



**AUSTRALIAN
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SOCIETY**

**Australian Cricket Society
53rd Annual Report
& Financial Statements
2019/2020**

Presented at the Annual General Meeting
of the Australian Cricket Society Incorporated
Monday, 17th August 2020 (Via Zoom Conferencing)

ACS Committee 2019/2020

President:	Ken Piesse
Vice President:	Anthony Hall
Secretary:	Wayne Ross
Treasurer:	Brian Tooth
Committee:	Geoff Craig, Keiran Croker, Sam Ferguson, David McNamara and *Mike Rose.

In addition, ACS Member, Stuart Stockdale, who had taken on the role as Chairman of Taverners Victoria, was invited to attend our meetings as an observer (David McNamara did likewise for the Taverners group).

In February 2020, Drew Payne, Pam Bishop and Melissa McConnell were seconded to the Committee. Melissa withdrew as a result of the COVID-19 virus which impacted on her business to the extent that she needed to devote her time to her business in order to maintain it as a going concern.

*Mike Rose passed away in April 2020.

Honorary Life Members

Sir Donald Bradman *, Sir Robert Menzies *, Rev. Dean Fred Chamberlin *, Colin Barnes, Sydney Smith *, Richard Elvins *, Fred Hall, Doug Manning, Steve Mason, Roger Page, Ken Strickland *, Ian Stuart *, Rex Thompson, Ian Hammet, J Neville Turner *, Ken Piesse, Ken Woolfe and David Jukes

[* Deceased]

Patron

Ricky Ponting AO

Ambassadors

Ray Bright, Tony Crafter, Graham Dawson, Rodney Hogg, Merv Hughes, Melanie Jones, Paul Reiffel and Bryce McGain

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President's Report

Cricket has taken a backseat in recent months with most of in lockdown, worrying and caring for extended family and friends. Our Society program for 2020 which had begun buoyantly with a luncheon featuring Ben Oliver from Cricket Australia proved to be our last as we head towards spring with still no certainty about a resumption of cricket across all levels.

We trust that all our members and immediate families have remained healthy and safe and that we can all meet again soon, continuing the fraternity which other clubs and groups envy.

Among the events on hold included our footy season launch with Peter Bedford and our annual dinner which depending on Government advice may not be held until December.

Despite the health issues, we had a most gratifying first six months of the 2019-20 season with some magnificent events, the highpoint being the launch of our new ACS backed booklet Bob's Boys, a tribute to the 1969-70 Victorian team which won the Sheffield Shield under the leadership of the legendary Bob Cowper, in his farewell season.

A dozen of the team attended including Bob and Graeme Watson from Sydney, 'The Beatle' one of several of the team to since pass. As I write news has reached me of the passing of another of the team, fast bowler Nigel Murch, one of the most flamboyant cricketers of his times and one who gave selflessly to his old club St Kilda as club president and a long time committeeman.

Nigel was too ill to attend the launch, on October 25. Blair Campbell and Les Joslin were also missing, but everyone else came including John Swanson, Rob Rowan, Ken Eastwood, Norm Carlyon, Peter Bedford, Bruce Thomas and Alan Thomson (who contributed a foreword to the limited-edition).

Keith Stackpole and Paul Sheahan who were in South Africa with the Australians in 1969-70 also came.

We also hosted half a dozen of the New Zealand team from 1980-81 at their Melbourne Test reunion, at Cricket Victoria's new headquarters at the Junction Oval at Christmas time. That was also a great success, our partnership with Taverners Victoria swelling numbers at both events. We have prided ourselves on the quality of our functions and these two were top shelf.

The bestowing of recognition Medals for members who had served for 25 and 50 years was another welcome initiative, while we are in the process of organising scholarships, both for young budding cricketers and cricket writers through an internship being co-organized by the Deakin University.

Our first scholarship group trials had to be put on hold until the spring with the Covid-19 complications. Our scholarship head coach Keith Jansz will ensure that those chosen become better cricketers and play in a competitive and sporting way.

Our central charity again remains the Ponting Foundation.

We have continued to make regular donations. It is such a good cause and is very well managed, with more than 90 cents in every dollar going directly to the families of cancer sufferers.

As always our initiatives and visions have been geared and co-ordinated by a most hardworking and caring committee, headed again by our long-time secretary Wayne Ross and treasurer Brian Tooth. 'Rossy' and 'BT' make a mighty financial team. My particular thanks to you both...and to all who have served us so faithfully at committee level: David McNamara, Drew Payne, Pam Bishop, Sam Ferguson, Keiran Croker, Stu Stockdale (as the Taverners rep) and Geoff Craig. We miss Mike Rose, who passed in autumn. Our Winter edition of Scoresheet issue was dedicated to him and his ACS involvements.

My personal thanks too to our outgoing Vice President Anthony Hall for his guidance and support over many years.

We have continued to 'meet' regularly through the autumn and winter months via Zoom video conferencing with extra sub-committees being implemented to share the workload.

Members have been kept informed of our activities via our e-newsletters which I have been writing and distributing, along with the quarterly issues of Scoresheet, for so long the province of our Legend Doug Manning.

Our thanks, too, to all our gold partners, Westminster Lawyers, Hark Media, McLardy McShane, Events Travel, cricketbooks.com.au and Limousines at Call. Their involvement – and yours – allows us to continue to fund new initiatives.

Our bottom line profit for the 12 months to June 30 was \$454. Our membership remains stable at around 320. Our accounts continue to be unaudited as our turnover is sufficiently modest not to have to pay a sizeable amount to an outsider as we look to maximize our donations to Ricky and Rianna's Foundation and also fund our newly established ACS Cricket Academy (which has replaced Bryce McGain's Elite Cricket Academy).

I'd like to personally thank several others who have again been so generous with their time. Geoff Poulter was again our function warm-up man, constantly delighting us all with his one-liners and tall tales and true. The high standard of Scoresheet would not be possible without the assistance of production editor Mark Browning. Mark also continues to be a senior feature writer for our flagship magazine Pavilion. Ian Gibson and Peter Flack were our delegates at Veterans Cricket Victoria, keeping us fully informed about matches and Championships.

Thanks everyone for your faith and input. Please do your best to continue to support our functions and recruit more members... the younger the better! It will allow us to continue to flourish. We need more people with passion and vision willing to energise the Society and keep it strong, vibrant and relevant. Thanks again to you all for having so much faith in me.

KEN PIESSE President

Functions & Events 2019-20

25th October 2019

Sheffield Shield 50-year Reunion (Kelvin Club)

One hundred and forty guests attended this sensational luncheon which featured the Captain, Bob Cowper and team-members Peter Bedford, Norm Carlyon, Ken Eastwood, Keith Kirby, Robert Rowan, Eric Shade, John Swanson, Bruce Thomas, Alan 'Froggy' Thomson, John Ward and Graeme Watson. The book, 'Bob's Boys' written by Ken Piesse and Mark Browning, was launched at this Function.

27th December 2019

Boxing Day Test Dinner with the New Zealand (CitiPower Centre)

Six members of the New Zealand Squad which played against the Australians in the 1980~1981 season and in the Boxing Day Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in December 1981 in attendance. Seventy-one ACS Members and a number of New Zealand tourists enjoyed another excellent Dinner and in particular, the tremendous input from the New Zealand cricketers.

6th March 2019

Lunch with Ben Oliver (Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club)

Ben Oliver, the newly appointed Cricket Australia's General Manager for National Teams, spoke eloquently about his life and times in cricket, as a player and as an Administrator. Thirty-six Society Members were enthralled with Ben's excellent presentation.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 precluded any more functions. The annual AFL Launch with 1970 Brownlow Medallist, Peter Bedford, was to take place on 20th March 2020 at The Kelvin Club, but this was postponed. Hopefully we can schedule this for later in 2020.



Our latest publication was Bob's Boys, launched for the reunion of the 1969-70 team. Twelve of the team attended, including Norm Carlyon (pictured)



1969-70 Vics reunion: Bob Cowper, the team's captain, with

Ken Piesse. Bob lives back in Melbourne now and loved the afternoon.



Christmas Kinis (from left) Bruce Edgar, Paul McEwan, Ewen Chatfield,

Stephen Boock and big Lance Cairns with president Ken Piesse



Cricket Australia's Ben Oliver was a most effusive guest at our last Kooyong luncheon before Covid-19.

Pavilion & Scoresheet

The 2020 Edition of **Pavilion** was again edited by ACS President Ken Piesse. David Frith wrote of his top five Ashes 100s and Mark Browning responded with his top ten. Wayne Ross wrote on the Miracle of Headingley and Ken Piesse produced sensational articles about Georgia Wareham, Neil Harvey and Keith Miller and great interviews with Alan 'Froggy' Thomson (pictured right) and Australian Test Skipper, Tim Paine.

Our thanks also to Ken for taking over the editing of **Scoresheet** from Doug Manning this season and to the continued quality design by Bruce Godden.



Gold Sponsors

#Thank You

Our Charitable work wouldn't be possible without the support of our gold partners financially and in supporting our events. We hope that you can support these businesses especially in the hard times we find ourselves in.

Westminster Lawyers are specialists in family law and are centrally based in the CBD. Call our members Michael Lefebvre or Julian McDonald (phone 9670 1734). continue to sponsor our luncheons.

Hark Media our print partner and the company of departing Vice President Anthony Hall can help with any print, design or communications project you have. Anthony is a great cricket lover and also has a passion for creating personal cricket memorabilia **UframedSport**.

McLardy McShane Financial Services are expert in general and personal insurances. The principals at McLardy McShane, Don and Mike, have been in business for two decades and as a joint entity for seven years. They employ over 25 specialist staff over five locations and pride themselves on personal, professional and long-standing relationships.

Our contact is Vishal Kapoor (Phone 9429 3600).

Legends and Heroes are experts in sports memorabilia auctions and charity events. Give Allan Morrison a call (9421 1163)

Limousines at Call offer an excellent, personal service for members using Tullamarine regularly. CEO Phil Rowan, a long-time ACS member, has been very helpful in chauffeuring many of our interstate guests from the airport into the city and back. (phone 1300 221018). Again in these times we thank him for support and hope business will return.

Cricketbooks.com.au offer a 10% discount off all new and second-hand books, cigarette cards and memorabilia to ACS members, both in Melbourne and interstate and stock three rooms of new and second-hand titles. Appointments by arrangement (phone 0419 549 458)

Events Worldwide have enjoyed many years of getting our members to some of the great cricket matches and grounds across the world. We look forward to travel anywhere, locally, interstate and overseas with them again hopefully soon.



ACS Membership

At the end of 2019~2020 there were 313 Financial Members of the Society which includes Life Members, Corporate Sponsors and Patron, Ricky Ponting. The number also includes six honorary members, eight ambassadors and our Scholar, Jarred Smith. Fourteen joined the Society in the last 12 months, but a number of Members decided not to continue and three (Mick Heagarty, Peter Danson and Mike Rose) passed away while those who had been unfinancial since 2018~2019 were removed as Members.

It is of concern to the Committee that the membership is certainly ageing and the challenge is to attract young members who share the love of Cricket that each of our Members have. Having said that, it must be said that the Members of the Society are fiercely loyal and supportive. The Committee has appointed Keiran Croker as its Membership Officer, whose major task will be to attract a younger group of members.

	2018/19	2019/20
Patron	1	1
Life Members	10	10
Members	267	274
Associates	7	5
Juniors	-	-
Corporates	8	8
Honorary	5	6
Ambassadors	8	8
Scholars	2	1
	308	313

ACS Committee



President:
Ken Piesse



Vice President:
Anthony Hall



Secretary:
Wayne Ross



Treasurer:
Brian Tooth



Member:
David McNamara



Member:
Kieran Croker



Member:
Mike Rose



Member:
Geoff Craig



Member:
Sam Ferguson



Member:
Drew Payne



Member:
Pam Bishop

The Committee met on nine occasions during the 2019~20 Season. President Ken Piesse presided over each of these, Vice President Anthony Hall attended three, Secretary Wayne Ross attended all meetings and Treasurer Brian Tooth attended seven. Committeemen attendances were - David McNamara (8), Keiran Croker (8), Mike Rose (5) Geoff Craig (6) and Sam Ferguson (7). Drew Payne and Pam Bishop attended five meetings and Melissa McConnell, one. In addition, Stuart Stockdale was an observer at six.

Vale: Mike Rose

We all remember Mike Rose with love and affection. His passing has affected so many – especially everyone at the Australian Cricket Society

where he has been such a good friend to so many for years.

Mike attended all our functions, was a friend to everyone and at events, 'doubled' as our merchandising officer. Approaching one annual dinner, featuring our patron Ricky Ponting, I asked him to run our table of goodies and gave him a sheet of paper outlining what was there, the ties, the CDs, back issues of Pavilion and their prices. Telling me the type was too small, Mike ever ingenuously borrowed a whiteboard and a marker and soon had arrows going in crazy directions everywhere, a little like a family tree, except not as neat.

He might have had a drink this night, too. 'How did the sales go Mike?' I asked afterwards. 'Didn't sell a #@%ing razoo Master.'

Afterwards Mike was meandering out into the foyer (he was the non-driver that night) and looked back to see Maree, the love of his life, calmly walking out with

none other than Ricky, the guest of honour and the best since Bradman

'@#\$\$%, Maree... do ya know oo you're with?

'Hey mate,' he said to Ricky. 'That gorgeous girl there... she's wid me!' Turning to Maree, Ricky asked: 'Do you know that fella?' 'Never seen him before in my life.'

Mike loved the Dees and had followed them up to Darwin for a game. Postmatch he went off to get some drinks and Jimmy Stynes, the-then MFC president was looking for a vacant

seat and asked Maree if he may sit down. 'Sure,' she said. Mike returned with some cold ones, saw Jimmy and almost dropped the tray. '@#\$\$%, Maree, do ya know who you're sittin' with?

Mike loved footy and music almost as much as the cricket. He umpired many of our games, including a

match in mid-March in Echuca, just weeks before his passing. He achieved one of his ambitions in 2019

when umpiring his first-ever Premier Firsts fixture in November.

His considerable 'CV' included 161 games, through all the grades at Cricket Victoria.

Well played Mike, you were one in a million mate. – KP

- Mike William Rose died on April 20, he was 67.



OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Our partnership with Bryce McGain's Elite Cricket Academy, came to a close this season as Bryce's input was curtailed with other business interests. We thank Bryce for many years involvement with the Society. Jarred Smith from East Malvern-Tooronga CC however was able to complete his three-year term this year.

The Society decided to consider other possibilities to continue a program and has joined with Keith Jansz Cricket Academy. The Australian Cricket Society Academy involves scholarships for 10 juniors, five male and five female to undertake a comprehensive coaching program over a period of six weeks.

Trials were organised to take place in March 2020 at the Frankston Peninsula Cricket Club but as a result of COVID-19 restrictions, the Trials were postponed. We will reschedule when we can.



ACS Young Cricketer Awards

The Society is pleased to announce **Jake Fraser-McGurk** from the Monash Tigers CC as the young Male Cricketer of the season and **Tess Flintoff** from the Ringwood CC as the young Female Cricketer of the season.

Jake had an outstanding season which culminated with his selection, and a terrific batting performances, for the Victorian Sheffield Shield team. He also represented Australia in the

Under 19 World Cup in South Africa.

The award to Tess was a truly pleasing one for the Society as Tess first came to our notice when she was awarded a 3-year ACS Scholarship to attend Bryce McGain's Elite Cricket Academy as a 12-year old in 2015. Earlier this year, Tess was part of the Victorian squad and also the Melbourne Stars in WBBL and played against Sri Lanka's T20 World Cup team.



Jake Fraser-McGurk (left) and Tess Flintoff, our Steve Mason Young Cricketers of the Year for 2020. Tess was the first female to win a scholarship from the ACS, in 2015 to the Elite Cricket Academy.

ACS Playing Over 60's XI

The ACS again fielded two teams in 2019-20, the Over 60s in the Veterans Cricket Victoria competition and the Wandering XI which true to its name played a variety of games at venues from Frankston and Caulfield to Strath Creek and Suma Park.

Our thanks to the team coordinators Ken Piesse (Over 60s) and Sam Ferguson (Wandering XI). Players were regularly updated throughout the season with itineraries and match reports, the on-field fraternity again evident every time we went out.

We won our share of the games, not that the bottom line mattered that much.

Among the most memorable Over 60s matches was the titanic struggle against the Mornington Peninsula lads at the Main Street Oval, Mornington, after an 11th hour venue change, a turf wicket at Jubilee Park being unavailable. We also had a good game, hosting Trevor Saker's Benalla at Elsternwick, the opportunity to play against our own country member Peter Neville adding to the fun. Pete is a super stylist and still a very fine player. One thump over mid-off by Ian Gibson (the East Malvern version) against Saker's on-the-money medium pace was the shot of the season. Maybe our best game was against Sunbury at Keilor when Ian Gibson (the metropolitan Gibbo) and Paul Morrey both scored impressive 40s in a rain curtailed match which saw the scores tied after 20 overs each. Gibbo's 40 came from around 35-36 balls and was very impressive.

Among our newcomers to excel included allrounder Dave Long and Paul Morrey who had played a lot of District and subbies cricket together years earlier. Peter Carmody was an invaluable south-of-the-Yarra recruit while Peter Robinson was again able to play regularly, adding depth to our batting and bowling. Peter Robertson, a regular Vic 'Ones' player was always welcome. He had a good game at Geelong, despite being hampered by a calf complaint.

Our congratulations to three of our members, who have represented the Australian Over 70s in recent times in the two Ian Gibson's and the evergreen wicketkeeper Wavell McPherson, who all toured the UK.

In February/March this year, Ian A Gibson (the Jeeralang Junction version) was the team vice-captain. Well done to you all lads. You make us all very proud.

This coming season we are again aiming to play 10 Over 60s 'roster' games on a purely social basis. We may also field an Over 70s team for three games, depending on sport being played again, of course. We are again endeavoring to play as many matches as possible on turf and thank the clubs like Frankston Peninsula, Kingston Hawthorn, Elsternwick and East Malvern for allowing us to use their turf ovals and facilities.

Our Over 60s team won five lost four and drew one of its 10 matches.

The Over 60s will have the opportunity to again play at National Championships level on the Gold Coast in September 2021, after this year's carnival was postponed.

Our Wandering XI had an entertaining match at Strath Creek, defeating old rivals the MCC XXIXers. Jeff Scotland, Keith Jansz and Geoff Craig were standouts every time they appeared.

The team was well captained by big Sam Ferguson who says his win-loss record of 1-6, while unflattering, was not truly reflective of the team's ability.

Game 1 - ACS 3/162 (Ken Piesse 29no, Stuart Stockdale 26no, Phil O'Meara 25no) defeated Victorian Country 152 (Peter Robertson 3/13, Craig Cook 2/23)

Game 2 - ACS 5/174 (David Long 35, Peter Robinson 34, Ian Hammet 31 ret, Dennis Wilson 27no) lost to Wodonga 4/205 (Neil Smith 2/34)

Game 3 - ACS 7/179 (Stuart Stockdale 36, Ken Piesse 43 ret, Bruce Bennett 32no) lost to Benalla 4/184

Game 4 - ACS 4/156 (Stuart Stockdale 25, Phil O'Meara 40 ret, Ken Piesse 36 ret) defeated Iona 149 (Steve Nadj 2/22, Rob Hansen 2/6)

Game 5 - ACS 8/129 (Paul Morrey 40 ret, Ken Piesse 31no) lost to Endeavour Hills 8/169 (Ken Piesse 2/38)

Game 6 - ACS 2/184 (Paul Morrey 27 ret, Stuart Stockdale 40 ret, Peter Robertson 43 ret) defeated Mornington Peninsula 5/182 (Phil Robinson 2/28)

Game 7 - ACS 9/180 (Ian Gibson 42 ret, Ken Piesse 25) lost to Geelong 6/204 (David Long 2/21, Peter Carmody 2/16)

Game 8 - ACS 5/122 (Paul Morrey 28 ret) defeated Geelong 74 (Mark Browning 2/13, Neil Smith 2/4, Ken Piesse 3/11)

Game 9 - ACS 2/99 (Paul Morrey 40 ret, Ian Gibson 41 ret) drew with Sunbury/Macedon Ranges 6/173 (Dick Stumbles 2/38)

Game 10 - ACS 3/198 (David Long 40 ret, Stuart Stockdale 40 ret, Marino Bovo 27no) defeated Ringwood & Mountain District 8/187 (Neil Smith 3/18, David Long 2/19)

Echuca Carnival Over 60's

For the first time the Australian Cricket Society fielded an Over-60s team for the end-of-season autumn-time tournament in Echuca. Included in Division Two, we won one and lost one of the planned four-match program before the tournament was called off two days early for health reasons.

Concerns about Covid-19 put all official sport on hold, us, the Sheffield Shield, everything.

We assembled a healthy squad in the weeks leading up to the event but were restricted with some of our best players not being able to play in the early rounds, plus the inevitable injury or two along the way.

Game 1 was on Sunday, March 15 against a powerful South Gippsland XI at Windridge Oval in Rochester, one of country Victoria's great footy towns known for ex-Bomber Johnny Williams, its murals and countless corner pubs.

Our captain and team manager Marino Bovo lost the toss and ACS batted on a slow pitch with a little sideways movement and a lush outfield. We lost four early wickets before Paul Morrey and David Long (our recruit of the year) retrieved our fortunes. We hoped three an over might be semi-competitive. Marino was sure we had enough and went on the full attack. Gippsland opened just as aggressively and were coasting at 3-82 with our big gun bowlers all but finished. But in an inspired move, Marino threw the ball to Morrey, who was dozing in the covers enjoying the tranquility of a Sunday in the bush. 'What's this,' said Morrey. 'A cricket ball. You're bowling.' 'What,' he said. 'I haven't bowled in 25 years.' Six economical overs later – he bowled nudes (nothing on them) – and Morrey was calling himself a genuine allrounder as his figures of one for 5 had given us a late chance. Inspired by his

success from the northern end, captain Bovo then re-enlisted our No.1 Bruce Bennett from the south. The Tassie-born pacer grabbed three for 12 and Peter Robinson followed with 'two-for' as we stole victory from the jaws of defeat... the final wicket being neatly caught by gully specialist and first-gamer Drew Payne, nursing calf, wrist, groin and knee problems. The Gippsland glamour boys had fallen for 113, giving us a three-run win, with 11 balls to spare.

After the now-customary high-fives, ice baths and coach's address ('It's only one boys') we went as one to the local Echuca speak-easy and ordered up big, Marino, still on a high having to be contained from getting up on the table like Allan Killigrew (remember him) and giving us a midnight motivational speech.

It was an amazing turn-around and Morrey, the non-bowler, was MOM just ahead of 'The Grub' Peter Carmody, another south of the Yarra recruit, who was stunning in the field with four wonderful catches.

Monday, Game 2, took us to Rushworth to play Essendon, chockful of old stars and beatniks. Despite valiant batting efforts from Graeme Anderson, Ken Piesse and John Smith, the score of 8/117 was never enough and Essendon coasted to 1/126 with three retirements along the way. Our ACS mate Mike Rose umpired this game... unfortunately it was to be his last.

We hope to be back in Echuca next March, God and Government willing. –

Stuart Stockdale
President



ACS in Echuca: *Stuart Stockdale, Bruce Bennett, David Long (Convener), Peter Robertson, Umpire, Peter Gregory, Paul Morrey, Marino Bovo (Captain), Ken Piesse, Graeme Anderson, Drew Payne and John Scalles*

Richard Elvins Award

Congratulations to Ken Piesse who won the Richard Elvins Trophy for the outstanding ACS O60s Cricketer. Ken's performance with bat & ball made him the standout in our squad. Statistical details below show some of the contributions to our campaign.

Batting:

Ken Piesse	207 runs @ 69.00
Stuart Stockdale	168 runs @ 56.00
David Long	153 runs @ 38.25
Paul Morrey	138 runs @ 138.00
Ian Gibson	136 runs @ 34.00
Ian Hammet	107 runs @ 35.67

Bowling:

Ken Piesse	11 wickets @23.82
Neil Smith	8 wickets @11.58
David Long	8 wickets @27.63

Fielding

Marino Bovo	13 dismissals.
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Our president Ken Piesse won his fourth Richard Elvins Medal in 2020, in between releasing his latest range of 'smile on your dial' sports books.



Our Over 60s at Suma Park Winery in March. This game is always a highlight for us, the taking of tipples a must at the extended lunch break..

ACS Wandering XI

Our season was one that produced only the one Victory from seven matches but was very enjoyable playing on some great grounds including Adrian Butler Oval – home of Frankston Peninsula CC, Schramms Reserve – home of Fitzroy Doncaster CC, Caulfield Park – home of Caulfield CC, Suma Park Winery at Queenscliff and the picturesque Village Green at Strath Creek.

Under the Captaincy and management of Sam Ferguson we had fun and thank him very much for all the work that gets a match and refreshments organised. Hopefully we will be able to get fixtures arranged for next season and await the world to start spinning again for our health and safety.

Game 1 - Wandering XI 5/142 (Phil O'Meara 37 ret, Dick Stumbles 24 ret) lost to Powerhouse XI 6/144 (Ken Piesse 3/30, Dick Stumbles 2/5) at AH Butler Oval – Frankston Peninsula CC)

Game 2 - Wandering XI 5/202 (Keith Jansz 40 ret, Tim Corney 40 ret, Jeff Scotland 34no) defeated MCC29ers 5/201 (Keith Jansz 2/17) at Strath Creek

Game 3 - Wandering XI 7/88 (M Blanch 24) lost to Sri Lankan XI 4/112 - T20 match at Coburn Oval (Frankston Peninsula CC)

Game 4 - Wandering XI 7/138 (Ian Gibson 20, Mark Sundberg 35 ret, Peter Leggett 20, Stuart Stockdale 20no) lost to Caulfield Legends 5/218 at Caulfield Park (Caulfield CC)

Game 5 - Wandering XI 8/143 (R Burt 30, Jeff Scotland 34, Sam Ferguson 35 ret, Michael Delaney 27no) lost to The Supreme Court 4/144 (Sam Ferguson 3/11) at East Malvern (East Malvern Tooronga)

Game 6 - Wandering XI 6/223 (T Peacock 41, Sam Ferguson 41 ret, John Robins 41 ret, T Dyson 23) lost to Taverners Victoria 2/244 (Anthony Hall 3/29) at Schramms Reserve (Fitzroy Doncaster CC)

Game 7 - Wandering XI 9/133 (John Robins 35 ret, Jeff Scotland 35 ret) lost to Suma Park 4/170 (M Scotland 3/23) at Suma Park Winery, Queenscliff

Box Grainger Award

Sam Ferguson won the Box Grainger Award for the outstanding Wandering XI Cricketer. He scored 109 runs at 27.25 and took 4 wickets. Jeff Scotland only played in three games, scoring 103 runs and was only dismissed once.



Our Wandering XI enjoyed a win at Strath Creek early in the season.

ACS Financial Report 30th June 2020

I am pleased to present the financial report and financial statements for the Australian Cricket Society Inc (ACS) for the financial year ended 30 June 2020. The ACS remains in a solid financial position, with net assets of \$41,799 at 30 June 2020 (compared with \$41,345 at the end of the previous year).

The ACS has recorded a small surplus of \$454 for the year (compared with a surplus of \$1,483 for the previous year). With a net return of \$2,663 from the three functions we held prior to the COVID-19 lockdown, in addition to specific event sponsorship and strong cost control, we were once again able to contribute \$5,000 to the Ponting Foundation.

The Society remains in a position where it will be able to continue supporting the development of young cricketers – hopefully now through our own planned Academy - and the Ponting Foundation's charitable activities.

Brian Tooth
Treasurer



One of our great loves as a society is meeting for lunch. Hopefully this will happen again in 2021.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Notes	2020 \$	2019 \$
REVENUE			
Events – Luncheons, Dinners	1	24,078	55,436
Sponsorship – Events	3	3,000	3,000
Sponsorship - Other	3	6,500	7,500
Magazine/Book Sales		2,605	1,571
Interest Received		188	261
Membership Fees	2	18,846	17,486
Merchandise Sales		2,519	3,197
Playing		1,430	1,904
Other		65	350
TOTAL REVENUE		59,231	90,705
EXPENDITURE			
Events – Luncheons, Dinners	1	21,415	50,707
Administration		2,770	3,602
Advertising		660	595
Bank Fees		704	809
Book Purchases		2,879	561
Communications		2,095	2,447
Depreciation		379	323
Donations – Ponting Foundation		5,000	5,000
Donations – Other		1,432	677
Membership Cards/Brochures		649	738
Merchandise Purchases		3,210	3,308
Playing		1,412	1,800
Publications	4	15,215	15,304
Scholarships		-	3,000
Trophies, Medallions and Presentations		957	351
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		58,777	89,222
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		454	1,483

Notes to Statement of Profit or Loss

1. Events – Luncheons, Dinners

The ACS was restricted with the number of events it could hold in the year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The three functions held were run profitably. Members and guests were able to enjoy a wonderful evening during the Boxing Day Test, where we feted members of the 1980/81 New Zealand touring party. The luncheon celebrating a reunion of Victoria's successful 1969/70 Shield team (with Bob Cowper in attendance) was also exceptionally well attended.

2. Membership

The ACS continues to offer a genuine value for money cricket membership. The membership base remains strong; a 7.8% increase over the past year was achieved.

3. Sponsorship

In a very tough year economically, the ACS is grateful that most of our loyal sponsors supported us again. Their contribution significantly assists the Society in meeting our charitable activities and breaking even with our functions.

4. Publications

Once again, the ACS produced four issues of the Scoresheet and the annual magazine Pavilion. An editor's fee is now included in the cost of Scoresheet; however this was offset by reductions achieved in printing costs.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

	Notes	2020	2019
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
Term Deposit		17,215	17,027
Bank – Operating Accounts		17,210	15,095
Debtors	A	894	505
Fixed Assets – at cost less depreciation	B	2,524	2,903
Inventories – Merchandise – at cost	C	5,443	6,875
Prepayments		459	750
Deferred Expenses		654	-
TOTAL ASSETS		44,399	43,155
LIABILITIES			
Accrued Expenses		-	750
Revenue Received in Advance	D	2,600	1,060
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,600	1,810
NET ASSETS		41,799	41,345

Notes to Statement of Financial Position

A. Debtors

The Debtors balance relates principally to sponsorship monies outstanding for 2019/20 year.

B. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets consists of ACS Honour Boards and Display Banners.

C. Inventories - Merchandise

Merchandise held at year end consists of ties (\$2,480), CD's (\$2,040), polo shirts, wine and caricature prints.

D. Revenue Received in Advance

Consists of receipts for a future function (\$2,275) and membership fees received for 2020/21 (\$325).





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