returned from a coaching role in the Indian Premier League. He told us that the IPL was the pinnacle of domestic cricket in that the talent pool is miles ahead of any other competition. 'You've got the best players in the world competing against each other which is something you don't get in our Big Bash League where the major Australian Test players are usually prevented from playing by the authorities and scheduling,' he said.

Cricket was so much in his blood that he would continue to be involved in some aspect of the game.

He also conducted a question and answer segment before life member Ian Hammet thanked him for his time on the behalf of everyone in attendance.

Member's Forum

PHIL ROWAN: Why I love cricket

My Dad came to Australia in 1949, having previously played minor county cricket in the same XIs as some great players like Denis Compton and Bill Edrich. He loved Len Hutton and Yorkshire cricket — even though he was a Lancastrian. My love of cricket was inherited directly from him. Dad had a great friend in Norman Blundell at Essendon before he took up umpiring.

'I'd often go to matches with Dad and keep the scores while he was umpiring.

'I liked to listen to the cricket all night from England and particularly when South Africa was playing Australia in 1966-67. Charles Fortune was one of the commentators.

'I have loved South African cricket ever since, having listened to the exploits of Colin Bland, Graeme and Peter Pollock, Denis Lindsay, Mike Procter and Trevor Goddard. I also remember our own Graham McKenzie whom I had the good fortune to meet years ago at one of the Society's functions. I also remember John Traicos who represented both South Africa and Zimbabwe. I believe that he now lives in Australia. I would love to hear him speak of his timers in the game.

'At 16, I took up umpiring under the tutelage of Bill Copeland in the YCW Cricket Association. I was lucky to umpire a grand final in my first season. I also umpired in the VCA and have fond memories of Bill Smyth, the long-time umpires' advisor, who told us that if someone asked why a batsman had not been given out to tell them "because I said so". Dad and I umpired Country Week cricket for a number of years at Victoria Park.

'Due to illness I retired at age 37 but have always followed the game. I was at the Basin Reserve in Wellington the day Richard Hadlee dismissed Allan Border lbw. It was his 300th Test wicket, quite a milestone for the times.



GOLD PARTNER: Phil Rowan runs a chauffeur service

'I had taken up photography and captured the event. Years later Richard signed the photo for me which showed the umpire with his finger up and the ball at Border's feet and Hadlee with his arms up high in full appeal.

'I was also lucky enough to go to India in 1986 and 1987 and was at Madras (Chennai) for the tied Test where Dean

Jones made 200 and was named Man of the Match. Greg Matthews took 10 wickets in the match, made 70-plus runs for once out and bowled almost unchanged on the last day. He would have also been a worthy recipient of the award.

'I also remember Greg being pelted with eggs and being abused after a wonderful innings at the Basin — yet he still came out of the rooms and signed autographs for well over an hour afterwards. He may not have been everybody's cup of tea, but he was always respectful of the game.

'I was also in India for the 1987 World Cup where several of the younger ones like Steve Waugh, Mike Veletta and Simon O'Donnell came of age. They were real gentlemen and always had time to talk, to everyone.

My last cricket tour was to Singapore and Thailand where I umpired a few games. The humidity was worse than Madras, but at least these places didn't stink like the Buckingham Creek in Madras.

'Cricket has been and always will be my pastime. I love the famous quote from Lord Harris: "You do well to love it... to play it keenly, honourably, generously, self-sacrificially is a moral lesson in itself. Foster it my brothers, so it can attract all who can find time to play it, protect it so it may be in favour with all men."

'I am proud to be a member of the ACS and still making a contribution as we all look to nurture and care for the game.'

*** Phil Rowan has been a long-time gold partner of the ACS and a member since the very early years — ed.**

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INDIGENOUS GREAT: Johnny Mullagh's final resting place

Johnny Mullagh's gravestone

The Society made a small donation to help restore the gravestone of the famous aboriginal cricketer Johnny Mullagh earlier this year.

Johnny died on August 14, 1893 at the Pine Hill Station, Harrow. He was buried in the Harrow Cemetery along with his bat and a set of stumps. A headstone was erected to mark his grave. A year later a monument was erected in Mullagh's memory at the Harrow Cricket Ground which is now known as the Johnny Mullagh Oval.

The fencing around his grave has now been stabilised and the wording on the headstone re-defined.

2018 Queen's Birthday Honours

The editor is grateful to Greg McKie and Wayne Ross for providing the following mostly cricket-related Queen's Birthday honours, all OAM's to: David Anstice, Robert Bache, Joanne Broadfoot, Stephen Gough, Neil Harvey MBE, Graham Hudson, John Inverarity MBE, Ian Ravenscroft & Anthony Wells.

James Sutherland stepping down

The long-serving CEO of Cricket Australia James Sutherland was described as Australia's leading sports administrator

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by CA Chairman David Peever when he recently announced his intention to step down from his position within the next year.

James has overseen a great period of change during his time in charge of Australian cricket. His fast tracking of the Big Bash League along with his prime work in ensuring the granting of a multi-million dollar media rights deal guaranteeing fresh prosperity for cricket and its male and female representative cricketers Australia-wide will undoubtedly come to be seen as two of his greatest achievements.

James was general manager of Cricket Australia from 1998 before becoming its

CEO three years later. A former Sheffield Shield fast bowler, James's son Will and daughter Annabel are budding state and national players.

James has been a great supporter of the ACS, most recently supporting our Cameron White celebration day in May. — KP

Cricket Victoria's new CEO

Andrew Ingleton, 55, is the new chief executive at Cricket Victoria. A former first XI player with Melbourne University and Carlton, Andrew had worked for five years as general manager of game and market

development at Cricket Australia before joining Cricket Victoria in March. He had also previously worked in the corporate sector home and overseas with Dulux and Orica Mining.

On his appointment Andrew said: 'Cricket Victoria has a crucial role to play at every level of our game – from building our grassroots facilities, clubs and participation through to successful Big Bash franchises and producing more Australian cricketers. I'm looking forward to working with the dedicated Cricket Victoria team to deliver on our objective in the years ahead.'

News from Kindred Societies

ACS Sydney recently hosted ex-Australian players Laurie Mayne and Peter Taylor. **Cricket Lovers South Australia** was in July addressed by SA's state coach and ex-Melburnian Jamie Siddons. **ACS Tasmania** is launching a biography of the Bailey cricketing dynasty in early October, featuring the youngest of the Bailey's, George. *Cricket In the Genes*, a 264 page hardback is available to ACS members at \$50 posted from cricketbooks.com.au (orders through Wayne Ross please).

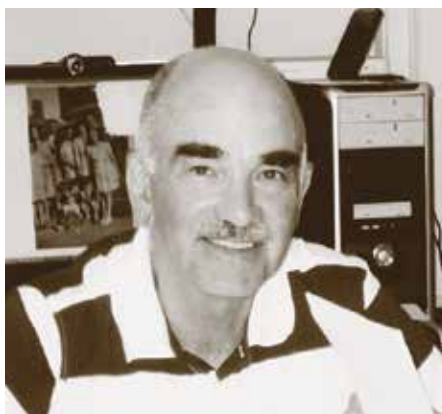
Meet our Members

GRAEME BRYCE

I spent all of my cricketing life, 23 years in all, playing for Port Melbourne in the subbies. I began in the fourths in 1960-61 and worked my way up to the firsts where I played around 70 games as either an opening bat or opening bowler... always into the wind.

I made my two centuries opening the batting with the seconds. The first was at Geelong, and batting with my brother Rigger, we put on a first wicket partnership of 190 (a club record), whilst the second was at Altona where I batted through the innings. My best bowling performance was in the seconds in a one-day game against Waverley where I bowled unchanged (18 eight-ball overs) and took eight for 36. I also had two 5-wicket innings in the 1sts.

My only premierships at Port was in the thirds in 1972-73, where I took a hat-trick



PRIDE OF PORT: Graeme Bryce

in a semi-final and six wickets in the final against Yarraville.

I lived in London in 1972 and visited Australia House and saw a poster asking for players for their cricket XI so I applied. The

team was captained by Dave Anderson who played for Fitzroy and Victoria. The games were very competitive, and often didn't finish until 9 pm.

Trevor Chappell played one game with us as he was in England that summer to watch his brothers in the Ashes series. My highlight was my first hat trick whilst playing with Australia House against Norwood CC. The club kindly mounted the ball and sent it to me in Melbourne. I loved bowling on the green English wickets and took the most wickets for the club in the season that I played.

I retired from cricket in 1984-85 but made a comeback in 2010 playing with Bayside in the Over 60s. An injury to my knee in 2012 has restricted my involvement. I now play only a few games each year with ACS and Bayside to keep in contact with the other members. ☺

New Members

Since the last issue of *Scoresheet* in May the Society has welcomed the following new members: **Bruce Bennett, Ray Evans, Sam Ferguson, Graham Lockwood, Carol Robinson, Graeme Ryan** and **John Ryan**.

Any changes in address or email addresses should be shared with ACS secretary Wayne Ross at P.O. Box 4528, Langwarrin, Vic., 3910. Phone: 0416 983 888 or email info@australiancricketsociety.com.au

The deadline for inclusion of material for the Spring edition of Scoresheet is October 12, 2018. The Editor's home phone is 9876 3909 and email dmanning@bigpond.com



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