



Three pioneers of The Primary Club of Australia who passed away in the last year - Brian Taber, Ken Archer AM and Dr John Yeo AO, the legacy they leave behind reflected in the happy faces of Cerebral Palsy kids on their PCA supplied bikes and NSW Blind cricketer Sean Brown head down while bowling in our match at North Sydney Oval.

## 2022 - 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



# THE PRIMARY CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

Providing sports & recreation opportunities for people with disabilities



*Top Left: President Jim Maxwell welcoming MC Stephanie Brantz to the podium at the Baggy Green Dinner in September; Bottom Right: Honorary VP Mike Coward AM with Jim at the Sydney Test Breakfast in January.*

Exciting times for the Primary Club of Australia, with some memorable achievements in our 49th year!

Coming out of the pandemic and dramatic climate conditions, we are pressing on with our mission as a caring cricket-based community providing a sporting chance for people with a disability.

We can be extremely proud of our national cricket teams' performances on and off the field in recent times. The Women's team, in particular, has risen to top ranking in all formats of the game and look formidable going into their next challenge, two white-ball series against West Indies and South Africa. They are rich with resources, a mix of experience and burgeoning talent.

Our Men's team have had some amazing performances lately, with their convincing win in the World Test Championship against India in June, then to retain the Ashes 2-all in a Test Series which inspired wide-spread excitement and enthusiasm for this pure form of the game. The crowd participation was electrifying right through all five days of the games which went the distance.

Alongside them in the UK was our own Primary Club XI, which participated in a highly successful eight fixture tour.

The Men have a very busy calendar ahead with white ball games in South Africa and India, ahead of the ODI World Cup in India in October. We wish captains, Pat Cummins (Primary Club Ambassador) and Mitch Marsh, and the squads all the best for what will indeed be a challenging couple of months.

Over the 2022/23 year, our Aussie players have helped the Primary Club with a tally of 15 'primaries' or 'golden ducks', only two of which have been scored by our Women. Each primary represents a voluntary \$10 'fine' on all our members, with these funds directed straight to our charity trust.

Speaking of our charities, we are indeed pleased and proud to report a year with the highest charity grant approvals since 2018, with over \$200,000 committed to 14 different projects across NSW, WA and Victoria. Please read on for some fascinating and uplifting stories of where our funds are being used productively by our partners.

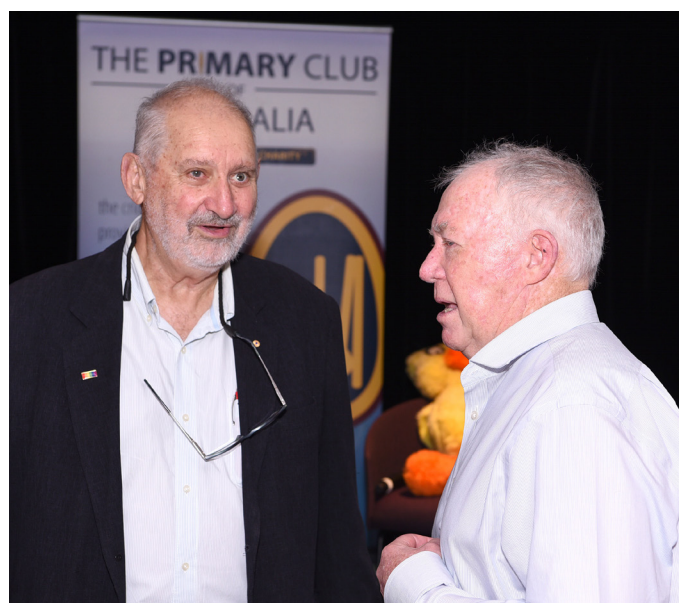
I wish to recognise the role played by our Ambassadors through the year – beyond Pat Cummins being occupied on the field and with family and commercial commitments, we were so pleased that Simon Taufel, Lisa Sthalekar, Alex Blackwell and Matt De Groot were all able to attend and speak at functions through the year, alongside our Patron and 'Twelfth Man' Mark Taylor.

In preparing the Vale section this year, we reflect on the loss of several significant contributors to the Primary Club since its inception – Ken Archer, Dr John Yeo, John Everett and Brian Taber – all great Ambassadors in their own way.

Another highlight of the 2022/23 year has been the growing participation of corporate supporters for our events, in particular at the Baggy Green Dinner, the Killara Golf Day and the North Sydney Oval cricket festival. They all bring a new dimension to our functions and help publicise our mission to their own communities of interest. The Management Committee has now formed a 'Corporate Sub-Committee' to focus on how we can serve these members more effectively and introduce others to help boost the fund-raising effectiveness of our operations.

Finally, I would just like to remind our Members how important your personal support is in several areas – financial, volunteering at and supporting our events. Have a wonderful year ahead!

Jim Maxwell,  
President







## UPGRADE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO GOLDEN DUCK DONOR STATUS!

Standard Members pay a subscription fee of \$50 per annum, plus the 'donation fines' currently \$150. However, you may wish to consider donating at least \$1,000 each year and we will recognise your contribution with the highly regarded 'Golden Duck Donor' classification. As you know, 100% of all donations go straight into our charities trust and are fully tax-deductible.

Golden Duck Donors enjoy privileges such as preferential seating at our events, access to our VIP guests, and invitations to special 'thank-you' functions. If you love the work the Primary Club of Australia does, then please help us by upgrading your membership today, by making a \$1,000 donation via the link on the website, or calling Mahalia on 0403 606 224.

## THE PRIMARY CLUB OF AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All Member are invited to attend

DATE: Wednesday 25th October 2023  
VENUE: The Union Hotel  
271 Pacific Highway, North Sydney  
TIME: 6.00pm  
RSVP: Wednesday 18 October 2023

Members can attend via video conference. Details will be shared upon RSVP.

Members are encouraged to nominate for positions on the Management Committee in advance of the AGM.

## STAY CONNECTED



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*Top: Training students at the Terrigal Aspect College how to make coffees during the official opening in July;*

*Left: Nathan on his specially-designed bicycle adapted for riders with cerebral palsy;*

*Below: President Jim Maxwell presiding over the last AGM in October.*



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 North Sydney Oval Festival, various charity project openings, social cricket matches and the golf days.

#### LIFE MEMBERS

|                      |            |                |           |             |
|----------------------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| KA Archer AM (dec'd) | D Benaud   | BW Collins QC  | R Coleman | JGW Erby AM |
| RJ Glover OAM        | ACF Harris | PG Howarth OAM | RB Tubbs  |             |

#### PRESIDENT

Jim Maxwell AM

#### TWELFTH MAN & PATRON

Mark Taylor AO

#### DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Richard Glover OAM

#### PREVIOUS PRESIDENTS

Jonathan Erby AM 1974 – 1984  
Ken Archer AM 1986 – 1990  
Peter Philpott OAM 1996 – 2002

Peter Howarth OAM 1984 - 1986  
Rodney Tubbs 1990 - 1996  
Bruce Collins QC 2002 - 2009

#### VICE PRESIDENTS

|                    |               |                  |                |             |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|
| GS Chappell AO MBE | IM Chappell   | M Coward AM      | DW Fleming     | MA Gray AM  |
| RN Harvey MBE      | RB Simpson AO | HB Taber (dec'd) | KD Walters MBE | ME Waugh AM |

#### AMBASSADORS

|                |              |                   |               |             |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Alex Blackwell | Ed Cowan     | Pat Cummins       | Matt De Groot | Shaun Marsh |
| Lisa Sthalekar | Simon Taufel | Liesl Tesch AM MP |               |             |

#### HON SECRETARY/PUBLIC OFFICER

Brad Oldridge

#### HON TREASURER

Beti Ford

#### HON AUDITOR

Simon Joyce CA from  
SDJA Audit Specialists

#### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

|                  |             |                  |               |
|------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|
| Derick Borean    | Tim Breene  | Stephanie Brantz | Gavan Carroll |
| Geoff Elliott    | Nathan Dale | Nathan Reay      | Rob Stevenson |
| Andrew Wildblood |             |                  |               |

#### CHARITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Geoffrey Verco

#### OFFICE MANAGER & EVENT COORDINATOR

Mahalia Hicks

#### GOLDEN DUCK DONORS

The Primary Club of Australia gratefully acknowledges our major donors.

#### GOLDEN DUCK INDIVIDUAL DONORS

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|                 |                 |             |                 |                 |
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In the 2022-2023 financial year, the Primary Club of Australia approved 14 applications for funding from charities across the country. In total, new grant commitments for the year came to \$200,652. This is by far the highest dollar amount since 2018, a fact of which all members of the Primary Club can be proud.

Member contributions continue to make a substantial difference to the lives of countless people living with disabilities across Australia.

Charities in NSW were awarded the following grants:

- The Chalmers Road School at Punchbowl, \$20,000 towards an accessible swimming pool.
- Empower Golf, \$20,000 towards Paragolfer units, one at Gerringong and one at Emerald Downs; the Primary Club essentially 'seed-funds' each unit to assist Empower Golf with its other fundraising programs.
- The Cerebral Palsy Alliance facility at Tuggerah received a grant of \$34,109 for the purchase of gymnasium equipment.
- Bear Cottage at Manly, administered by Sydney Children's Hospital, was provided with \$10,429 of funding for multisensory room equipment.
- The Rainbow Club's swimming centre at Caringbah was awarded \$10,064 for the purchase of water resistant visual aid cards.
- Wheelchair Sports NSW/ACT was granted \$39,000 for Ottoback adjustable sports chairs to support a variety of wheelchair sports participants.
- Sir Roden Cutler Award finalists directed grants as follows: \$20,000 shared between Cerebral Palsy Alliance, NASCA, Invictus Games, and Making Waves.

In Victoria, \$28,275 was approved for the Borinya Specialist School, Wangaratta for the supply of fitness equipment, while \$695 was granted to Blind Sports Victoria for tennis equipment.

In Western Australia, the Chrysalis Montessori School was approved for \$15,000 as part-funding for a calming outdoor space for neurodivergent students.

In addition to the commitment to the above projects, the Primary Club also set aside \$15,000 for the eventual Sir Roden Cutler Award winner Matt Brumby's designated project likely to be the Legacy WA's Camp for children with a disability at Busselton in WA.



*"All smiles on land or sea!"*

*Top: The extensive playground at Aspect Junior Campus, Terrigal, where PCA supplied the climbing net apparatus;*

*Above: Liam at the helm on the Making Waves training sailboat under the watchful eye of the volunteer trainer.*

Throughout the year, we continued to have a close involvement with the Australian Sports Foundation as well as the Schools Plus organisation as they continue their supportive link to organisations working with people with disabilities.

I wish to acknowledge the great work by retiring members of the Charities Subcommittee in recent years - Andy Harris, Jenny Rhynehart, Liz Pozniak, and Ron and Wende Bowden – and thank them for their inspirational results over many years.

I am pleased to also thank Shirley Beaumont Owles who continues her valuable contributions on the Committee and has been joined by Heidi Brandis, in WA who brings a wealth of experience, including in occupational therapy, for people living with disabilities.

Derick Borean  
Chair, Charities Sub-Committee



## Autism Spectrum

For over 15 years, the Primary Club has been working with ASPECT, helping where we can with providing suitable playground facilities for their schools in NSW and South Australia. So, it was with some pride, we received an invitation from Nadja Balemans at Autism Spectrum Australia to attend the much-delayed opening of the new Senior College at Terrigal NSW. Judy Stapleton, Kevin Mason and Shaan and Geoff Verco represented the Primary Club there on 20 July 2023.

An estimated 1 in 70 Australians are on the autism spectrum and along with their family members, this means autism is a part of daily life for over a million Australians. Over 40 students are now attending the Senior College, which opened its doors back in 2018, while another 45 attend the Junior College.

On 20th April, Shirley and Brian Beaumont Owles joined Shaan and Geoff at another amazing event, this one at the new wing of the NSW Art Gallery – a display of artworks by autistic artists, who proudly spoke about their creations, explaining how the experience of painting for exhibition inspired them and enabled them to communicate more effectively with peers, family members and admirers.

## Cerebral Palsy Alliance

The Primary Club of Australia helped Cerebral Palsy Alliance Tuggerah NSW with a range of new exercise machines for its accessible gym. Mainstream gym equipment is often unsuitable to the needs of people with physical disabilities and specialised equipment is needed to accommodate wheelchairs, ensure safety and enable access.

Additionally, the sports team based in Allambie has new road bikes to help older children transition to recreational bike riding and help talented para-tri-athletes train for competition. These bikes have been vital in helping kids with disability develop their skills on bikes at training sessions, camps and races.

"Thank you, Primary Club of Australia, for supporting people living with disability," says Shannon Taylor, Relationship Manager at Cerebral Palsy Alliance.



*Top: The new training bicycles at CPA;*

*Above: Wind in their hair as they experience the joy of sailing with Making Waves;*

*Bottom Left: the PCA team - Judy, Kevin, Shaan and Geoff - with Nadja from Aspect at the Terrigal Campus on opening day.*

## Making Waves Foundation

Making Waves Foundation aims to improve the lives of young people with disabilities and those experiencing disadvantage through their sailing programs. By developing confidence (and team skills, the Foundation helps people meet life's challenges with determination and resilience.

The PCA has supported 'Making Waves' programs for several years by providing funding to help upgrade the safety of yachts. Most recently, the Primary Club paid for the replacement of stanchions around the perimeter of a new yacht for the Newcastle NSW program. These make it safer for children to walk around the yacht using appropriately spaced rails at hand height. Netting has then been added to the stanchions to further improve safety and make the vessels accessible.

In the past year, 'Making Waves' has taken 2,688 children on their programs. Through national expansion supported by the PCA, 'Making Waves' will expand this capacity to around 5,000 participants on programs each year, a wonderful way of providing access to the beauty and thrill of being on the water.



## Schools Plus

Since 2018, the Primary Club of Australia has partnered with Schools Plus to support nearly 600 children living with disabilities and/or additional learning needs across NSW, WA, SA and Victoria. The Primary Club's support has brought joy, calm and fun learning opportunities to these children and helped them develop crucial new social and emotional skills.

At four schools, sensory environments were created to help children regulate their emotions and behaviour. For example, the Fremantle Language Development Centre WA developed a courtyard with a sensory and food garden, a sensory path using tactile surfaces, a cubby house and a range of toys and equipment that provide opportunities for fiddling, popping, blowing, rocking and sensory feedback.

Principal Vivienne Doig says a highlight of the courtyard are the two sensory wall murals created by local artist, Lindsay Pow, which feature pictures of Western Australian bush and hidden Australian animals.

Two schools focused on creating safe and inviting play spaces for their students. St Andrews Public School NSW added a bike track which has improved positive play, social interaction and students' understanding of taking turns, while Spring Farm Public School NSW revamped a muddy, unused space to create an inviting play area which saw an immediate and significant increase in play and social activity amongst children in the school's support unit. "Students find the structured play area to be a place they could go at breaks when they felt overwhelmed."



*Above: The recently installed fitness equipment at the Borinya School, Wangaratta, with support from the Schools Plus organisation.*



*Top: The Sunshine Butterflies (Qld) enjoy outdoors playground time with facilities supplied by the PCA;*

*Above: Another happy customer at Sunshine Butterflies;*

## Sunshine Butterflies (QLD)

The Primary Club of Australia has supported the development of Sunshine Butterflies Accessible Playground at its 15-acre community facility 'Our Backyard'. The new Accessible Playground at 'Our Backyard' was opened in March 2022 and has been adored by the community on many occasions such as our weekly playgroups, community events and therapy sessions.

The Accessible Playground area at 'Our Backyard' is unique as it is used for early intervention therapy, exercise and social play for children living with disability. Unlike the usual early intervention setting where the child is in a clinical room accessing therapy, the playground at 'Our Backyard' provides a safe and comfortable space for children to work with the onsite Paediatric Physiotherapist, Exercise Physiologists and Support Workers in a fun and supportive environment. The new playground has made accessing therapies and supports much more enjoyable for the child and parent.

This project would not have been possible without the help of the Primary Club."  
Lucy Mills, Sunshine Butterflies

Derick Borean  
Chair, Charities Subcommittee



Coming out of the COVID-19 curtailments, the Primary Club's program of events is now looking more like normal. We have also witnessed many of our charity partners re-commencing their sports and exercise programs, which is encouraging as we look to increase our support in the months ahead.

We chose not to continue the 'Virtual Events' this year but may well revisit this decision in the months and years ahead, mainly because they provided an opportunity for members in regional and interstate areas to participate equally with our Sydney-based members.

## The 'Baggy Green Dinner' Incorporating the Sir Roden Cutler Awards

Honouring the significance of representing one's country, this event held at the Sydney Cricket Ground Noble Dining Room on Thursday 21st September was truly an inspirational experience.

The Sir Roden Cutler Award is named in honour of the longest-serving Governor of New South Wales, Sir Roden Cutler (Governor from 1966 to 1981) and our first Patron and Twelfth Man. The Award is presented for outstanding sporting achievement by a person with a disability.

Stephanie Brantz acted as Master of Ceremonies and conducted the award ceremony with grace, dignity and just a hint of emotion.

The finalists who each receive a charity grant of \$5,000 were:

- Paige Greco OAM, 25 year-old Paralympic cyclist, who nominated Cerebral Palsy Alliance (CPA) as the recipient of her award.
- Amanda Reid OAM, a 25 year-old Australian Paralympic swimmer and cyclist, whose award was shared by CPA and National Aboriginal Sports Chance Academy ('NASCA')

- James Hunter, a passionate advocate and visually-impaired volunteer for the Making Waves Foundation.

- Matt Brumby, Invictus Co-Captain in 2018, gold medallist in wheelchair track and rugby, world champion ironman, who nominated Legacy WA and the latter's Camp at Busselton.

- Joel Vanderzwan, an outstanding contributor to the veterans and disability communities of Australia. No surprise that Joel has nominated Invictus Australia as his charity of choice.

Eventual winner of the 2021/22 Award was Matt Brumby, who received his plate from James Pittar (SRC 1999). This entitled Legacy WA to a total grant of \$15,000 earmarked for beach wheelchairs at their Busselton Camp site.

Former Executive Director of the Bradman Museum, Rina Hore, addressed the audience about how the 'baggy green' cap has changed over time. She brought with her a display of some of the caps in the Museum collection.

The audience was then treated to a much lighter part of the program, when Jim Maxwell interviewed a panel of three former Aussie cricketers – Alex Blackwell (250 international games), former ICC umpire Simon Taufel (282) and the one and only Doug Walters OBE (102 games scoring 5,870 runs). Alex and Simon are both PCA Ambassadors, while Doug is a long-serving Honorary Vice President.

Nathan Dale,  
Director of Operations

*Left: James Pittar and Mark Taylor with the five Sir Roden Cutler finalists.*

*Centre: Simon Taufel with Bernie the Golden Duck proudly wearing Doug Walter's London Bobby's hat;  
Right: Mark Taylor (in uniform) officially welcoming guests to the Baggy Green Dinner.*







*Above: Winners of the Mixed Trophy - Brad Robson, Dianne and Steve Thomlinson, and Peter Blunden (the Sura team); Bottom: Learning to drive while strapped into a Paragolfer unit off the 1st Tee.*

## Killara Golf Classic 2022

A thoroughly beautiful spring morning on Thursday 17th November greeted us at the majestic Killara Golf Club along with 86 golfing enthusiasts. The course had recovered well from earlier rains and was in top condition.

Special guests on the day included Simon Taufel, Damien Thomlinson, Matt De Groot, Lisa Sthalekar, Tim Gilbert and visually impaired marathon swimmer James Pittar, the latter riding around the course as 'shotgun' for Ken Glover. Lisa was gracious enough to help out with the prize-giving presentation during the fabulous luncheon.

Empower Golf organised an 'All-Abilities Challenge' at the 1st Tee, where players had to select a disability from being blind-folded, standing on one leg, using one arm or being strapped into the paragolfer unit. All players were amazed at how awkward driving with a disability became!

The support of 12 sponsors had a positive impact on the day, enabling us to raise almost \$22k for our charities.

Finally, we want to recognise and thank our volunteers on the day - Peter Werner, Shaan Verco and Peter Buscall. Thanks also to our very efficient and entertaining auctioneers, Matt De Groot and Tim Gilbert.

Ken Glover, Gavan Carroll and Geoff Verco  
Event Co-ordinators



*Guests at the January Breakfast included in the top photo VIPs Mike Coward (2nd from right) and Neil Manthorp (right), and in the above photo PCA Ambassador Alex Blackwell (centre).*

## Sydney Test Breakfast

'It felt like coming home again'. For the first time since 2018 and the re-building of the Football Stadium, the venue for our signature event of the year was the Eastside Dining Room.

We were excited to host our 37th Breakfast on 4th January – a prelude to Australia hosting South Africa in the 4th Test. 280 members and guests joined the fun, in the presence of Patron & Twelfth Man Mark Taylor, President Jim Maxwell and MC Matt De Groot.

Then, what a show! When highly regarded commentators, Neil Manthorp and Robert Craddock, came together for the panel interview with PCA Ambassador Alex Blackwell, the real fun began! Manners and Crash did not hold back with comments about selections, certain players' futures, and the quality of fielding and batting.

Gross profit from this event was over \$22,400, a pleasing result!

The Primary Club had also secured 116 seats for our members in SCG stands for the first 3 days of the Sydney Test, an excellent way to complement the Breakfast event. Thanks to all who participated in this way.

Rick Glover,  
Deputy President





*Above: The Vocus team enjoying another day at the office at North Sydney Oval;*



*Left: Archie bowling for the NSW Blind team against the selection team, who lost, by the way!*

## North Sydney Oval Festival

Following the success in the last four summers, we hosted another two charity cricket days: the 'Insurance Ashes V' on Monday 27th February; and 'Marathon Cricket XI' on the Tuesday. The cricket gods looked down on us and we played in warm periods of sunshine and cloud throughout both days.

A big shout out to the insurance industry teams who participated on Day 1 – Austbrokers/SURA, CGU, QBE and Steadfast, three of which were previous winners. They competed in a round-robin tournament with rankings determined by net run rate ('NRR').

Austbrokers/SURA managed to retain the coveted trophy, despite a hot contest from runners-up, CGU. A highlight of the day was the wheelchair basketball game on the Oval concourse. Cricketers and supporters were enthusiastic, to say the least, about how to play the game strapped to a wheelchair! Perhaps, the best example of what the Primary Club is all about.

Following a similar format to Monday's event, we hosted another five corporate teams on Tuesday – Vocus, Equinix, the Breene Machine, and newcomers, Seccom Sledgers and ESPN/Disney. Reigning champions, the Breene Machine, won the trophy once again by storming home in the final innings against ESPN scoring a whopping net 123 runs and one very sore knee!

The feature match of this day was a 'marathon selection' captained by Andrew Wildblood versus the NSW Blind XI in a demonstration game of blind cricket.

St John Medical Service provided valuable first aid practitioners on both days, sponsored by SURA and Vocus respectively.

Finally, special thanks to our 16 volunteers over the two days! They maintained their spirit and enthusiasm throughout, as did the team of LMS umpires and scorers, who kept the program on schedule and provided instant updates on the scores and rankings.

This event raised another \$30,000 for our charities over the two-day festival.

Geoffrey Verco,  
Charity Development Manager

## Ashes Reception

The Tattersalls Club in Sydney hosted our latest Cocktails and Canapes Night with 87 of our Members and Corporate Supporters in attendance on 28th June, to watch the first session of play in the 2nd Ashes Test at Lord's. Guests were treated to a vibrant discussion between Lisa Sthalekar and MC Stephanie Brantz, while Jim Maxwell dialed in via Zoom directly from Lord's for an update on conditions ahead of the first ball.

They all reflected on the glory of the Women's Team recent successes, then the Men winning the ICC World Test Championship, but acknowledged that the challenge of the Ashes Series was looming large. An appropriate event to celebrate our great game!

Rick Glover,  
Deputy President

*Below: Rick Glover, who hosted the Ashes Reception event in June at Tattersalls, with PCA Ambassador Lisa Sthalekar and MC Stephanie Brantz.*





## Consolidated Operating Results

This report summarises the consolidated results of the Primary Club of Australia and its subsidiary, PCA Events & Services Pty Ltd.

The audited net consolidated result for the year after outward donations committed was a loss of \$105.2k\*, down significantly from the \$79.4k profit last year, owing to the increased commitments to our charity partners. While our partner operations had been curtailed somewhat due to Covid-19 restrictions, our positive cash position carried forward enabled the Management Committee to commit to \$200.7k of new donations (2022: \$95.6k), our highest charity total since 2018 and to still leave a healthy balance sheet going forward.

Because of delays in partner operations, much of that commitment (\$90.6k) is reflected as a current liability in the balance sheet.

Inward donations was down to \$113.9k compared to \$155.2k in 2021/22.

The Management Committee has continued to find innovative ways to structure events to drive fund-raising. The committee also remains focused on reducing costs and continues to look at ways to improve the efficiency of the charity's operations and administration.

Full audited statements are available from the office.

## Financial Position

The Balance Sheet discloses that the Primary Club continues to be financially sound. Administration and other costs continue to be fully funded by our subscriptions, events, merchandise sales and other fund-raising activities, thereby enabling us to report an asset position which allows us to continue consideration of grants to deserving and compliant charity organisations.

In addition, there are sufficient cash resources on hand on 30 June 2023 to meet the donations that have been committed to, but not yet paid, of \$90.6k. The Primary Club aims to maintain a strong financial position to continue support for our charity partners. Finally, thanks must go to all our many supporters, members, donors, and those who participated in our events during the year. Your contributions make the work of the Primary Club possible and rewarding.

Beti Ford  
Honorary Treasurer

\*Donations paid/committed in the profit/loss statement is NET of writebacks from donations committed in prior years.



*Seen at the Ashes Reception in June: Top: The CGU group; Robin Singh, Richard Daley, Dean Storey and Ashley McPhee*

*Above: Caitlin Casey and Matthew Jump at the Breene table.*

*Below: The Late Brian Taber in action in his heyday for Australia, well known for his stumping prowess.*

*Bottom: The mountain bikes in action at the Sargood Camp.*



## PRIMARY CLUB OF AUSTRALIA INC SUMMARISED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Year ended 30 June 2023

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS and other Comprehensive Income

|   | FY23            | FY22            |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                            |                 |                 |
| Revenue from contracts with customers     | 51,833          | 90,388          |
| Other Income                              | 363,950         | 311,443         |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                      | <b>415,783</b>  | <b>401,831</b>  |
| <b>Expenses</b>                           |                 |                 |
| Cost of goods sold                        | 0               | -16,556         |
| Administration & other operating costs    | -26,826         | -24,571         |
| Contractors                               | -102,302        | -88,685         |
| Cricket match fees                        | -18,422         | -13,112         |
| Donations                                 | -200,652        | -95,552         |
| Fundraising expenses                      | -172,823        | -83,754         |
| Loss on revaluation of financial assets   |                 | -222            |
| <b>Total expenses</b>                     | <b>-521,025</b> | <b>-322,452</b> |
| <b>(Deficit)/Surplus after income tax</b> | <b>-105,242</b> | <b>79,379</b>   |
| Income tax expense                        | 0               | 0               |
| <b>(Deficit)/Surplus for the year</b>     | <b>-105,242</b> | <b>79,379</b>   |
| Other comprehensive income                | 0               | 0               |
| <b>Total comprehensive (loss)/income</b>  | <b>-105,242</b> | <b>79,379</b>   |

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

|                                  | 30-Jun-23      | 30-Jun-22      |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                    |                |                |
| <b>Currents Assets</b>           |                |                |
| Cash & cash equivalents          | 354,212        | 498,880        |
| Trade & other receivables        | 2,335          | 3,701          |
| Other assets                     | -              | 11,115         |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>      | <b>356,547</b> | <b>513,696</b> |
| <b>Non-Current Assets</b>        |                |                |
| Total Non-Current Assets         | 1,164          | 1,164          |
| <b>Total Assets</b>              | <b>357,711</b> | <b>514,860</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>               |                |                |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>       |                |                |
| Donations Committed              | 90,568         | 102,000        |
| Trade Payables                   | -              | 9,363          |
| Accrued expenses                 | -              | 1,772          |
| Other liabilities                | 16,810         | 46,150         |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b> | <b>107,378</b> | <b>159,285</b> |
| <b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>   | -              | -              |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>         | <b>107,378</b> | <b>159,285</b> |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                | <b>250,333</b> | <b>355,575</b> |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                    |                |                |
| Accumulated Funds                | 250,333        | 355,575        |
| <b>Total Equity</b>              | <b>250,333</b> | <b>355,575</b> |



**Jim Maxwell Foreword:** After the prior year when we saw the tragic loss of some legends of Australian cricket, namely Rodney Marsh, Shane Warne and Andrew Symonds, I am saddened to report on the passing of several of our own great ambassadors for the Primary Club! Ken Archer, Dr John Yeo, Brian Taber and John Everett, while not regarded quite as legendary as those others, were equally passionate about giving of their valuable time to our mission!

**Ken Archer AM (9th June 2023)**, aged 95. He was a Foundation Member of the Primary Club in 1974 and served as Vice President from the commencement until he became President in 1986, serving in that capacity until 1990. Ken was an Australian cricketer and broadcaster. He was educated at the Anglican Church Grammar School. An opening batsman, he played domestic first-class cricket for Queensland for ten years, from 1946–7 to 1956–7. He played in five Tests for the Australian cricket team in 1950 and 1951. His younger brother Ron Archer played 19 Tests for Australia between 1953 and 1956.

EW Swanton once described the Australian cricketer Ken Archer as “a tall slim man with something of the air and method of the best products of an English public school in its halcyon period”. He was an elegant opening or middle-order batter, a more than useful off-break bowler, an occasional wicketkeeper and a particularly predatory fielder when patrolling the covers.

Ken became a member of the Order of Australia in 1980 for services to the media following a long broadcasting career including vice-chair of the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal; 20 years later his cricketing achievements were honoured with the award of the Australia Sports Medal. He was proud to be Australia’s oldest living Test cricketer; just nine months younger than Archer, Neil Harvey now assumes his mantle.

**Dr John Yeo AO (14th May)**, aged 90. John was also a Foundation Member of the Primary Club, where for decades he advised the Club on appropriate investments of our funds to aid people with disabilities, in particular people living with spinal cord injuries. Dr Yeo was a strong advocate of the Primary Club and our mission; he consulted on a number of the hospital-based projects we supported in the 80s/90s, such as the hydrotherapy pool at Royal North Shore Hospital and the Gait Centre at Royal Ryde.

When Dr Yeo joined the Spinal Injuries Unit at the Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney in 1964, patients had a poor quality of life. In his three decades at the Unit, Dr Yeo oversaw incredible change for victims of spinal paralysis. But the enduring incapacity to cure these types of injuries continues to haunt medicine and made Yeo’s job as a carer extremely challenging.



*Left: Ken Archer; Right: John Yeo*

John was quick to humbly acknowledge that he was only a small part of the Spinal Unit’s experience, but his story and contribution is nevertheless incredible. Source: Winston Churchill Trust.

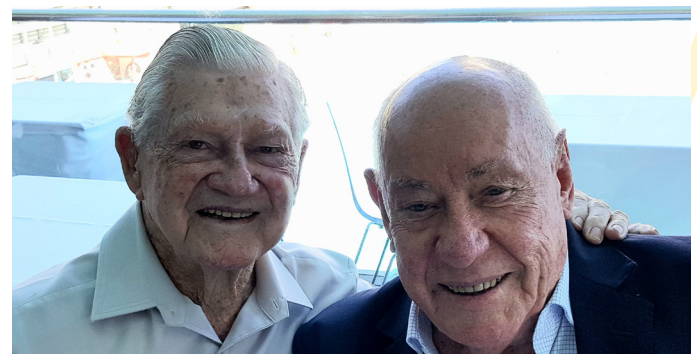
**Brian Taber** was a Foundation Member of the Primary Club and served as Honorary Vice President until his passing on 21st July 2023. Brian, or ‘Tabsy’, was an Australian cricketer who played in 16 Test matches as a wicketkeeper from 1966 to 1970. He represented New South Wales in domestic cricket. Brian played 129 first-class matches with a career batting average of 18.01, a highest test score of 48, and a highest first-class score of 109. He retired from first-class cricket in 1974.

Brian remained involved in cricket, as both a coach, manager and administrator for the New South Wales and national Under-19 teams. The best player award at the national Under-19 championships is named after Taber. He was inducted into the NSW Cricket Hall of Fame.

Long time friend and cricket great, Ian Chappell, in his article about Brian summarised him as “keeper, manager, all-round good bloke”.



*Above: Brian Taber; Below: Neil Harvey with Ken Archer in recent times*





**John Everett AM (4 January 2023)**, another Foundation Member, who lent his name to the famous "Squinty and Limpy" trophy contested between the Primary Club and Sydney University Cricket Club over many years, going back to the Lemon Tree Ground era at Dooralong. John and his dear wife Sonya were regular attendees at our Sydney Test Match Breakfasts.

John was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2002 "for service to the community through the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute and other organisations in the areas of fundraising, management support, and raising awareness of the needs of charitable organisations".

John served the Sydney Uni CC for many years as a player, administrator and Patron, and toured on several occasions with the Australian Old Collegians.

As his great mate, Angus Talbot recalls: "John has made a wonderful partnership with the lovely Sonya and their four wonderful kids. He was gregarious but nevertheless steadfast in his opinions which he never hesitated to express."



*Left: John Everett; Right: John Koch with his wife Tammy*

**Jan Godfried ('John') Koch** passed on 21st June aged 81. John had been a loyal Member since 1987, a regular donor and supporter of functions. Last January, John hosted a table at our Sydney Test Match Breakfast with 10 family members present. "A true gentleman, a man of integrity and an enormous heart."

Brad Oldridge  
Honorary Secretary



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Primary Club has reserved a block of A Reserve Seats for the Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Brisbane Test Matches. Members interested should contact the office without delay.

### MELBOURNE

*Tuesday 26th December*  
Boxing Day Pakistan Test Breakfast with  
Lord's Taverners

### SYDNEY

*Wednesday 25th October*  
Annual General Meeting,  
The Union Hotel, North Sydney

*Wednesday 3rd January*  
Pakistan Test Match Breakfast,  
SFS/Allianz

*February*  
Insurance Ashes and Marathon Cricket,  
North Sydney Oval

*Wednesday 27th March*  
Baggy Green Dinner and Sir Roden Cutler Awards,  
SCG

*Thursday 2nd May*  
Primary Club Golf Classic,  
The Lakes Golf Club



*Above: Geoff and Shaan Verco at the OzDay Wheelchair Race in January with Deb Harding and Patrick Cameron from Wheelchair Sports NSW/ACT*

*Left: A 'body cycle' designed for riders with cerebral palsy.*

*Right: 'Time out' in the playground for this student at the Terrigal Senior Campus.*





Our year finished net positive – unbeaten in the Jack Pace Shield qualifying rounds, with some other strong performances, before a disappointing loss to Yaralla in the JPS quarter final. Overall, we played 13 games, won 8 and lost 5.

A season highlight was our first Rick Glover Trophy match against St George Vets, which we won comfortably, with both sides committing to this regular fixture.

In our other trophy matches, we lost the Rodney Tubbs Cup to I Zingari at Camden and lost the Jim Maxwell Cup to Easts at Waverley Oval. Although in fairness we won the reverse fixtures against both of these sides.

Special thanks to Rob Stevenson for his team administration while in Africa, and Nathan Reay for his leadership while also having to travel extensively. Truly it was an international effort this year.

Then we turned our attention to England with the much-anticipated tour in late July through to early August 2023 with flagship games across the country from Windsor Castle and Sheffield Park, through to Kent, Yorkshire, Devon and culminating at the Honourable Artillery Company in London. Early reports and photos appear on our Facebook page. We will report more on the tour in forthcoming editions of 'First Ball' Newsletter.

Euan Robertson,  
Cricket Club Scribe & Statistician

*Top: The Primary Club team at Barker College for the reinstated fixture against their Invitation XI;*

*Middle: Blind cricketer Ben Felten after his innings in the St George Vets game at Shore;*

*Bottom: The PCA touring squad at the beginning of their England tour in July at the House of Windsor, sadly a wash-out. More news of the tour in our next edition of 'First Ball'.*





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