

# The Primary Club of Australia Annual Report 2018 -2019



Para-snowboarder Joany Badenhorst competing for gold in the 2018 World Cup at Big White, Canada.

Joany was a finalist in the Primary Club of Australia's 2018/19 Sir Roden Cutler Awards.



**THE PRIMARY CLUB**  
OF  
**AUSTRALIA**

# President's Report



At the time of writing, I am still in the UK, with the Australian Men's Cricket team ahead in the Ashes Series after a magnificent come-from-behind win in the 1st Test at Edgbaston. Steve Smith has clearly proven the value of his return to international cricket, after consistent batting performances in the World Cup and then his 280+ runs in the Test.

The mood in the Australian camp is extremely positive and comfortable now, compared to the sad state of affairs 12 to 18 months ago. Much of the recovery is due to inspirational leadership from Aaron Finch and Tim Paine, backed up by consistent performances from the bowling squad, led by Pat Cummins, the Primary Club's latest Ambassador.

While in England, I was able to catch up with the Primary Club of Australia's touring team, who had games in Devon, Warwickshire and greater London, including their own Ashes tussle against our Primary Club (UK) cousins at Beckenham. Sadly, the latter match ended in a draw after an afternoon rain interruption, our only wash-out of the 8-match tour. But the squad seemed delighted with the experiences they shared throughout the tour.

So, I am now looking forward to a huge summer of cricket this coming season with regular time in the ABC Commentary Box for the Pakistan and New Zealand Test matches, as well as the various white ball contests.



The Club continued to make a positive impact for the community we serve by committing to \$93k in new grants to nine charities. This may be well down on what was a record year in 2017/18 when we had been blessed with some large inbound grants late in the prior year.

With the loss of our major fund-raising events held in the SCG precinct and a static membership base, the Management Committee faced the challenge to find new avenues to generate income beyond our regular 'golden duck' donations.

Several opportunities presented themselves, and I am pleased to report we staged a very successful event at North Sydney Oval in February called the 'Insurance Ashes', plus our cricketers' golf afternoon at Moore Park in October. Within the reporting year, these two events yielded \$50k gross profit.

Furthermore, The Lakes Golf Club hosted another golf day for us early in the new fiscal year (on 4th July). This proved also to be very successful but won't be reflected until next year's P&L statement.



*Top left: President Jim Maxwell greeting guests at the Sydney Test Breakfast at the Entertainment Quarter; Top right: Jim with Pam Glover and Andrew Willblood at the Golden Duck Cocktails at Tattersalls; Bottom right: Ed Cowan joined Jim at the Adelaide Test Breakfast at the Cathedral Hotel.*

We should all feel extremely proud of the achievements of our Management Committee and its various sub-committees this past year, who exercised considerable prudence in the way they managed our financial circumstances – circumstances we hope are only temporary while we leverage a better yield from these newer events in the years ahead.

Our signature event – the Sydney India Test Breakfast – was well attended with some 340 members and guests, despite the move to a new location at the Entertainment Quarter next door to the SCG. There were increased costs associated with the new venue, however we still generated a useful profit. More importantly, we have continued the tradition of over 30 years of successful Primary Club Breakfasts and look forward to the next one as a pre-cursor to the New Zealand Black Caps Test at the SCG.

I hope to see many of you at the Primary Club's AGM on October 23 at a new venue - the Royal Hotel in Paddington Sydney - to hear about our plans and expectations for the year ahead.

At last year's AGM, we welcomed back Nathan Dale to the Committee. Nathan will take on the role of Operations Director, overseeing the other committee personnel in the roles we defined in our strategic direction paper of 2016.

During the year, we farewelled from the Committee Katie Twomey who indicated she was retiring from her hectic Cricket Australia position and seeking self-time and rest. However, we brought onto the Committee two active members – Andrew Wildblood and Ron Bowden, the latter also taking over the reins of the Charities Sub-Committee from Wende Bowden. Many thanks to all Committee Members who served during the year, and who share the vision to make exciting things happen.

Finally, may I thank each one of you, the Members! In particular, those of you who graciously stepped up to the 'golden duck' fine/donations of \$10 per Aussie Primary. In the 12 months just passed, there were 14 such instances notched up by Aussie cricketers – 12 by men and 2 by women. Thanks to those members who have accepted the \$140 fine donation without challenge, which augurs well for our charities in 2019/20.

*Jim Maxwell AM*  
President



*Sir Roden Cutler Award finalists for 2018/19, (top) wheelchair racer Madison De Rozario, (mid-left) para-canoeist Curtis McGrath, (mid-right) multi-sport representative Damien Thomlinson (left) in Australia's wheelchair basketball team at Invictus Games, (bottom left) long distance runner Crissie Suffolk and (bottom right) para-snowboarder Joany Badenhorst.*



*Bernie the Golden Duck keeping President Jim Maxwell on script during the appointment of Pat Cummins as Primary Club Ambassador at Tattersalls.*

# Primary Club of Australia Office Bearers

THE SUCCESS OF THE PRIMARY CLUB PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE IS DUE ENTIRELY TO THE COMMITMENT OF PEOPLE SUCH AS YOURSELVES WHO HAVE DONATED TIME AND EFFORT.

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, volunteers and members who donated their time for events such as our Richie Benaud Cup, various charity project openings, social cricket matches and the Golf Days.

## LIFE MEMBERS

KA Archer AM  
D Benaud  
BW Collins QC  
R Coleman  
JGW Erby AM  
RJ Glover OAM  
PG Howarth OAM  
PI Philpott OAM  
RB Tubbs

## VICE PRESIDENTS

GS Chappell MBE	RB Simpson AO
IM Chappell	HB Taber
M Coward AM	KD Walters MBE
AK Davidson AM MBE	ME Waugh AM
DW Fleming	
MA Gray AM	
RN Harvey MBE	
JD Higgs	
CC McDonald	

## AMBASSADORS

Ed Cowan      Pat Cummins      Lisa Sthalekar      Liesl Tesch AM

## 'GOLDEN DUCK' DONORS

The Primary Club of Australia gratefully acknowledges our major donors.

### GOLDEN DUCK: INDIVIDUAL DONORS

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Jon Erby AM	Robert Luscombe	Gayle Tollifson
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### GOLDEN DUCK: CORPORATE DONORS

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CGU	PR King & Sons	Sura Pty Ltd
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## CHARITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Geoffrey Verco MEC

## OFFICE MANAGER

Anja Smalbil

## TWELFTH MAN

Mark Taylor AO

## PRESIDENT

Jim Maxwell AM

## PREVIOUS PRESIDENTS

Jonathan Erby AM  
1974 – 1984  
Peter Howarth OAM  
1984 – 1986  
Ken Archer AM  
1986 – 1990  
Rodney Tubbs  
1990 – 1996  
Peter Philpott OAM  
1996 – 2002  
Bruce Collins QC  
2002 – 2009

## HON SECRETARY/ PUBLIC OFFICER

Gavan Carroll

## HON TREASURER

Brendan Twining

## HON AUDITOR

Carl Millington CA MIIA FLGA  
from Pitcher Partners

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Ron Bowden  
(from April)  
Wende Bowden  
Nathan Dale  
Richard Glover OAM  
Peter Laidlaw  
Craig Patterson  
Nathan Reay  
Rob Stevenson  
Kate Twomey  
(resigned May)  
Andrew Wildblood  
(from May)

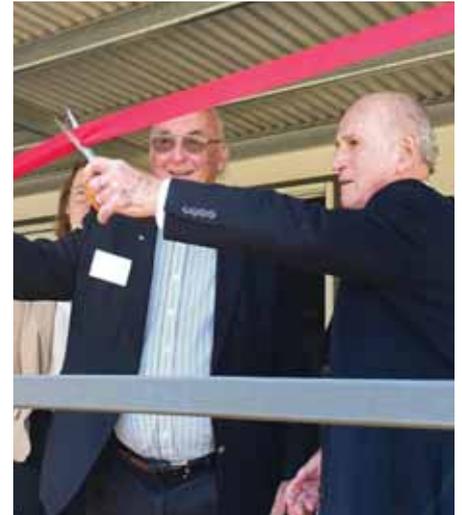
## OTHER ATTENDEES

Paula Booth  
Denver Van Gramberg

# Our Charity Donations



PCA Member Howard Davies (seated 2nd from left) represented the Club at the Grand Opening of the new Aspect Hunter High School on 21st May, where we are funding playground equipment.



School benefactors Richard Owen and Hilton Grugeon cutting the ribbon at the Aspect Opening.

The Primary Club has made donations of \$93k (committed or paid) to various charities in the financial year ending 30 June 2019, in accordance with our charter.

The nine charities are as follows, all NSW unless otherwise stated:

- Aspect Hunter High School \$26,000 for Playground & Equipment
- Blind Sports VIC \$1,300 for Audible Tennis Balls
- Empower Golf – Parkwood GC Gold Coast QLD \$10,000 for ParaGolfer Unit
- Sir Roden Cutler Award \$28,000: Veteran Sports Australia \$20,000, then \$2k each for Disabled Winter Sports Australia, Sailability Nowra, Sporting Wheelies QLD, Wheelchair Sports
- Spring Farm Public School \$28,000 for Synthetic Turf for playground.

The list reconciles to the reported outwards grants paid or committed in our Profit & Loss statement, after allowing for GST recoveries pertaining to prior year projects.

There is a backlog of approved project commitments totaling \$37k yet to be paid (see Current Liabilities). We need your continued support for these very worthwhile causes more than ever before.

Thanks must go to the members of the Charities Sub-Committee who are as follows: Ron Bowden (Convenor since April), Wende Bowden (Convenor to April), Shirley Beaumont Owles, Andy Harris, Liz Pozniak and Jenny Rhynehart.



Veteran Sports Australia provides rehabilitation programs for injured veterans that include archery, with equipment funded in major part by the PCA. The two archers on the left are Darren and Narelle, who were selected for the Warrior Games.



Bec Macdonald, physiotherapist at Sydney Children's Hospital, demonstrating the new FES supine bike unit at The Lakes Golf Day on 4th July.

## Balmain Para-Rowing Program

Para-rowers require additional and different equipment to able bodied rowers to cater for their disability and meet additional safety levels. Para-rowers who cannot use their legs while rowing (known as PR1 or PR2) require a boat with a fixed seat. "Golden Duck", donated by the Primary Club, is such a boat. The boat can also be configured for para-rowers who can use their legs while rowing.

The words of one of our PR1 rowers said it all: "this donation means I can now row in a crew boat and race with a companion".



Sophie Delezio trying out the new 'Golden Duck' scull with Liam James for the Trickett Regatta in April.

During 2018 the number of rowers in the Program grew to 25 regular rowers, training at least twice a week. In September, James Talbot represented Australia at the Rowing World Championships in Bulgaria, winning a silver medal in the coxless pair event.

Presently five of our rowers are training for selection to represent Australia in the 2019 Global Games to be held in Brisbane in October. These games are held solely for persons with intellectual disabilities.

Anne Craig  
Balmain Para-rowers

# Operations and Events

Member events usually provide significant profits to the charity, thereby complementing our Golden Duck fines and other donations. However, in this reporting year several factors compromised our ability to deliver positive results in this regard. In particular, with the demolition and re-construction of the Football Stadium, access to the SCG meant we were unable to stage what would have been our tenth Marathon Cricket Festival. It also meant a new 'off-campus' venue for our Sydney Test Breakfast, for so many years our signature membership and fund-raising event.

## South Australia

It was once again a busy summer for our working group in South Australia.

We appreciate the services of Peter Herbert, Roger Wills and Alan Favell in support of our activities in SA.

During the season, they organised several social cricket fixtures and once again a Breakfast on Day 2 of the India Test on Friday 7th December. 57 Members and guests chatted with Jim Maxwell and Ed Cowan about the outlook for the series, and the selection policy for the national team, given the hectic 18 months ahead!

On the Sunday, the Barossa Cup match was contested once again between the SA Seniors and PCA Seniors teams, the highlight of which was the wine and cheese-tasting put on by Michelle Geber and her staff at Chateau Tanunda. For the record, in a tight match SA overhauled NSW's total of 138 with 2 overs to spare.

Roger Wills visited the Aspect Treetop School at Ashford in February and witnessed how the students are developing their social skills as well as their sensory skills, using all the sports equipment supplied by the Primary Club. The Aspect Treetop School at Ashford now has 10 classes catering for students from Reception to Year 11, at various points on the Autism Spectrum. Roger Wills visited the school in February and witnessed how the students are developing their social



PCA's top-scorers, Michael Fahey and Ben Frawley, with a cellar full of wines for the tasting at Chateau Tanunda after the Barossa Cup game.



Prizes on display in the Park View Room at the Moore Park Golf Day back in October, surrounded by signage from some of our generous corporate supporters - Seventh Street Media, Cricketers Arms and Nova Entertainment.

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## New South Wales

### Moore Park Golf Day Friday 12th October

A profitable, fun and somewhat damp afternoon event was held at Moore Park Golf Club near the city. Moore Park is a public course in excellent condition, with a club house and large upstairs lounge ideal for our purposes.

Assisted by corporate support from Seventh Street Media, Nova Entertainment and Penguin Limousines, we attracted some 56 players and another 20 friends and colleagues for the after-party, not least of whom was Aussie cricketer and new Ambassador Pat Cummins.

Winning foursome – Richard Fogarty, Michael O'Hagan, Oscar Martin and Gavan Carroll – scored an amazing 55.40 in the Ambrose format. Runners up – Rob Arthur, Andrew Fitzsimmons and Chris McCullagh (all from T+O+M Executive) joined by NSW Breakers star Lauren Smith – scored a very close 55.50!

The event netted the Primary Club another \$11k in gross profit for our charities, thanks to Nathan Reay and the Sydney cricket player group.

### Test Breakfast, 3rd January

The new-look Test Breakfast was an experiment in so many ways. We believe that there are some improvements we can make, and the challenge will be for us to improve the gross profit of \$11k on future occasions. The venue was the outdoor 'Market Canopy' at the Entertainment Quarter immediately south of the SCG along Driver Avenue.

Matt De Groot from Nova 96.9 enthusiastically accepted President Jim's

invitation to be MC, and performed a masterful job interviewing Jim, Ed Cowan and Sir Roden Cutler Awardee Damien Thomlinson.

Catering was provided by the nearby Masala Kitchen Restaurant, with our traditional English breakfast options plus some delicate Indian touches such as samosas and pakoras.

Everything is in place for next summer's Test Breakfast. It is 34 years since New Zealand played a Test Match at the SCG, so we are hoping for in excess of 400 members and guests at our event, with some special guests on the day.



### Insurance Ashes, 12th February 2019

As a senior executive in the insurance industry, new Committee Man Craig Patterson put together a plan to use the iconic North Sydney Oval as the venue for a 6-way round-robin tournament with the Primary Club as the beneficiary. Craig pulled together 5 teams sponsored by Allianz, Procure, QBE, Steadfast Agencies and the SURA-AUB Group and a 6th 'Barbarians' team with players sponsored by 360 Underwriting, Insurance Advisernet and Suncorp. CGU sponsored the 'Insurance Ashes' trophy.

Rob Stevenson and his Last Man Stands crew of umpires and scorers, along with Geoff Verco, Brian Owles and Brian's network of volunteers used the experience



*Spectators and volunteers enjoying some shade at the Insurance Ashes at North Sydney Oval: (top row from left) Daphne Benaud, Pat Contant, Marcia Fielder and Shirley Owles; (front row) Lisa Sthalekar, Jim Maxwell, Brian Owles, Shaan Verco and Geoff Glover.*

from nine Marathons and staged a multiple short-form 12-over innings format with games from 9am to 4:30pm, followed then by a final won by QBE over the Barbarians.

Gross profit for the event was \$39k, more than sufficient to cover costs of the designated charity project – the new playground at the Spring Farm Special School near Camden.

Australian cricketer, Kurtis Patterson, was a special guest on the day, along with former Swans AFL player Jude Bolton and PCA Ambassador Lisa Sthalekar.

All in all, a very successful event, which we can definitely build on in future seasons. Thanks once again to Craig, Rob, Brian, Geoff and their various teams of helpers, and most of all to the Insurance Companies for their contribution!



*Long-time servant of the Primary Club, Christine Erby, was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the January Australia Day Honours List. Christine served the PCA in various administration and volunteer roles for over 30 years, as well as 20 years on the Charities Sub-Committee. Chris also served on school, Dungog community and Angus Foundation committees. She is pictured here with Bernie at the Tattersalls Golden Duck Cocktails event.*

### Golden Duck Donor Cocktails 17th April

President Jim Maxwell congratulated Australian all-rounder Pat Cummins on his appointment as Primary Club Ambassador at a function we hosted at a favourite haunt, Tattersalls Club. Back in November, we had invited Pat to serve alongside Ed Cowan, Lisa Sthalekar and Liesl Tesch in a similar role. While Pat's career continues to blossom, the success of the national team is assured. Just 26 years of age, Pat embodies the spirit of goodwill and plays the game hard whether bowling, batting or fielding and in all formats of the game.

The evening was primarily to thank our Golden Duck Donor members, who make special grants during the year to assist our charity projects. Twenty of our current cricket players joined about 40 GDDs and partners in this very special occasion.

Another surprise guest was former Australian women's cricket captain, Alex Blackwell. Alex has been doing some commentating and panel interviews with media outlets in recent months. We wish her all the best with her burgeoning media career.

### Membership

While regular membership numbers on the surface appears constant year on year, we are pleased to report that our Golden Duck Donor community has grown significantly in recent years. From 21 individuals 10 years ago, we now boast 43 individuals plus another 27 corporate Golden Duck Donors. The latter group are playing an increasing role as sponsors at our various fund-raising events.

Another category of members we have brought on board in recent years is 'Club Member'. To date, five Clubs have signed up as Foundation Club Members – Sydney University, Hornsby, Gordon, Northern District and Parramatta. These clubs represent another 500-plus player members for the Primary Club and become our ears and eyes for potential charity

projects in their territories.

For more information about operations, events and membership, check out the website.

*Gavan Carroll,  
Honorary Secretary and Membership  
Director*

### Dave the Archer

Dave first heard about Veteran Sport Australia (VSA) through the inspirational journey of a veteran who participated at the 2018 Invictus Games in Sydney. Together with other Toowoomba veterans, and some family support, he was able learn the basics of archery with incomplete beginner equipment. Archery is a low-impact sport that allows Dave, as a veteran who had both hips replaced from his injuries during service, to engage with fellow veterans and a local archery club without aggravating his injuries.

Dave uses equipment funded with the assistance of the Sir Roden Cutler Grant. This means that Dave is also able to attend and train at a Warrior Games training camp in Sydney, where he further hones his skills as well as trying a number of other adaptive sports, in a supportive environment. Dave is now able to continue his training amongst local veterans and set goals for future competition.

VSA would like to thank Damien Thomlinson, who was the recipient of the 2018/19 Sir Roden Cutler Award. Damien received the award for his sporting achievement and determination to inspire people with disabilities. By choosing VSA as the recipient of the grant, Damien and the Primary Club of Australia have enabled VSA to provide support to eight different veterans, like Dave, to further their own sport and recreation pursuits. The opportunities are helping these veterans re-engage with their community and improve their physical and mental health through sport and recreation.

*Jill Rocchi  
RSL DefenceCare*



*Dave the Archer is seen at the Adaptive Sport Training program in April, training for the 2019 Warrior Games in the US.*

# Financial Report

## Operating Results

The unaudited net consolidated result for the year before donations was a surplus of \$112k (2018: \$181k). This surplus, along with our current assets carried forward from last year enabled the Primary Club to make, and commit to, donations of \$93k (2018: \$358k) which can be seen from the Charities Donations page.

Members will recall that the prior year was an extraordinary year for outward donations, due mainly to the significant grants received late in the year before (June 2017).

Our net surplus before donations appears down from last year due to lower earnings from functions (e.g. no SCG Marathon Cricket event) and the increased costs associated with organising and facilitating some of the fund-raising events during the course of the year. The Management Committee continues to review the events we undertake to ensure that these remain relevant and revenue-generating. Our intent remains that the administration and other costs of the Primary Club continue to be fully funded by our subscriptions, events, merchandise sales and other funding raising activities, thus enabling the Primary Club to report a surplus that can be utilised for donations.

## Financial Position

The Balance Sheet discloses that the Primary Club continues to be financially sound. Our strong cash position at the start of the financial year meant that we were able to continue to make donations to the charities the Primary Club supports, including those which we had committed to at the end of the previous year.

In addition, there are sufficient cash resources on hand at 30 June 2019 to meet the donations that have been committed to, but not yet paid, namely \$37k (2018: \$396k). The Primary Club aims to maintain a strong financial position to enable us to continue to make donations to our charity partners.

Finally, thanks must go to all of our many supporters, members, donors, and those who participated in our events and fund-raising activities during the year. Your contributions make the work of the Primary Club possible.

*Brendan Twining*  
Honorary Treasurer

## PRIMARY CLUB OF AUSTRALIA INC SUMMARISED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION PROFIT & LOSS

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>PCA Events and Services</b>		
Function and merchandise income	295	307
Cost of functions, fundraising and merchandise sold	(262)	(214)
	33	93
Subscription income	28	30
Interest, distributions and dividend income	2	4
Administration and investment expenses	(85)	(84)
	(55)	(51)
<b>Net surplus/ (loss) from Events &amp; Services</b>	<b>(23)</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>PCA ("The Charity")</b>		
Donations and sponsorship income	135	139
<b>Net surplus before donations</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>181</b>
Donations paid / committed	(93)	(358)
<b>Surplus/ (Loss)</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>(177)</b>

## FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

	2019	2018
	\$000	\$000
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash including on deposit	265	578
Debtors and prepayments	1	1
Inventories	20	18
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	286	596
<b>Non current assets</b>		
Listed securities	2	4
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<b>Total assets</b>	288	600
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<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Income in advance	60	37
Donations committed	37	396
Employee entitlements	11	7
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	108	439
<b>Non current liabilities</b>		
Employee entitlements	12	11
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>	120	450
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<b>Net Assets</b>	168	149
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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 - Thursday 26th December

### SYDNEY

The Lakes Members' Golf Day – Thursday 4th July

Cricket Season Launch, Ashes Night, Tattersalls – Thursday 22nd August

Annual General Meeting, Royal Hotel – Wednesday 23rd October

Moore Park Golf Classic – Friday 22nd November

New Zealand Test Match Breakfast, Entertainment Quarter – Friday 3rd January

Primary Club Golf Classic – Thursday 14th May (venue tba)

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Pakistan Test Match Brunch, Cathedral Hotel – Saturday 30th November

Chateau Tanunda Cricket, Barossa – Sunday 1st December

## THE PRIMARY CLUB OF AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All Members are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Elephant Bar, Level 2, Royal Hotel, 237 Glenmore Road Paddington on Wednesday 23rd 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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## Vale/ Bequests

### William James Mackie

Former Sydney University First Grade cricketer and Foundation Life Member, Dr Jim Mackie passed away on 22nd December, aged 86. Jim was also a Foundation Member of the Primary Club of Australia and maintained his membership up to his passing.

Past President Jon Erby explains:

“Dr Mackie, who was an orthodontist throughout his professional life, played 22 First Grade matches for the Sydney University Cricket Club during the 1953/54 and 1955/56 seasons. He served Sydney University as vice president for 54 years, since 1964, up until the date he passed. Dr Mackie was President of the club from 1965 to 1973, as well as club Patron for 13 Years between 1990 and 2003.”

“The talented glove man was affectionately called the ‘prince of keepers’ within the Sydney University club. Such was his talent that, in 1953, the Sun Herald reported that former Australian Test and NSW wicketkeeper Bert Oldfield “forfeited his position behind the stumps” to allow Dr Mackie to ‘keep’ for a New South Wales Cricket Association XI in a match against the Combined Association Schools XI at the SCG. Dr Mackie was also a member of New South Wales Colts squad during the 1953/54 season.”

During the 1980s and 1990s, Dr Mackie also played for the Sydney University Veterans team, long-time friendly opponents of the Primary Club team.

### Bequests to the Primary Club of Australia

By leaving a bequest to the Primary Club of Australia, your support can continue to provide people with a disability 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 a percentage 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.

## Sir Roden Cutler Award Night



*Damien Thomlinson, winner of the 2018/19 Sir Roden Cutler Award, geared up for another of his sports - Para-snowboarding.*

Dubbed the ‘Baggy Green Dinner’ at NSW Parliament House, over 170 members and guests attended, including sponsors Breene and Breene, Allen and Unwin, Sura, QBE and the NSW Government, and hosted by NSW Minister for Disability Services, the Hon. Ray Williams MP.

Our charities committee had carefully selected five amazing finalists for our Sir Roden Cutler Award. Each finalist received a grant of \$2,000 to direct to the sports charity of their choice. The eventual winner - snowboard Paralympian, amputee golfer and Afghan War Veteran Damien Thomlinson - received a \$20,000 grant directed to Veteran Sports Australia.

The other finalists were Madison De Rozario, three-time gold medallist in wheelchair track and field, Joany Badenhorst, the first and only female Paralympian to represent Australia in Boardercross, multi-trophy winning long-distance runner Cristine Suffolk, and Curtis McGrath, an eight-time World Championship gold medallist in para-canoeing.

Broadcaster Stephanie Brantz was as our Master of Ceremonies and conducted the award ceremony with grace, dignity and just a hint of emotion. Daphne Benaud handed each finalist their award and medal, while Minister Williams presented the main Award assisted by former winner Liesl Tesch OAM.

Then followed a lighter part of the program: author Michael Fahey delivered a brief history of the ‘Baggy Green’ Australian cricket cap; then a panel interview with three former Aussie cricketers discussed what the ‘Baggy Green’ meant for them - Len Pascoe, John Dyson and our Twelfth Man and Patron Mark Taylor. A great night and another \$12k raised for our charities.



*Top: Nathan Reay, Euan Robertson and Christian Patterson at the Baggy Green Dinner; Middle: Christine Erby OAM with Jon Erby introducing our first ever Sir Roden Cutler Award winner James Pittar (1999) to our latest winner Damien Thomlinson, with Peter Howarth on the right; Bottom: PCA regulars Joe Scarcella, Peter and Christine Buscall, with guest speaker and author Michael Fahey.*

# Cricket Report

## Summary

Very successful season once again with more than 50 matches played, both midweek and weekend, mainly in Sydney although matches were also played in Adelaide, Barossa Valley and Bowral. The strong camaraderie formed within the club continued to grow with over 70 players representing the club this season. The teams enjoyed significant success on the field as well this summer with the City & Suburban ('C&S') side reached the Jack Pace Shield quarter finals, while the LMS side reached the Sydney midweek final. The season was also a success financially, with the regular cricket matches raising approximately \$3,500 for the charity over the course of the season.

The extra value of many of the cricketers now associated with the club was shown by strong attendance by the cricket club's members at the Moore Park Golf Day, Parliament House Dinner and Test Match Breakfast, often outfitted in the new club blazer! Our ground access also improved with extra days offered to us by Shore, Barker and King's Schools, while we began to use Reg Bartley Oval at Rushcutters Bay regularly after striking a deal with Reg Bartley Cricket Club. Reg Bartley's playing members will more or less be absorbed into the Primary Club next summer, and this will increase our access to Reg Bartley Oval to almost a weekly basis, effectively making it our 'home' ground.

We benefited throughout the year from a very strong bowling unit, with any of Brad Oldridge, David Ince, Nathan Reay, Damien Langley, Damian Frittum or Joe Scarcella worthy of opening the bowling for most sides.

Our batting line-up stuttered at times, but between Greg Stark, Adam Young, Brendan Povey, Damien Langley and Jason Theng there is some serious top order talent. Our player of the year was Jason Theng who in C&S games led the batting charts with 176 runs at an average over 50 and also took the most wickets with 14. 'JT' has added real quality to the side this year, bringing quality strokeplay and fizzing legspin.

We will be back bigger and better next year with some impressive recruits already lined up and hoping to go (at least) one better and make the Jack Pace Shield final.

## Uniforms & Attire

The image of the club on and off the pitch continues to improve, with many of the cricket club's members purchasing the tailored Primary Club blazers. This follows up the investment by players



*End of Season Awards Night for our regular cricket crew was held at the Cruising Yacht Club at Rushcutters Bay on 30th March.*

over the last two seasons in purchasing polos, playing shirts and caps in order to represent the club in appropriate fashion. All of the players now stick to the expected attire when arriving at games and during the post-match presentations, which is a good image to project for the club and the charity.

## Richie Benaud Cup

The Richie Benaud Cup was hit this year by two successive weekend washouts, which meant that only 12 sides entered the competition this year. However, the competition was still a success, and costs (with exception of the North Sydney Oval final expenses) were kept down to under \$1,500. Note that the costs are significantly down from two summers ago due mainly to not giving out caps and getting nearly all pitches for free now due to support for the competition from the schools in particular. Some BBQs at

matches, and LMS fund raising games, helped with the profit margins, with \$5,586 being raised for the charity as a result of this summer's tournament. Once again, the value of the tournament goes far beyond the financial side in terms of extending Primary Club cricket connections through grass roots cricket circles and raising the cricketing profile of PCA.

## England Tour

We have lined up a fantastic English tour to combine with this year's Ashes Series, with 12 club members signed up, plus Steve Ward and Ian Wright to help out with umpiring and scoring duties. So numbers are looking positive with a couple of England-based Primary Club connections keen to play with us.'

*Rob Stevenson  
Cricket Secretary*



*Past President and Life Member Rod Tubbs presents the 'Rodney B Tubbs Trophy' to winning captain Nathan Reay after the I Zingari game at Camden Park on 24th March; Rod is also a Past President of the I Zingari CC and continues as a great servant of both organisations.*

## Our charity at work



*Funded by the Primary Club, the new bike track at St Andrews School is in constant use by the delighted children, learning new social and communication skills.*

### St Andrews Public School Addition of Bike Track

#### Project summary

This project aims to provide additional facilities for about 60 students between 5 and 12 years of age who have special needs, including autism, and intellectual disabilities both of a mild and moderate nature. It involves installing a safe, flat 1.5 metre-wide recycled rubber bike track around the perimeter of the school's supported playground.

#### Activities

The installation of the bike track was completed in June 2019. The structured play area ('SPA') is used at both lunch and afternoon breaks daily as well as during class times for students requiring physical or movement breaks. Teachers have created lessons based on the bike track to teach students how to wait patiently, take turns and share the scooters and bikes.

#### Beneficiaries

The students experience difficulties when interacting in the mainstream playground environment, which significantly impacts their social and emotional development and confidence. The students had also become bored with the toys in the playground, so the school sought to upgrade the space to add interest and opportunities for positive play and social interaction. The students enjoy bike riding and it is a calming activity in which most students can participate independently.

#### Project outcomes

The bike track has had an immediate positive effect on student activity and behaviour with improved interaction and social skills, plus greater opportunities for physical movement and engagement in play. Students now run towards the play area as they are excited to be riding the bikes!

#### Quotes from students and staff

*"When can we go and ride?"*  
- Rounin, aged 7

*"SPA duty is so much fun now the bike track is there."* - Mrs Danials (Teacher)

*"The bike track has made such a difference to behaviour in the SPA."*

- Mrs Smith (Teacher)

#### Your support

Thank you for your donation to St Andrews Public School. The Primary Club's donation of \$29,960 fully funded the cost of installing the recycled rubber bike track at the school.

*Sherrill Nixon, Director of Donor Relations  
Australian Schools Plus*

### Empowering golfers around the country

The Primary Club of Australia has been supporting Empower Golf Australia over the last six years.

*James Gribble, CEO of Empower Golf writes:*

In the last three years, Empower and the Australians living with disabilities that we support have benefited greatly from the incredible generosity from the Primary Club of Australia. With their help we have been able to fund four ParaGolfers (a life changing all-terrain mobility device which allows an individual to manoeuvre into an upright position and swing a golf club) in four strategically identified regions of Australia.

Outside of use at these facilities, the units have been made available for individuals to participate in various tournaments, attend disability expos and conferences and are also used for marketing and media events.

#### Wembley Golf Club, Perth WA

Over the last twelve months the Wembley ParaGolfer has been used at 51 clinics, twelve locations including three demonstrations sites (not golf courses) with over 500 participants. The ParaGolfer was also used as part of clinics and promotional videos at the Super 6s Tournament in Perth.

#### Half Moon Bay Golf Club, Cairns QLD

Clinics are run at a minimum of monthly with over ten players at each. The ParaGolfer is hired almost daily by residents and most recently Half Moon Bay hosted an All Abilities tournament (one of only three tournaments which are open to all disabilities in Australia where players compete for world ranking points) as part of the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games.

The club is currently fundraising to purchase another unit so that individuals can play together.

#### Wollongong Golf Courses, Illawarra NSW

At the start of the program, the ParaGolfer in the Wollongong area was used to rotate between four locations (Wollongong GC, Port Kembla GC, Kembla Grange GC and



*The Empower Golf crew at The Lakes Golf Day - Nick Taylor, Lachlan Foulsham, James Gribble, Ben Tullipan and Chester Bendall.*

Illawarra driving range) at monthly clinics. Over eight participants regularly attended each clinic. More recently the ParaGolfer has found its home at Port Kembla where the club professional Mitch Dolan has committed to growing the program, completed the All Abilities coaching module and started to give private lessons outside of clinic times.

Our ambassador in Wollongong Nick Taylor continues to use the device three times weekly at a variety of courses and over the last twelve months has competed in the World Wheelchair Championships in Spain, Queensland Inclusive Championships and All Abilities Championships in Cairns.

#### The Ridge Golf Club, Sydney NSW

At The Ridge, programs are run at least monthly and over the last couple of years we have had strong support from clients from Liverpool Hospital and indeed the local Sutherland Shire residents. Outside of clinics where we normally have about ten players, we also run private lessons and course access support.

For all ParaGolfer users, it is simply life changing to be able to access a sport which was previously not available. Here are some of our most recent testimonials.

Shem Aitken, after recently competing in his first tournament using the Primary Club ParaGolfer in Cairns: "Since finding the ParaGolfer and starting to play golf, my whole life has turned a corner. I have lost 25 kg in five months, have pretty much stopped partying and drinking and even think I am ready to meet my first girlfriend since being in a chair."

Gabrielle Vassallo, ParaGolfer user at The Ridge for three years "Using the ParaGolfer has given me a new lease on life. After my accident I never thought golf would be possible. As frustrating as it still is, to be out there amongst the trees, the wind and the elements is simply magnificent."

*James Gribble  
CEO, Empower Golf Australia*