I am excited about, and seriously looking forward to, a huge summer of cricket this forthcoming season with regular time in the ABC Commentary Box for the India and Sri Lanka Test matches, as well as the various ODIs against South Africa and India.

I hope to see many of you at the Primary Club’s AGM on 24th October at the Woollahra Hotel in Sydney, to hear about the Club’s fantastic year just gone and the expectations for the year ahead.

We should all feel extremely proud of the achievements by our Management Committee and its various sub-committees this past year. The Club continued to make a positive impact for the community we serve by committing to $358k in grants to 17 charities, which I believe becomes a record year! Much of those funds remain in trust at 30th June, until such time as our charity partners draw down on their approved project funds.

Primary Club Members came together for a range of functions during 2017/18, which combined to deliver us a healthy surplus of $42k from our fund-raising activities, now managed by a separate subsidiary company called ‘PCA Events and Services Pty Ltd’. Add to that another $139k from donations and sponsorships paid directly to the Charity, and we have a combined surplus of $181k.

The Sydney Ashes Test Match Breakfast on 4th January with 450 guests featured distinguished guest speakers – former Test players, England captain Mike Gatting and Australian spinner Peter Taylor. Sadly, Mike Coward, after undertaking the MC role at 29 Test Breakfasts, has announced his ‘retirement’ from that role leaving the Club with ‘large shoes to be filled’, commencing with the India Test Breakfast in January 2019. The PCA thanks Mike and is hugely indebted to him for his long and fruitful involvement in the annual Test Breakfast function.

Former Australian cricketers, now commentators, Ed Cowan and Lisa Sthalekar, joined us at the Breakfast in their roles as Ambassadors for the Primary Club. We thank them, and Paralympian Liesl Tesch AM, for their willingness to assist in promoting and achieving the Club’s aims and objectives.

A lot has been said and written about the ‘Australian culture’ in the game of cricket. As I said in the last edition of our ‘First Ball’ newsletter, the competitive drive to win at all costs sometimes leads players to lose sight of the principles our respected predecessors entrusted us with – to play the game hard, but respect the laws and our opponents at all times.

I hope that those players who have been singled out for suspensions have the resilience and support network to bring them back into cricket at the representative level when they have done their time. Secondly, that the game itself and the players embrace respectful behaviour at all levels.

The event highlights for the year included the following. The Ashes Face-Off at the Hyatt Regency, Elanora Golf Day, Marathon Cricket at the SCG and the Richie Benaud Cup, the Port Melbourne Charity Day, and our several promising events in Adelaide and Brisbane all highlighted a direct benefit to one or more of our disabled sports charities.

At the last AGM back in October, we welcomed newly elected Committee Member Craig Patterson and Treasurer Andrew Yates. Since then, cricket captain Nathan Reay, has also come onto the Management Committee. With the variety of business experience these people possess, we plan to enhance our relationships with the corporate sector and the broader community.
I have been grateful for the support of the smart and resourceful Committee Members who share the vision, and possess the dynamism to make exciting things happen.

Finally, may I thank each one of you, the Members! In particular, those of you who generously stepped up to the ‘golden duck’ fine/donations of $10 per Aussie Primary. In the 12 months just passed, there were 13 such instances notched up by Aussie cricketers – 8 by the men and 5 by the women. The majority of our renewals to date have accepted the $130 fine without challenge, which augurs well for our charities in 2018/19.

As I’ve said many times before, Membership is not a once-only event. We require continuing renewal and commitment from our Members, whose subscriptions cover our administration costs, thereby supporting our statement that 100% of our donations are paid to the various charities that the Club supports.

Jim Maxwell AM
President
The success of the Primary Club past, present and future is due entirely to the commitment of people like yourselves who have commited your time, effort and generous donations.

Once again over 2,500 hours of time was donated by volunteers including the Primary Club of Australia Management Committee, the Charities Sub-Committee, photographers at events, the Auditors and Legal Advisors, Marathon Cricket volunteers and members who donated their time for events such as our Port Melbourne Charity Day, Richie Benaud Cup, various charity project openings, social cricket matches and the Elanora Golf Day.

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(From January)  
Rob Stevenson  
Jim Winchester

**Other Attendees**  
Paula Booth  
Denver Van Gramberg
A very successful year in terms of member events, fund-raising and charity donations!

**South Australia and Queensland**

The focus for the Primary Club this past summer in Adelaide and Brisbane was the Ashes Test Matches hosted at their respective arenas, where the Primary Club can grow awareness and promote membership in those regions.

The Test in Brisbane kicked off the Ashes Series in November, with a breakfast on Friday 24th, at the Shafston Hotel, a healthy walk from the Gabba. 70 members and guests attended for a delightful buffet breakfast where Mark Taylor and Lisa Sthalekar spoke about the state of the game and the promising summer of Ashes cricket. Special thanks to Meraki and Sura for their support for the event.

It is vital that the PCA re-invigorates our membership base in this important region.

Our South Australian Test weekend continues to grow. We were to kick off with a Friday evening cricket fixture at Adelaide University Cricket Club, but this was called off due to damp conditions. On Saturday morning 2nd December, we celebrated finer weather as we headed once again to the Cathedral Hotel for a brunch, with 125 members and guests attending. SACA CEO Keith Bradshaw joined the guest speakers, Mark Taylor and Lisa Sthalekar.

Our cricket players moved to Tanunda on Sunday, where they competed for the Barossa Cup at the Chateau Tanunda cricket ground, followed by the wine and cheese-tasting. Thanks to Rob Stevenson who organised players, games, trophies and accommodation for the event.

Other fixtures during the season included games against the Finniss Cricket Club, the Adelaide University Legends, SA Blind XI and the Australian Transplant team, the latter played at Angaston in early February. Focus in SA has been on two major charity initiatives – the Aspect Treetop School and the recently completed Marion Hendrie Street playground, where the Primary Club funded the All Access Carousel.

**New South Wales**

Our first function of the year was the ‘Ashes Face-Off’ event hosted at Sydney’s Hyatt Regency with special guests, Matt Burke, Michael Clarke and Kevin Pietersen. The foyer of this five-star hotel was taken over by a cricket wicket and about 85 spectators, where the two cricketers staged a prelude to the Ashes tussle. What a surprising result – a tie when Pietersen bowled a controversial under-arm ‘no ball’ on the very last delivery!

The Test Breakfast on 4th January boasted an attendance of 450 members and guests, not surprising given it was an Ashes Series. With a great response from members, the function delivered a gross profit of $32k. Because of the packed first class schedule of games on the SCG, we only had one day for our ninth Marathon Cricket event. Amazingly, the event still yielded a gross profit result of $95k, a tribute to the organising committee, our corporate supporters and the many volunteers who participated.

The Spartans (4/94) took out the second Richie Benaud Cup final with a close victory over I Zingari CC (9/93) during Marathon Cricket. At the post-game dinner, Daphne Benaud handed out medals to players on both sides plus the trophy for the winners.

With the impending demolition and re-construction of the Football Stadium next door, we expect that there will be further pressure on our access to the SCG in the next couple of seasons. This may lead to a re-think of how we stage future Marathon Cricket festivals. This will also mean we need to find a new venue to accommodate our Day 1 Test Breakfast, but be assured it will still be held.

On Monday morning April 30th following 90 minutes of drizzle, conditions improved and turned out perfectly for a round of golf at the immaculate Elanora Country Club on Sydney’s northern beaches.

To our delight, we had a bumper field of 112 players and they all celebrated with enthusiasm and competitiveness, disguising occasional grumpiness after the early damp conditions. Financially, it was a most encouraging, with a gross profit of almost $16k generated.

One of the highlights of the event was the involvement of Balmain Para Rowers. The Primary Club committed to funding $32k for the purchase of a double scull customised for rowers with spinal injuries.

**Victoria**

We maintain a presence in Victoria with our modest membership and a working party of interested volunteers.

Port Melbourne Cricket Club hosted a “T20 Charity Day” at the historic North Port Oval on Sunday 11th February, bringing together a range of Melbourne cricketing connections, including the Melbourne All Abilities Cricket Association (MAACA). For many of the disabled cricketers from MAACA (and their parents), the event was a great success, with many stating that it was their highlight of the summer.

We trust this will become an annual event, with an increase both in terms of fund-raising and also re-affirming Primary Club cricket connections in Melbourne.

Geoff Verco, Charity Development Manager

(far left) Jim Maxwell and Lisa Sthalekar at the Shafston Hotel Breakfast; (centre) Daphne Benaud with Mark Eschbank from NSW Blind Cricket whose team won the recent National Trophy; (top right) Wallaby Matt Burke keeping wickets to Michael Clarke in the foyer of the Hyatt Regency during the Ashes Face-Off.
OPERATING RESULTS
The unaudited net result for the year before donations was a surplus of $181k (2017 $371k). This surplus along with healthy current assets carried forward from last year enabled us to make and commit to donations of $358k (2017, $233k) which can be seen from the Charities Donations page will make a real difference to the communities we serve.

Our net surplus before donations appears down from last year because of the two significant donations received in June 2017, however is consistent with prior years.

Our administration and other costs continue to be fully funded by our subscriptions, events, sales of merchandise and other fund raising activities. This enables the Club to report 100% of all tax deductible donations (including “fines”) to the Primary Club go to charity.

During the year, we gained approval to create a new subsidiary entity, called “PCA Events and Services Pty Ltd”. This will ensure that we more accurately manage our functions costs and membership services within that entity, separate from the donations we receive from members and other donors. Any surplus from PCA E&S operations will be passed to the PCA Charity at year end, and all payments out to our charity partners will continue to be made out of the latter account.

For the first time, the summary Profit & Loss statement below depicts the operations and charity accounts in this fashion.

OUR FINANCIAL POSITION
The Balance Sheet discloses we continue to be financially sound. With the strong cash position we were able to make substantial donations this financial year to the charities we support and there are sufficient cash resources on hand to meet the donations committed but not yet paid of $396k. We aim to maintain a strong financial position to enable us to continue to make significant donations to our charity partners.

Thank you to all our many supporters, members, donors and all those who participated in our events and fund raising activities. Your contributions make the work of the Primary Club possible.

Andrew Yates,
Honorary Treasurer

PRIMARY CLUB OF AUSTRALIA INC  SUMMARISED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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The summarised financial information is in a slightly different format to that of our audited financial statements to be presented at our Annual General Meeting later this year but has been determined under the same accounting policies as were applied to our annual financial statements. The audited financial statements will provide financial information in more detail and will be available on our website after approval at our AGM.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**MELBOURNE**
Boxing Day Test Breakfast with Lord’s Taverners - Wednesday 26th December

**SYDNEY**
Cricket Season Launch, Victoria Barracks Dinner - Friday 5th October
Moore Park Golf Invitational - Friday 12th October
Annual General Meeting, Woollahra Hotel – Wednesday 24th October
Baggy Green Awards Dinner, NSW Parliament House - Thursday 15th November
India Test Match Breakfast - Thursday 3rd January (venue tba)

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**
India Test Match Breakfast - Cathedral Hotel - Friday 7th December
Chateau Tanunda Cricket, Barossa - Saturday/Sunday 8th/9th December

**BRISBANE**
Sri Lanka Test Match Brunch, Shafston Hotel - Friday 25th January

**CANBERRA**
Sri Lanka Test Match Breakfast with Lord’s Taverners - Friday 1st February

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
All Members are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Queen Street Lounge, Woollahra Hotel, located at 116 Queen Street, Woollahra, on Wednesday 24th October, beginning at 6pm, followed by canapés at 7pm with a cash bar.
Please call Anja on 02 9980 2525 to confirm your attendance or advise your apology.
Members are encouraged to nominate for positions on the Management Committee in advance of the AGM.

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OUR CHARITY DONATIONS

$49,296 Aspect School, Central Coast, Playground

$30,000 Balmain Para Rowers Double Scull

$3,730 Civic Disability Services, Wattle Grove, Wheelchairs

$2,279 Disabled Winter Sports Bluetooth Guide

$6,120 Coogee Minnows, Coogee, Surfboards

$42,600 Disabled Surfers, Surf Wheelchairs, Hyperthemia Rugs

$42,600 Sargood on Collaroy Gym Equipment

$33,753 Riding for Disabled Box Hill, Ramp

Staff Development
By end of the year, all staff will have completed a 2 day mental health workshop giving them strategies to better support students and colleagues with mental health issues.

WHS Compliance
The school will transition to a centralised maintenance program led by our WHS team. This will include tasks such as Test and Tag, Air Conditioner maintenance, Fire Safety and other WHS compliance tasks.

Continuous Improvement
Make the transition from Aspect Comprehensive Approach to Education (ACAE) to Aspect Comprehensive Approach (ACA). By the end of the year all staff will have completed the level 1 training associated with the ACA.

Student Achievement
By the end of the year, year 9 students would have had the opportunity to explore a range of work opportunities and participate in a range of work experience opportunities.

All students will work towards their own individual goals that have been established in collaboration with their parents and teacher.

Students in the EMU Math program could potentially increase their numeracy skills.

Extend services to reach more students with autism spectrum disorder.

Continue to offer School tour to families who cannot attend the regular school information sessions during the day.

Promote our services within the early childhood community by running a series of autism workshops that will not only provide vital training but encourage preschool staff to promote our service amongst their own community.

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The list reconciles to the reported $355,671 in outwards grants paid or committed in our Profit & Loss statement, after allowing for GST recoveries pertaining to 2016/17 projects. There is a backlog of approved project commitments totalling $395,681 yet to be paid (see Current Liabilities). Projects worth a total of $177,615 were approved in the one the month of June 2017 in a bid to reduce our application pipeline. We need your continued support for these very worthwhile causes more than ever before.

Thanks must go to the members of the Charities Committee who are as follows: Wende Bowden (Convenor), Shirley Beaumont Owles, Ron Bowden, Andy Harris, Liz Pozniak, Jenny Rhynehart.
Bequest to the Primary Club of Australia

By leaving a bequest to the Primary Club of Australia, your support can continue to provide disabled people with opportunities to experience the joy and exhilaration which comes from physical activity. In the spirit of the Primary Club’s golden duck association, you may consider leaving 1% of your estate. Whatever you decide, you can be assured that 100% of your bequest will be valued greatly and assist in enriching the lives of Australians with disabilities.

To leave a bequest to the Primary Club of Australia or if you wish to discuss your plans, please contact Geoff Verco on (02) 9980 2525.

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I am saddened to record the passing of the following Members of the Primary Club during the last 12 months.

**John William Feely** of Wahroonga NSW passed on 26th May 2018, aged 56. John was a partner at PwC and had been a member of the Club since 2001.

**Ross Roy Flanery** of Galong NSW was a PCA Member for many years and participated in the Club’s early cricket tours to South East Asia in 1981 and to the United Kingdom in 1982 and again in 1985. Known as “Iron Gloves” to his cricketing contemporaries, Ross was a regular at the Test Breakfast and could always be found in the Noble Stand during the Sydney Test each year.

A very successful farmer and grazier from the Young district, Ross’ passing aged 78 years on 30 September 2017 is noted with regret.

**Gavan Carroll** Honorary Secretary

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**Ambarvale**

**Inspirational Play**

Progress report offered via Schools Plus* to the Primary Club of Australia, following our grant in 2016/17 totalling $34k.

Ambarvale High School in Sydney’s southwest has doubled its classes for students with multiple disabilities such as Autism, mental health disorders and intellectual disabilities. This project was about establishing sensory rooms with appropriate furnishing and equipment, to help these students engage in recreational and therapeutic activities that are constructive and stress-relieving.

**Activities**

One sensory room has been completed, fitted out with window blinds, screen, a light projector, bubble machine, seating, bean bags, special lighting such as fantasy lamps, iPads for visual stimulation, blankets and a number of sensory toys for recreation and stress relief. A second room is scheduled for completion by the end of 2018.

The beneficiaries are 58 students (Years 7-12), 6 teachers and about 20 parents or community volunteers, across 6 classes.

**Project Outcomes**

Teachers and students have observed significant improvements in student behaviour and learning engagement. The students feel more in control of their surroundings, less isolated and have a greater sense of calmness and self-esteem. Teachers have gained skills and confidence in using techniques, sensory play, interventions and equipment which improve the quality of a student’s daily functioning, sensory regulations and behaviour.

*Schools Plus is the organisation established by the Federal Government following the Gonski review in 2011 with appropriate tax status to represent schools requiring special funding needs, thereby increasing schools’ access to philanthropy.
Pauly and the Drum Kit

Murray Macdonald and I arrived at Studio ARTES on Jersey Road Hornsby to be greeted by CEO Deb Sazdanoff. We were promptly escorted to a large multipurpose room, where about 30 ‘members’ of the Studio and 10 teachers and helpers were conducting workshops - a seniors’ cooking class, art classes and a weaving group. In the latter group, Shannan, Chrissy and Daniel with their facilitator, Wendy, were gabbling away merrily as they were each working on their own loom preparing materials such as cushions, bottle holders or string-pull pouches. We were presented with a colourful wall-hanging called ‘Hawkesbury’, a collaborative piece made by members, as a thank-you to the Primary Club.

Then we moved to the music and drama room, where a class was in session with 3 facilitators, Blake, Rosie and Burnie. ‘Pauly’ (pictured) was seated at the brand new drum kit. Deb expressed some surprise! She explained that Pauly was a withdrawn character who remains seated throughout these sort of activities and doesn’t communicate openly with his peers and mentors.

Pauly grinned as he struck the drums, tentatively at first, then with a bit more fervour. A round of applause, and while the grin continued, Blake escorted Pauly over to the Beamz musical device. This is an adaptive musical instrument used by people with all types of physical and sensory limitations to take part in musical programs. By moving his hands up and down interrupting the electronic beams with different speeds and movements, Pauly created amazing musical sounds and learned quickly that he was the initiator. Deb and her senior managers, Lynne and Mary, embraced Pauly and praised him for discovering his new-found skills.

The group then demonstrated their dancing skills by performing the ‘Robot Dance’, a rather stilted arm and body movement, robots inspired by the music. And who was out in the middle of the dance floor with facilitator Rosie? Pauly! The tour concluded with a visit to ‘The Lab’. Facilitator Chris had recently installed the new Prowise ProLine+ 65” Ultra HD 4K LED Multi-touchscreen. This amazing device allows teachers to communicate with people with a disability using a large scale graphics tablet encouraging them to physically interact through what seems like an unlimited number of applications. Murray and I couldn’t hold back and joined the fun chasing soccer balls and other coloured shapes around the ever-changing table-top screen.

Murray is the President of the Hornsby District Cricket Club, a Foundation Club Member of the Primary Club. To its four Foundation Club Members, the PCA has offered up to $15k to support a local charity with equipment and facilities that conform to our charter. To find out more about how your Club might participate in this program, please contact us at member@primaryclub.com.

Studio ARTES empowers men and women living with disabilities through creative development and expression. The Primary Club granted Studio ARTES $12.5k to support the acquisition of these devices.

Geoffrey Verco
Charity Development Manager

OUR THANKS

The Primary Club gratefully acknowledges the support of Asahi Beer and its ‘Cricketers’ Arms’ brand for the supply of refreshments for many of our cricket events throughout the summer, in particular as the main sponsor of our Richie Benaud Cup T20 Tournament. We look forward to continuing this association in seasons ahead.
Kenya 2018 – a phrase that will live forever with the men, women and children who joined this trip of a lifetime. For the majority of the Primary Club touring party, this was our first trip to Kenya and for a few, the first trip to an African nation.

While the main reason for visiting Kenya was to play cricket and participate in the ‘Last Male Standing - Rhino Cup’ tournament, it speaks volumes about the attraction of Kenya that our touring party had considerably more ‘spectators’ than ‘cricket-players’. Although I think the spectators were rightfully far more interested in the sight-seeing, the game parks and the colonial history than they were in the cricket. Maybe our performance on the field played a part!

In reality though this was down to the hard work of Rob Stevenson whose drive to make this tour a success cannot be spoken of highly enough. From the outset Rob was committed to ensure this was a tour for all and an opportunity for tourists (spectators and players) to see the land of his birth in all its glory.

On the cricket side, our plan was to play the game we all love in an environment and backdrop that was a once in a lifetime opportunity. This was achieved with great highlights of playing in Nairobi and Mombasa as well as the surreal Rhino Cup itself in the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, playing amongst the animals. Seeing giraffe and elephant wandering near the pitch mid-game as well as driving past lion prides on the way to a game will live with us all forever.

The spirit of camaraderie on and off the field makes us all proud to be Primarians and that good spirit, inclusivity and a little gamesmanship were certainly in abundance, no matter where we travelled.

While our win/loss record in the 7 games may not be something to brag about, as President Jim Maxwell pointed out, we never did worse than coming second. In fact, in a couple of fixtures we amazed ourselves about how close the result was. Craig Hambleton and Peter Buscall shared the bowling honours, while Ed Cunynghame and Andrew Wildblood led the batting stats, aided by strong contributions from Sargeant Steve Matthews and Vice-Captain Euan Robertson.

Other highlights included the Maasai Mara national park, and who will forget the children of the schools where we visited and coached cricket, their smiling faces and gratefulness even through the adversity they lived under; these memories will live with us forever. Visiting the local villages of the Maasai people in the Mara was also an incredible and humbling experience.

We wish our Kenyan hosts all the very best in the future; we hope the Rhino Cup continues to grow in stature, size and reputation each year, which in turn will mean more learn of the plight of endangered wildlife and see first-hand the life of those underprivileged children who we pray may find opportunity to reach great achievements in life.

Nathan Reay
Committee Member and Cricket Captain

Top, touring party members Peter Maiden, Helen O’Sullivan and Ann-Marie King at the Rhino Cup games on the Ol Pejeta Conservancy; bottom left, Lucy Matthews and Wende Bowden with school children in the playground at the Muslim Primary School, Nairobi, where the Primary Club members had helped fund a cricket coaching program and teaching aids; bottom right, Zebra grazing nearby the cricket fields in Ol Pejeta Conservancy.