



# XXIX CLUB Annual Report 2017-2018



# Melbourne Cricket Club

## XXIX Club

### Sixty-Second Annual Report

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## 2017/18 MCC XXIX Club Committee

<b>Chairman:</b>	Geoff Fidler	
<b>Hon Secretary:</b>	Matthew Stein	
<b>Hon Treasurer:</b>	Colin Walker	
<b>Committee:</b>	Mark Anderson John McCormick Nicholas Quinn Michael Sholly Mark Butler Tim Norton	
<b>Life Members:</b>	Tom Leather Ian McDonald	
<b>Permanent Backstop:</b>	Sir Robert Menzies Don Cordner	(1958 – 1977) (1994 – 2005)
<b>Past Presidents:</b>	1957 – 1959 1960 – 1962 1963 – 1965 1966 – 1968 1969 – 1971 1972 – 1974 1975 – 1977 1978 – 1980 1981 – 1983 1984 – 1986 1987 – 1989 1990 – 1992 1993 – 1995 1996 – 1998 1999 – 2001 2002 – 2004 2005 – 2007 2008 – 2009 2009 – 2012 2013 - 2015 2015 - 2018 2018 -	Keith Tolhurst Ian McDonald Keith Rigg Col McCutcheon Col Spargo Col Munro Max Haysom Lindsay Birrell Brian Watson John McCarthy Bob Lloyd Graham Brown Peter French Peter Anderson John Anderson David Broad Stuart Stockdale Bill Stahmer Mark Anderson Philip Halbish Geoff Fidler Colin Walker



# XXIX CLUB

## Chairman's Report

Competitive cricket and great camaraderie were the hallmarks of our 2017/18 season. Of our 17 fixtures the XXIX Club recorded eight wins, seven losses and two washouts. On behalf of the club I'd like to thank our players, umpires, scorers, team managers and all members who assisted in the club's success.

Whilst there were many highlights over the year, the club's tour to Kuala Lumpur to play the Royal Selangor Club was a standout. A strong mix of XXIX Club members and current Premier players ensured a successful tour - on and off the park.

Congratulations to the XXIX Club Young Cricketer award winners, Jordan Watson and Wilson McGillivray. Many previous winners of this award have gone on to higher honours and we look forward to following the rising paths of both Jordan and Wilson over the coming years.

Off the field, the club continued to provide excellent events for all members. The Boxing Day Test lunch was at capacity and the two Doc McDonald Long Room lunches were each attended by over 100 members and guests. We also hosted a successful football day in the Hans Ebeling Room, where attendees witnessed one of the AFL season's great contests between Richmond and Collingwood.

This report is my last as chairman. It has been an honour and privilege to chair this wonderful club. The old adage "The more you give, the more you get back" certainly reflects my experience.

There have been many highlights during my time as a member – Ashes tours, playing on Test grounds, visiting reciprocal clubs, being a part of the first MCC side to play at the Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling Club.

However, the greatest highlight has been the lifelong, strong friendships made along the way.

Whilst the XXIX Club is built on tradition, we are not restricted by it, and the club will continue to evolve, and remain relevant to provide opportunities and experiences for all our members.

In the last twelve months, we have confirmed our position under the cricket umbrella within the MCC, as well as approving significant changes to our membership eligibility.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our members for supporting our fixture and functions, John Anderson for his continued support and Steven McCooke and Nathan Ervin from the MCC office.

Special mention to our hard working and cohesive committee, and congratulations and best wishes to Colin Walker on his appointment as the next chairman. I look forward to continuing on the committee and seeing you at a fixture or function during the upcoming season.

**Geoff Fidler**  
Chairman



## Finance Report for Season 2017/18

### **Annual Dinner - 15 November 2017**

Just over 180 members and guests attended our Annual Dinner in the MCC Members Dining Room to hear recently retired Australian Test opener Chris Rogers. Our numbers were down by 10% on the previous year, which indicated that holding our Annual Dinner in November has contributed to the reduced the number of attendees over the last two years.

The committee has decided to schedule our Annual Dinner back in Grand Final week, which we hope will be a better time of year for members to attend. This function resulted in a small loss.

### **Long Room Luncheons - 18 August 2017 and 23 March 2018.**

Our August luncheon had 109 members and guests attend to hear from the football legend Dermott Brereton. Once again, our resident MC, John Anderson, invited several guests and members to the lectern to tell their stories. This luncheon was enjoyed by all who attended.

In March, we had the privilege to hear from the retiring Australian and Victorian cricketer, David Hussey, who relayed his journey in cricket from the backyard with brother, Michael, to Twenty20 in the IPL. Seventy-four members and guests attended this luncheon.

These luncheons give our members a chance meet in the best venue in Melbourne (The Long Room), and listen to an array of speakers from all sports and associated professions.

### **Test Day 3 Luncheon – 28 December 2017.**

Due to all member and corporate function rooms being booked on Boxing Day, we were only able to run a luncheon on day three, which was well supported. Just over 100 members and guests attended the day, allowing the club to make a small profit.

### **Hans Ebeling Room Function - 27th August 2017 – Richmond v St Kilda.**

Our chairman has introduced another opportunity for our members to get together, this time at a football match. A package of finger food and beverages including a reserved seat, allowed over 50 members and their guests to enjoy a great day. This day also provided a small profit to the club.

We have, this year, invested in new playing equipment, as we donated most of our kit to help the young cricketers at the Queens United Cricket Academy at the end of our USA tour last season.

Our club finances remain strong, with \$64,595 in term deposits at an average of 2.12% and \$15,295 in the trading account.

**Colin Walker**  
**Hon. Treasurer.**

MCC XXIX Club Statement of Income and Expenditure					
For the Year Ended June 30, 2018					
June 30 2017					June 30 2018
	INCOME				
\$ 18,095	Subscriptions ( including Entrance Fees)				\$ 15,915
\$ 1,417	Interest Received				\$ 1,369
\$ 22,510	Annual Dinner Revenue (112 Members & 69 Guests )				\$ 20,260
\$ 18,360	Test Day 1 Luncheon				
\$ 11,475	Test Day 3 Luncheon (58 Members & 45 Guests)				\$ 14,290
\$ 13,800	Long Room Luncheons, 18 Aug 2017, 23 Mar 2018.				\$ 16,345
\$ 50	Sales of Club Apparel & Cricket Equipment				\$ 272
	Hans Ebeling Room Football Function (56 Attendees)				\$ 4,320
\$ 70,873	USA & CANADA Tour 2017 (from Participants)				
\$ 2,600	Vignerons Dinner Adelaide 2017 (from Participants)				
	Other Revenue				\$ 50
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\$ 159,179			Total Income		\$ 72,821
	EXPENDITURE				
\$ 23,998	Annual Dinner Expenses				\$ 20,287
\$ 16,893	Test Day 1 Luncheon Expenses				
\$ 10,835	Test Day 3 Luncheon Expenses				\$ 12,005
\$ 16,934	Long Room Luncheon Expenses				\$ 17,668
\$ 8,517	Game Catering and Match Fees				\$ 5,561
\$ 1,250	Catering Committee Meetings				\$ 1,464
	Hans Ebeling Room Expenses				\$ 3,375
\$ 77,819	USA & CANADA Tour 2017 Expenses				\$ 1,132
\$ 2,600	Vignerons Dinner Adelaide 2017				
\$ 1,200	MCC Young Player Awards				\$ 1,200
\$ 443	Trophies				\$ 3,258
\$ 7,819	Merchandise				\$ 3,505
	Donations				\$ 500
\$ 2,772	Printing and Stationery				\$ 4,128
	Public Notices				\$ 203
\$ 734	General Expenses				\$ 1,414
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\$ 171,813			Total Expenditure		\$ 75,701
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\$ (12,634)			Net Profit (Loss)		\$ (2,880)
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\$ 12,760	Cash At Bank				\$ 15,295
\$ 64,595	NAB Term Deposit				\$ 64,595
\$ 8,010	Accounts Receivable				\$ 1,680
\$ 6,312	Assets At Cost				\$ 7,008
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\$ 91,677					\$ 88,578

## Introduction to the MCC XXIX Club

The club owes its very existence to a very small band of cricket enthusiasts who took the very first steps towards its formation just prior to the 1956/57 season. The prime movers were Jack Daniel, Jack Green, Max Haysom, Ian McDonald and Keith Rigg, and those of us who now enjoy membership are in the debt of those five men. To refresh the memories, in this year's annual report there is a fascinating account by Ian McDonald of the club's formation.

All members of the Melbourne Cricket Club and Playing members on the waiting list are eligible for XXIX Club membership subject to acceptance by the committee of a nomination form supported by a proposer and a seconder, each of whom is to be a financial member of the XXIX Club of at least 12 month's standing.

Applications for membership and subscription details can be found on the MCC website:

<https://www.mcc.org.au/mcc-cricket/mcc-cricket/xxix-club>

The function of the club is to foster the enjoyment of cricket largely by arranging matches and other social events.

New silk club ties (\$50.00) are available from the MCC offices. Please contact the MCC Club Sport Administration Officer on 9657 8985.

Members are urged to encourage others to join. We are particularly keen to swell the ranks of those whose interest in cricket is not confined to spectatorship. Keen players and helpers are most welcome.

## Significant Club Dates

August 1956	Initial correspondence with MCC
September 1956	Letter from MCC expressing agreement in principle
October 1956	Initial meeting
1 <sup>st</sup> November 1956	Inaugural Meeting at Albert Ground Election of first committee
4 <sup>th</sup> November 1956	1 <sup>st</sup> Match versus Southern Command at Broadmeadows
27 <sup>th</sup> July 1957	First Annual Dinner at Fontainbleu Presided over by E.K. Tolhurst Guest Speaker: A.L. Hassett
December 1969	Overseas Tour – South East Asia
June 1977	Overseas Tour – U.K.
August 1977	Twenty-first Annual Dinner
April 1980	Overseas Tour – South East Asia
June 1981	Overseas Tour – U.K.
September 1981	Silver Anniversary Dinner
April 1982	Overseas Tour – South East Asia
August 1985	International Masters Games - Toronto, Canada
September 1985	XXIXers 29 <sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner
August 1989	International Masters Games - Denmark/U.K.
October 1990	Central Australian Masters Games-Alice Springs
July 1993	Overseas Tour – U.K.
June 1997	Overseas Tour – U.K.
June 2001	Overseas Tour – U.K.
April 2003	Overseas Tour – Thailand
June/July 2005	Overseas Tour – U.K. (via Singapore & Holland)
September 2006	Fifty-Year Anniversary Annual Dinner
April/May 2007	Overseas Tour – Malaysia & Thailand
July 2009	Overseas Tour – U.K.
July 2013	Overseas Tour – U.K.
July 2015	Overseas Tour – Italy, France & U.K.
May 2017	Overseas Tour – USA & Canada
Aug 2018	Overseas Tour – Malaysia

## A Note on the Formation of the MCC XXIX Club

It does no harm to delve into history, if only for the nostalgic memories of the past.

It has been suggested that in 1956 “Dasher” Daniel, Keith Rigg, Max Haysom, “Groper” Green and I happened to get together and form the XXIX Club. It wasn’t quite like that. Rather than being a case of “spontaneous generation”, the Club rather “rose like a Phoenix from the ashes”.

Those of you who still have the original report 1956/57 may care to read (for few will remember) of the teams taken away to the country before and immediately after the Second World War by Su Aitken, Hec Donahoo, and Stan Rogerson. With the tearing up of the MCG for the 1956 Olympic Games, social cricket was, for a time, abandoned.

Quite fortuitously, I was in Oxford for two years about that time. I had been introduced to the pleasures of English Cricket, and in particular was greatly impressed and delighted by the art form known as the annual dinner; a play in which the actors dressed in black and white, were regaled by after dinner speakers of extraordinary wit and enthusiasm.

Upon my return home, being unwilling to forgo these pleasures, but unable to do anything effectively on my own, I was fortunate to find enthusiastic support from several players of my vintage and two general committeemen in Keith Tolhurst and Keith Rigg, who were willing and able to avoid the hidden rocks of the anti-Sunday cricket establishment and still deliver a child legitimised by the MCC.

This child soon to become the XXIX Club (the name “the MCC Bulls” having been pronounced too way-out for the MCC Committee), fell easily into the gap left by the earlier social teams, but had the added virtue of being a formal sub-section of the MCC with its own Committee, cap, tie and annual dinner, and, in due course, its Permanent Back Stop.

I think that I, more than anyone, was delighted by the success (due mostly to the indefatigable Tom Leather) of the first season’s games.

The climax of it all was the first annual dinner at Fountainbleu in 1957 for in its annual dinner I believe is sublimated all the social pleasure of a cricket club. Graced by Lindsay Hassett, the dinner, almost course for course and speaker for speaker, was quite intentionally moulded on the 21<sup>st</sup> annual dinner of the South Oxfordshire Amateurs CC that had so enthused me in 1954. It is for this reason that I have always believed S.O.A. to be the unwitting father of the XXIX Club (there was so much free champers that night that the father would have been none the wiser), and accordingly, made strenuous efforts to be at its 50<sup>th</sup> annual dinner when I was able to make a presentation representing both congratulations and thanks from the XXIX Club.



But no child can be fathered without a mother, and it was the MCC through the enthusiasm of a number of senior players and committeemen of 1956, who saw the foetus through its gestation and delivery, later to name it XXIX in recognition of the fact the cricketers never grow old.

Several of the original and early members have become general committeemen in the course of time. It is my hope that such close association of the XXIX Club with the higher echelon of the mother club will continue to the mutual benefit of both.

Ian McDonald



## Previous Guest Speakers

Our 62nd annual report would not be complete without the inclusion of a list of those “Guest Speakers” who so graciously gave reminiscences and anecdotes from the past experiences on and off the playing fields here and overseas.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Guest Speaker</u>	<u>Proposer of Toast to Guest</u>	<u>Proposer of Toast to Club</u>
1957	Lindsay Hassett	R B Stevens	L P O’Brien
1958	Ernie McCormick	J G Green	K E Rigg
1959	Sir Robert Menzies	M R Haysom	D H Reid
1960	Jack Fingleton	C C McDonald	Sir Albert Chadwick
1961	Arthur Calwell	E L Moran	E L McCormick
1962	Richie Benaud	Dr G R Thoms	Hon A A Street
1963	Bill O’Reilly	A L Hassett	R C Steele
1964	Rohan Rivett	Sir N O’Bryan	V Y Richardson
1965	Alan McGillvray	L N Ley	Dr D P Cordner
1966	Ian Johnson	W L Jacobs	A L Hassett
1967	Bill Lawry	Hon A A Street	H J Kroger
1968	Arthur Morris	Dr I McDonald	G C Eggleston
1969	Sir Eugene Gorman	A L Hassett	A A Calwell
1970	Les Favell	Hon Mr Just. Gray	R D Barassi
1971	Colin Egar	R C. Steele	G D Cordner
1972	Alan Davidson	Hon Mr Just Coldham	J C Lill
1973	Lou Rowan	Hon Mr Just. Gray	Sir Robert Menzies
1974	Ray Lindwall	S J E Loxton	B A Barnett
1975	Frank Tyson	Dr G R Thoms	Dr I McDonald
1976	Max Walker	I J Ridley	Dr D P Cordner
1977	Ian Meckiff	L F Kline	G D Cordner
1978	Bob Simpson	B V Tobin	D P Jones
1979	David Richards	R C Steele	L P O’Brien
1980	Tony Greig	A P Sheahan	E J Lynch
1981	Bob Merriman	K E Rigg, MBE	R G Lloyd
1982	John Edwards	Hon Mr Just. Southwell	G C Brown
1983	John Lill	C C McDonald	J H Mackinnon
1984	Sir James Killen	Hon A A Street	Hon Mr Just. Gray
1985	Keith Dunstan	Dr I McDonald	D H Reid
1986	Sam Loxton	R J Parish	D G McQueen
1987	Doug Walters	J Edwards	A J Ryan
1988	Neil Hawke	J C Lill	R H Teasdale
1989	Barry Richards	D J Broad	I C Hennig
1990	Dean Jones	J G Anderson	P D French
1991	David Hookes	J G Anderson	Hon V F Wilcox
1992	Rod Marsh	G J Cosier	Dr D P Cordner
1993	Geoff Lawson	J K Moss	Dr W S Rickards
1994	Terry Jenner	M H N Walker	M R Haysom
1995	Jim Higgs	W M Lawry	Dr J C Lill
1996	Greg Chappell	R G Lloyd	M L Phillips
1997	Mark Taylor	A I C Dodemaide	R B Church
1998	Tony Crafter	G Dawson	M W D Sholly
1999	Adam Gilchrist	M S Anderson	J McCarthy

2000	Ian Healy	M L Phillips	Hon Just E.W. Gillard
2001	Paul Sheahan	B J Matters	W Carroll
2002	Bob Massie	S D Stockdale	Dr I Mc Donald
2003	Steve Bernard	M S Anderson	Dr D P Cordner
2004	Darren Berry	M W D Sholly	J C Oliver
2005	Damien Fleming	S M McCooke	M G Butler
2006	Bradley Hodge	A B McDonald	P D French
2007	Steve Rixon	C J Davies	A S MacGillivray
2008	Stuart MacGill	S H Cook	B J Matters
2009	Michael Kasprowicz	A C Dale	S J Spargo
2010	Rodney Hogg	D M Johnstone	D J Broad
2011	Kerry O'Keefe	P J Halbish	D S Crow
2012	Merv Hughes	M W D Sholly	P D King
2013	Wayne Phillips	M R Stein	S M McCooke
2014	Daryl Harper	N H Quinn	P Hanlon
2015	Danny Morrison	N H Quinn	A P Sheahan
2016	Greg Richie	M A Butler	M S Anderson
2017	Chris Rogers	P S Sealey	D Talalla

### List of Founding Members of MCC XXIX Club – 1956

J	Crawford		C S	McCutcheon
N C	Crompton		I H	McDonald
H	Dowsley		A	McKay
J	Daniel		J G	Miles
C L	Fairbairn		L P	O'Brien
C	Gardiner		D	Peters
J G	Green		W N	Ponsford
W	Harrison		W S	Rickards
M R	Haysom		K E	Rigg
J G	Hunt		C	Smith
M	Kenny		R	Speechley
D	Kerr		R B	Stevens
H M	Kerr		J H M	Symons
J D	Kinnear		R H	Teasdale
L	Kline		G	Thoms
T W	Leather		E K	Tolhurst
G	Longney		I	Warne-Smith

## 2017/18 Results at a Glance

Date	Match	Venue	Captain		Highlights
25 Oct	Aust Cricket Soc				Wash Out
1 Nov	Puckapunyal CC	Puckapunyal	J Kent	WIN	J Clampett 60* & 1/18 (7)
29 Nov	Vignerons XI	Albert	P Halbish	WIN	M Curtain 49 ret, M Butler 55 ret
6th Dec	Euroa CC	Albert			Wash Out
13 Dec	Media XI	Albert	M Anderson	Lost	P O'Beirne 99
22 Jan	MCC President's XI	MCG	M Anderson	WIN	P O'Beirne 106, A Middlin 59*
25 Jan	CC NSW	Camperdown	M Butler	WIN	B Gaunt 51 ret
4 Feb	Singapore CC	Albert	M Sholly	WIN	P Whybird 50 ret, S McCooke 3/3
11 Feb	Bendigo CC	Bendigo Nth	T Jones	Lost	J Fitzgibbon 4/19 (8)
14 Feb	Combined Club XI	Albert	M Stein	Lost	P O'Beirne duck
18 Feb	Crusaders	McKinnon	C Nunan	Lost	Sundries 28
19 Feb	Qld Cricketers Club	Albert	M Reidy	Lost	P Kennedy 35 ret
28 Feb	Epicure XI	Albert	S McCooke	WIN	A Kent 62 ret & 1/3 (3)
7 Mar	HMAS Cerberus	Albert	M Scholten	WIN	J Scotland 60* & 5/25 Hat-trick



## MCC XXIX Club v Army Southern Command

MCC XXIX CLUB v Army / Puckapunyal Cricket Club							
Played at: Puckapunyal "Shell Green Oval" November 1, 2017							
MCC XXIX CLUB				Defeated		Army/Puckapunyal Cricket Club	
5/140						3/137 c.c.	
Player	Batting		Bowling	Player	Batting		Bowling
Matt Curtain	33		0/14 (2)	D Webb ©	71		2/31 (5)
Tim Jones	7			J Marshall	13		
Jon Clampett	60	n.o.	1/18 (7)	M McMahon	39		
Chris Allan	4			C Lovett	2	n.o.	1/13 (7)
James Davis	4		0/15 (4)	B Gibson	6	n.o.	
Mike Reidy (wk)	0			L Deeble	dnb		0/20 (3)
Tim Corney	21	n.o.	0/13 (4)	D Pugh	dnb		
John Kent ©	dnb		0/19 (6)	P Brookes	dnb		0/26 (5)
Matt Bennett	dnb		1/24 (7)	D Chegwiddden	dnb		2/25 (7)
Geoff Fidler	dnb		0/14 (1)	R Deeble	dnb		
Peter Leggett	dnb		1/14 (4)	J Nipperess	dnb		0/19 (7)
Colin Walker							
Sundries	11			Sundries	6		
Umpires	Tim Norton	Darren Deeble					
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins	Mark Nipperess					
Team manager	Paul Hughes						

The day started auspiciously with all team members arriving at the Fidler bus depot. Displaying skills not commonly found in a Chairman, bus driver Geoff negotiated the 22-seater northwards via the greatest number of rat runs and speed humps tolerable by the athletes on the bus.

Responsibility for clearing security at the “Pucka” boom gate fell to team manager Paul Hughes, so it was a relief to make it through to the very well-maintained ground with a lovely new picket fence. The day was a little overcast and blowy when we piled out of the bus to be greeted by team member Jon “Jed” Clampett who could almost be called a local in Seymour.

The toss was won by the home team so we had a bowl first. Jon Clampett and Matt Bennett bowled well in the opening spell and could have easily had a couple of wickets each. Nonetheless, we contained them to 25 from the first 10 overs. Taking the elusive first wicket, we thought that Peter Leggett might start an avalanche, but it was not to be; the second wicket partnership put on 89 with their skipper, Danny Webb making a well compiled 71. The bus driver was given a trundle only to be sent to the bleachers with 14 runs off his one over spell. With the wicket starting to keep a little low, 3/137 was a very competitive target.

Our reply began brightly with Matt Curtain dominating the opening partnership. Unfortunately, he had his castle disturbed at 33 and we were 1/42 with Tim Jones on 7, which was to be his final total as he fell next over. Refusing to panic, Jon Clampett settled in and held up his end, but we lost Chris Allen, James Davis and Mike Reidy in quick succession to be 5/79 in the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Still, no need to panic as Tim Corney joined “Jed” to display some fine placement coupled with scurrying between wickets. Jon and Tim took us to victory with eight balls to spare. Both Jon Clampett and Tim Corney completed fine doubles; Jon 1/18 from seven and 60\* and Tim 0/13 from four and 21\*.

The Army team struck a perpetual trophy for the game. With considerable conviction, Daren Deeble explained how it was named in the honour of three comrades killed in the war in Afghanistan. We felt very honoured to have played in the inaugural match.

Thanks to the boys from Pucka Cricket Club for their generous hospitality on the day with lunch and dinner provided. Our trip home was punctuated by a comfort break at Hunter’s tryst in Beveridge for a beverage. A great day had by all. Thanks to Geoff Fidler, Colin Walker, umpire Tim Norton, scorer Barrie Hopkins and team manager, Paul Hughes.

**John Kent**  
**Captain**

## MCC XXIX Club v Vignerons XI

MCC XXIX CLUB v Vignerons XI							
Played at: The Albert 29 Nov 2017							
MCC XXIX CLUB				Defeated		Vignerons XI	
2/180						10/176	
Player	Batting		Bowling	Player	Batting		Bowling
M Butler	55	ret	3/41	G Kidman	50		0/29
M Scholten	25			D Whitelaw	14		1/19
M Curtain	49	ret		T Burge	5		
J Davis	10		1/18	C Finkelstein	13		0/13
A Sheehan	6	no		S Steele	25		0/35
J Clampett	22	no	3/28	G Thompson	1		
P Halbish ©			0/22	C Evans	31		0/15
C Nunan				J Hall	17		
T Jones				W Shub	0		
J Kent			1/20	D Neal	8		0/12
M Reidy				S Osicka	5	no	1/29
R Shugg				J Oliver ©			0/22
M Bennett			2/45				
Sundries	13			Sundries	7		
	180				176		
Umpires	M Slattery	J Mackinnon					
Scorers	T Norton						
Team managers	T Norton						

After a successful and tremendously enjoyable fixture in the Barossa the previous season, the annual XXIX Club vs. Vignerons XI returned to the Albert Ground, and both teams were greeted by warm weather and a beautifully prepared wicket and ground.

The Vignerons won the toss and batted, and through some strong stroke play from George Kidman, got off to a flying start. A change in pace brought a change of fortune for the XXIX Club with John Kent's introduction into the attack bringing the opening partnership to an end. This breakthrough only introduced Trent Burge to the crease, who in his role as the Vignerons no.3 had touched us up on numerous encounters. On this occasion, however, he fell victim to a fine spell of swing bowling from Jon Clampett who took 3/28 from his seven over spell.

A hard hitting cameo from Curt Evans (31), along with support from Clive Finkelstein (13), Simon Steele (25) and James Hall (17), couldn't prevent Mark Butler (3/25) and Matt Bennett (2/45) cleaning up the last five wickets and the Vignerons XI dismissed for a competitive looking 176 from their 38 overs.

The XXIX Club openers, Mark Butler and Matt Scholten clearly enjoyed the conditions, displaying a great array of cover drives and off side shots until Matt was dismissed for a well compiled 25. Matt Curtain, batting at no.3 and Mark Butler steered the ship past 100 one down. We then retired them both although curiously Matt was denied his 50th run at no fault by the captain. With the support of Andrew Sheehan, Jon Clampett rounded off his day steering the XXIX Club home four down.

Thank you to Jeremy Oliver and the Vignerons for making the journey from as far afield as South Australia. As is the tradition with this fixture, the after match was thoroughly enjoyable affair, with both teams enjoying the respective hospitality and environment of the Albert Ground pavilion.

**Phil Halbish**  
**Captain**

## MCC XXIX Club v Media XI

MCC XXIX CLUB v Media XI						
Played at: The Albert Ground on December 13, 2017						
MCC XXIX CLUB			Defeated by		Media XI	
7/218 c.c.					5/222	
Player	Batting		Bowling	Player	Batting	Bowling
P. O'Beirne	99	r.o.		J Tate	61	
J Bott	4			S Gullan	3	1/10 (2)
M Sholly	24			M Stevens	1	2/33 (6)
M Butler	6		0/16 (1)	D Brereton	51	0/12 (1)
D Chippendall	26		0/31 (2)	A White ©	37	
Steven McCooke	29		1/43 (4)	J Bartel	45	n.o. 0/53 (7)
P Jackson	0			T Morris	19	n.o.
Stuart McCooke	11	n.o.	1/33 (6)	D King	dnb	1/29 (6)
P Halbish	16	n.o.	1/28 (8)	J Ralph	dnb	0/40 (6)
M Anderson ©	dnb		0/37 (6.2)	R Beveridge	dnb	1/27 (3)
C Nunan	dnb		1/30 (4)	N Templeton	dnb	0/12 (5)
Sundries	3			Sundries	5	
Umpires	T Norton	J Robinsor	C Walker			
Scorers	B Hopkins					
Team managers	N Williams	J Kent				

It was again our pleasure to host our friends from the media at the magnificent Albert Ground for our annual fixture, but it gives me no pleasure whatsoever to report that our visitors continued their recent dominance.

Batting first, we felt comfortable that 218 from our allotted 36 overs would be very competitive. Opener Paddy O'Beirne was the mainstay of the innings and was only denied a classy century when a farcical mix up with Steven McCooke saw him run out for 99. Paddy was well supported by some nice contributions from MCC legends Michael Sholly and Steven McCooke, and MFC CFO David Chippendall.

In the field, things began brightly when journalists Scott Gullan and Mark Stevens were back in the Fairbairn Pavilion early, but five-time day and five-time night premiers hero Dermott Brereton (51) joined former Essendon keeper-bat Jamie Tate (61) to get the Media XI chase back on track.

Both were removed in quick succession, but it only gave rise to bringing the game to a quicker conclusion with the introduction of media skipper Adam White and talented all-round athlete and former Cats triple premiers player, Norm Smith and Brownlow medallist Jimmy Bartel. Both players struck the ball with great timing and power with one of Bartel's strikes being retrieved from the Parkview Hotel foyer!

In the end, the Media XI achieved their target with four overs to spare. Most of our attack came in for some severe punishment with the exception of Phil Halbish who held things together early conceding only 28 from his eight overs.

Paddy O'Beirne capped off an eventful day when he desperately tried to save a boundary in the field only managing to finish up in the Alfred's casualty ward after spiking himself!

As usual the post-match festivities were convivial as the visitors again expressed their appreciation for the opportunity the XXIX Club provides them to play in such an enjoyable fixture in such brilliant conditions – thanks to Scott West and his crew.

We are very fortunate to have such a great and willing band of volunteers to assist us in being able to host these matches so well. Many thanks to Tim Norton, John Robinson, Colin Walker, Barrie Hopkins, Neil Williams and John Kent who combined to fulfil the unheralded umpiring, scoring and chef duties.

We eagerly await next season's fixture to try and swing the momentum of these contests back in our favour.

**Mark Anderson**  
**Manager/Captain**

## MCC XXIX Club v MCC President's XI

MCC XXIX CLUB v MCC President's XI.									
Played at: Melbourne Cricket Ground January 22, 2018									
MCC XXIX CLUB 6/204 c.c.					Defeated		MCC President's XI 10/185		
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
Pat O'Beirne	106				Josh Benson	2		1/22	(3)
Matt Scholten	2				Dean Russ	35	r.o.	0/33	(5)
Mark Butler	14	r.o.	1/16	(3)	Alistair McCooke ©	18			
Mark Anderson ©	11		1/23	(5)	Andrew Ingleton	7		1/15	(3)
Ash Middlin	59	n.o.			Shane Giese	23		0/11	(4)
Phil Halbish	0		2/24	(6)	Julien Wiener	40			
Carl Nunan	1		1/34	(5)	Steven McCooke	10		0/35	(5)
Glenn Hannah	2	n.o.	1/25	(6)	Scot Gordon	7		0/14	(4)
Ron Shugg	dnb				Rob Templeton	9			
Nick Quinn	dnb		1/24	(5.1)	Iain Roy	19		0/15	(3)
Paul Sealey	dnb		2/33	(8)	Will O'Brien	3	n.o.	3/24	(8)
					Ritche Savage	dnb		0/25	(5)
Sundries	9				Sundries	12			
Umpires	Tim Norton	Mike Slattery							
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins								
Team managers	Colin Walker	Bruce Wilson							

Once again we were privileged that MCC club administration was able to make the MCG available for the popular tussle against the President's XI and to orchestrate two reasonably matched sides.

Despite the fact that many of our mates were on the other team, the XXIX Club still fired up some pre-match aggression when we realised that, yet again, we were relegated to the opposition "away team" rooms. On the other hand, we do get the chance to supply the scorer (Barrie Hopkins) and umpires (Mike Slattery and Tim Norton).

Relishing the chance to bat first, Pat O'Beirne (106) continued to mine a rich vein of form. When he was joined in the middle with Ash Middlin (59\*), he was able to build a formidable partnership that set up the game. Will O'Brien (3/24) was the pick of the President's XI bowlers, toiling away on batsman's paradise.

The XXIX Club elected to defend the 204 runs on the board by bowling some heat. Phil Halbish (2/24) dried up the runs bowling back of a length. From the other end Paul Sealey (2/33) wound back the clock to ping them in low and fast on the stumps. Incoming Cricket Victoria CEO, Andrew Ingleton, was parachuted into the president's team to get a taste of cricket at the coal face, but unfortunately he could not stem the flow of wickets.

It took a runout to remove the dangerous Dean Russ (35) while Julian Wiener (40) treated us with contempt to keep the President's men in the game. In the end they burnt all their wickets valiantly chasing a total that was just out of reach.

We are extremely grateful to the MCC President, Steven Smith, for hosting the match followed by the customary sumptuous meal in the special place that the Committee Room is.

The Brian Watson Memorial trophy, for which the two teams compete for annually, remains in the hands of the XXIX Club and Patty O'Beirne was rightfully awarded the man of the match.

**Geoff Fidler**  
**Chairman**

## MCC XXIX Club v Cricketers Club NSW

MCC XXIX CLUB v Cricketers Club of N.S.W.									
Played at: Camperdown Oval on January 25, 2018									
MCC XXIX CLUB 8/194					Defeated		Cricketers Club of NSW 7/192 c.c.		
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
Jon Bott	12	r.o.			Curtis Murray	51	ret.		
Mark Butler	15	r.o.	2/26	(4)	Mike Pinter	2			
Patrick O'Beirne	25		0/20	(6)	Simon James	13			
Bryn Gaunt	51	ret.	1/19	(3)	Bill Blair	46		1/37	(8)
Matt Curtain	37				Tom Robertson	6		1/4	(2)
Matt Scholten	4				Brett Favell	20			
Jon Clampett	3		1/34	(4)	David Burns	6		1/37	(3)
Ryan Fort	18	n.o.	2/33	(8)	John Munda	5		0/25	(3)
Tim Alexander	0	r.o.	0/23	(7)	Ed Smith	18	n.o.	2/34	(6)
Mike Reidy	0				Soren Hughes	8	n.o.	0/23	(5)
Paul Sealey	19	n.o.	1/27	(8)	Lee Witherton	dnb		0/14	(3)
					Richard Bryant	dnb		0/19	(7)
Sundries	10				Sundries	17			
Umpires	Tim Norton	Stuart Grocboek							
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins	Ian Wright							
Team managers	Geoff Fidler								

On a humid steamy afternoon at the Camperdown oval in the shadows of Sydney Uni, I assessed the pitch as having a bit in it so, on winning the toss, elected to bowl. This decision was second guessed by players and officials in the touring party; it is tough at the helm. Our opening bowlers started steadily and while bowling without distinction, CCNSW never got away from us. At one stage it appeared that the seaming track might limit them to 130 before a partnership (Curtis Murray and Billy Blair) and some hitting from the tailenders saw them reach 192 off their 40 overs. Over the history of this fixture Billy has been something of a nemesis to us with both bat and ball.

Despite being wicketless, Tim Alexander (our Sydney specialist secret weapon), was the pick of our bowlers, spinning the ball hard, making it difficult to score and indeed bamboozling them. Ryan Fort (2/33) came back well from his opening spell to take a couple of crucial wickets towards the end to lock down the score at 192. Pat O'Beirne and Paul Sealey also bowled well to contain them throughout the early part of the innings.

In reply, we started positively without breaking their back, but lost both openers after getting starts, run out (which we are best not to harp on too much). Patty O'Beirne (25), who was continuing on his stellar month, got a good ball and was caught behind. Bryn Gaunt (51 ret) came in at four to steady the ship and showed his class, cutting as many moves out on the ground as the peculiar local on the sidelines who danced like no one was watching for the best part of the day powered by an old CD walkman. Bryn was accompanied by Matthew Curtain (37), to form a great partnership of 70. Bryn's retirement plus few quick wickets took us to the point where we still needed 37 of the last nine overs. However, just as the pressure started to mount, Ryan Fort (18\*) and Paul Sealey (19\*) (inside out through the off-side) got together to knock off the remaining runs with nonchalance, and even a little arrogance dare I say it, especially with only two wickets left in the shed (Bryn waiting to add to his fifty if necessary).

It was a great victory in a rather exciting finish to the match. CC of NSW were understandably disappointed they couldn't finish us off, which we discussed at length in the rooms after the match before reconvening up the road with jacket and club tie in the Sydney Uni No 1 grandstand. The night finished with some late night entertaining speeches to cap off the night from our chairman, NSW captain Ed Smith, and yours truly. Special thanks for all those who made the trip. Notwithstanding the last minute venue change from the SCG, nothing could dampen the positive vibe of the touring party. Many thanks once more to Tim Norton (umpire), Barrie Hopkins (scorer) and chairman Geoff Fidler for his organisation, team managing and relentless sledging of his own captain all day. It was a terrific day and result, and we look forward to hosting again next year.

**Mark Butler**  
**Captain**



## MCC XXIX Club v Singapore CC

MCC XXIX CLUB v Singapore Cricket Club.									
Played at: The Ablert Ground on February 4, 2018									
MCC XXIX CLUB				Defeated			Singapore Cricket Club		
6/208 c.c.							10/56		
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
Paul Whybird	50	ret.			Vijay Jeyaratnam	0			
Mark Anderson	13		2/2	(3)	Rob Hands	12		0/38	(6)
Matt Stein	41		1/16	(5)	Rohit Shah	20			
Steve Williams	4		1/7	(2)	James Kilby	1		2/29	(8)
Matt Scholten	13				Dene Border	8		0/13	(2)
Ash Gilbert	46		1/4	(4)	James Watson	1			
Matt Curtain	0	n.o.			Hugh Darwell	0			
Steve McCooke	7		3/3	(4)	Harry Taylor	2		1/35	(8)
Phil Halbish	3	n.o.	0/11	(5)	Maphu Thirikode	9	n.o.	2/46	(8)
Adam Rayner	dnb		2/11	(6)	Suresh Kalpathy	0		1/26	(8)
Michael Sholly	dnb				Andy Williams	0			
Anne-Maree Tanke	dnb		0/1	(1)					
Sundries	26				Sundries	3			
Umpires	John Robinson	Colin Walker							
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins								
Team managers	Geoff Fidler / Tim Jones								

The touring match against the MCC reciprocal club, Singapore CC, was the ideal opportunity to introduce four debutants to the XXIXers. Ash Gilbert, Paul Whybird and Steve Williams all played their cricket together at Carlton and Ann Marie Tankie had played for Singapore CC. Each of these players contributed to the success of the match and hopefully they enjoyed the experience.

The XXIXers batted first and opened with a 56-run partnership. It should be noted that Mark Anderson contributed only 13 of these runs. He was the junior partner, in runs not age, to Paul Whybird who retired on 50. Matt Stein and Matt Scholten made valuable contributions before the long levers of Ash Gilbert took to the tiring Singaporeans; 46 runs which yielded three towering sixes, clearing the tennis court nets, was the highlight of our innings.

At the half way mark the MCC XXIXers had compiled 6/208 off 40 overs. We thought this was a par score but we would need to bowl well to contain them.

Phil Halbish and Ash Gilbert opened the bowling and whilst they only took one wicket in their opening nine overs they suffocated the scoring with Singapore CC managing only 15. The change of bowling had immediate effect with Matt Stein grabbing a wicket and Adam Rayner collecting a couple. From then it was a disappointing collapse with Singapore CC losing the next six wickets to the guile of Mark Anderson (2/2) and the spin of Steven McCooke (3/3) and Steve Williams (1/7). They were dismissed for 56.

The after match was enjoyed by the participants together with a number of XXIXers and SCC guests. The true spirit of the XXIXers was on display with plenty of sustenance mixed with the usual banter and speeches.

Extreme thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible - John Robinson and Col Walker for umpiring, Barry Hopkins for scoring, Geoff Fidler, Carl Nunan, Ron Shugg and Paul Barker for either cooking or helping to clean up.

Playing against touring clubs are the feature matches on the XXIXers calendar and we look forward to a XXIXers tour to Singapore in the near future.

**Michael Sholly**  
**Captain**

## MCC XXIX Club v Bendigo CC

MCC XXIX CLUB v Bendigo Cricket Club.							
Played at: The North Bendigo Oval on February 11, 2018							
MCC XXIX CLUB				Defeated by		Bendigo Cricket Club	
10/119						9/176 c.c.	
Player	Batting	Bowling		Player	Batting	Bowling	
Ash Halbish	0			Shane Koop	26	1/16	(6)
Pat O'Bierne	4	0/17	(5)	Glenn Franzi (c)	5		
Matt Curtain	3			Kyle Humphrys	4	0/19	(5)
Jon Bott	2	ret. Hurt		Mitchell Bench	13	r.o.	
Matt Scholten	37			Will Collicot	13		
Tom Savill	2	0/25	(8)	Kayle Thompson	40	0/6	(2)
John Fitzgibbon	1	4/19	(8)	Tom Hart	67	2/22	(6.1)
Tim Alexander	31	1/37	(7)	Barry Anderson	0	1/17	(5)
Tim Edwards	12	2/35	(4)	Jack Belser	2	r.o.	
Ron Shugg	4	n.o.		Mat Gray	4	n.o.	1/4 (3)
Adam Rayner	15	0/41	(8)	Andrew Gibb	dnb	2/11	(5)
Tim Jones ©	dnb			Jonathan Higgs	dnb	2/18	(5)
Sundries	8			Sundries	2		
Umpires	Peter Bennett	Brett Carter					
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins	Bill Baker					
Team managers	Colin Walker	Ian Coates					

The match against Bendigo CC this year turned out to be a one-sided affair. The XXIX Club fielded a balanced side of youth and, for want of a better word, experience. Bendigo CC, featuring mainly their First XI side, were in a determined mood to retain the cup assembling a young but strong and enthusiastic group for this highly contested match in its 28th year.

Bendigo batted first on a less than responsive track. At 5/69 the XXIX Club bowlers had done a great job in containment. With Tom Savill, an ex-English county player making his debut (0/25 off 8) and John Fitzgibbon with the miserly figures of 4/19 off eight, we had Bendigo worried.

However, operating from both ends, the spin twins of Tim Alexander and Tim Edwards provided some relief for the Bendigo batters. The match then took a dramatic turn with young Bendigo batsman Kale Thompson compiling a fast 40 with five sixes and a four. Tom Hart hammered a fine 67, again with five sixes. All bowlers came in for some punishment until Bendigo closed off their 40 overs with a respectable 9/176 cc.

One notable feature of the batting side was the addition of Barry Anderson, a former Bendigo CC president and long-term player with the XXIX Club. Although failing to get off the mark it was great to see him turn out for this match as he has many friends from both teams.

The XXIX innings started disastrously to say the least. With some of this year's star performing players for the XXIX Club in the shed at 4/13 and John Bott forced to retire with injury, we were facing a grim situation at 5/31. However in true XXIX Club fashion, Matthew Scholten (37) and Tim Alexander (31) rectified the slump and with a few runs from the tail, Ron Shugg (4 no) and Adam Rayner (15), we managed to scrap together 119 at the closure. Bendigo certainly deserved this win, but when six of your top seven batsmen make a dozen between them things can be difficult.

This did not detract from the overall experience of this match, as old friends and new joined over a great lunch and BBQ and cold refreshments after the match. Bendigo's man of the match went to John Fitzgibbon and the XXIXers presented a very deserving Tom Hart with the MOM and a special award to Kayle Thompson.

Thanks to Barrie Hopkins and Bill Carter from Bendigo for the scoring and Colin Walker as usual for his great match manager skills. Some very special thanks go to Ian 'The Bear' Coates for his outstanding organisation of what turned out to be a very memorable day for those who participated.

**Tim Jones**  
**Captain**

## MCC XXIX Club v Combined Club XI

MCC XXIX CLUB v Combined Clubbies XI									
Played at: The Ablert Ground on February 14, 2018									
MCC XXIX CLUB 10/157					Defeated by Combined Clubbies XI 5/188 c.c.				
Player	Batting	Bowling	Player	Batting	Bowling	Player	Batting	Bowling	
Mark Butler	33		Darren Edmunds	2					
Bryn Gaunt	20	0/19 (2)	Roly Imhoff	50	ret.				
Pat O'Bierne	0	0/28 (5)	Ritche Savage	20					
Stephen Williams	25	0/29 (3)	Sam Shearer	50	ret.	2/8 (2)			
Paul Whybird	11		Alistair Michener	40					
Ryan Fort	39	1/35 (7)	David Chippindall	0		1/3 (2)			
Matt Stein ©	1	1/30 (5)	Trevor Maggs	4		2/25 (5)			
Ash Gilbert	10	2/21 (7)	Lachie Volpe	5	n.o.	2/29 (4)			
Andrew Sheehan	0	1/8 (3)	Stephen Mellick	12	n.o.	1/29 (7)			
Marino Bovo	2	r.o.	Noman Bilwani	dnb		0/11 (3)			
Ron Shugg	1	n.o.	Krishna Iyor	dnb		1/27 (4)			
Phil Halbish	dnb	0/13 (4)	Rick Morris	dnb		0/19 (4)			
Sundries	11		Sundries	5					
Umpires	Mike Slattery	Les Blackbell							
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins								
Team managers	Colin Walker								

Once again blue skies and a flat deck at the Albert Ground greeted the participants in the now traditional Valentine's Day clash between the XXIX Club and the Club XI side. The Club XI were desperate to avenge the narrow defeat that they had suffered last year and had no hesitation in batting on winning the toss.

The XXIX Club had a particularly strong bowling outfit with the new cherry being taken by former Carlton and Victorian fast bowler Ash Gilbert (2/21) who showed he had lost none of his accuracy or bounce in a new ball spell that had the visitors hopping around. Likewise, former chairman Phil Halbish (0/13) and sub-district stalwart Ryan Fort (1/35) also delivered very tidy opening spells, but with some late hitting the Clubbies were able to creep up to 5/188 from their allotted 36 overs.

Batting honours went to Club XI captain Roly Imhoff (50 ret) and also Old Scotch player Sam Shearer who showed why he was the competition's leading run scorer with a well compiled 50.

In reply the home side started brightly with the evergreen Mark Butler (33) and polished former Hawthorn-East Melbourne batsman Bryn Gaunt (20) combining for an opening 47-run stand before a couple of quick wickets from Trevor Maggs put the XXIX Club on the back foot.

Despite an elegant 25 from former Carlton opener Steve Williams and some late hitting from Ryan Forte (39) the XXIX club fell around 30 runs short of the target in what was a competitive fixture played in terrific spirit all day.

Many thanks to umpires Mike Slattery and Les Blackbell and scorers/managers Barrie Hopkins and Colin Walker for their assistance on the day.

**Matt Stein**  
**Captain**

## MCC XXIX Club v Crusaders

MCC XXIX CLUB v Crusaders Cricket Club.									
Played at: McKinnon Cricket Oval on February 18, 2018									
MCC XXIX CLUB 9/125 c.c.					Defeated by Crusaders Cricket Club 1/130				
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
John Harden	12				Charlie Lowen	46	ret.	1/23	(3)
Peter Sheehan	20		0/26	(5)	Gareth Woolley	29	ret.	1/17	(5)
Chyris Allen	14		0/49	(5)	Tej Gandhi	21	ret.	1/1	(2)
David O'Shaughnessy	3	r.o.			Dan Patel	6	n.o.		
Tim Corney	1		1/35	(4.4)	Joe Shamash	0			
Barry Anderson	12				Ash Scoles	26	n.o.	0/29	(5)
Carl Nunan ©	9		0/19	(4)	Peter Marshall ©	dnb			
James Davis	4	r.o.			Nikhil Badkundri	dnb		0/13	(3)
Marino Bovo	14				Jason Ivanecky	dnb		1/7	(6)
Gary Douglas	0	n.o.			Rohan Thukral	dnb		1/6	(6)
Colin Walker	8	n.o.			Nick White	dnb		2/23	(6)
Sundries	28				Sundries	2			
Umpires	Darrell Holt								
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins Ian Scholfield								
Team managers	John McCormick								

The XXIX's were hosted by the Crusaders at the McKinnon Cricket Oval. The team was buoyed by the result last year where we won a close and entertaining game. The only difference between this year and last year was that last year we played three Premier club players who performed admirably for us.

Unfortunately, the opposition remembered this and fielded a team full of youthful, athletic and largely overseas cricketers.

Nevertheless, we were confident we could be competitive, and we won the toss and elected to bat on a crumbling wicket.

Our openers John Harden and Peter Sheehan started well and attacked the Crusaders bowlers. Sheehan was the first to go caught on the boundary for 20; Harden followed shortly after for 12. Unfortunately, no batsmen were able to really establish themselves however there were signs of consistency from Chris Allen who made 14, Barry Anderson 12 and Marino Bovo who made 14.

Col Walker (a late recall) made a solid 8 n.o at the end of the innings. Final total 9/125 cc, which we thought would be competitive if we were able to get a couple of early wickets on a surface that was inconsistent in bounce.

We opened with Sheehan and Douglas; the opposition opened with two young English imports. Our bowling was solid but the batsmen soon started plundering us to all parts of the ground. It soon became apparent that an early finish was on the cards. Nunan and Corney both bowled well without success at the end of innings.

**Carl Nunan**  
**Captain**

## MCC XXIX Club v Qld Cricketers Club

MCC XXIX CLUB v Queensland Cricketers Club.									
Played at: The Albert on February 19, 2018									
MCC XXIX CLUB 8/127 c.c.					Defeated by Queensland Cricketers Club 10/132 c.c.				
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
Matt Scholten	31				P. Goodchap	0			
Paul Kennedy	35	ret.	1/26	(4)	A. Reddich	37	ret.		
Chris Allen	8				M. Thornton	24		1/12	(5)
Mike Reidy ©	16				J. Fish	8			
John Kent	4	r.o.	1/10	(5)	P. Holley ©	13		0/15	(4)
Paul Jackson	8		0/21	(4)	W. Miles	5		2/21	(7)
Ron Shugg	8				I. Smith	5	r.o.		
Andrew Sheehan	0				S. Stockdale	2			
Michael Kerr	4	n.o.	1/7	(5)	M. Gregory	1	r.o.	1/29	(5)
Carl Nunan	4	n.o.	1/29	(7)	M. Giles	27	n.o.		
Brian Ceresa	dnb		3/12	(6)	G. Stevenson	0		1/19	(7)
Paul Hughes	dnb		1/23	(4)	D. Santer	4		1/25	(7)
Sundries	9				Sundries	6			
Umpires	John McKinnon	Les Blackbell							
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins	Rebecca Lewin							
Team managers	Colin Walker								

The last time the XXIX Club played the Queensland Cricketers Club (QCC) was in June 2014 in Caloundra and this was a much anticipated return fixture after the XXIX Club had prevailed in the 2014 meeting. QCC stalwart Neville Taylor was unable to make the trip down to Melbourne and Pat Carty led a new look team of QCC players, many of whom were playing at the Albert for the first time.

Pat elected to bat and the XXIX Club turned to Michael Kerr and Paul Jackson to open the bowling. A wicket from the first ball of the day, bowled by Michael Kerr, immediately gave us the ascendancy. A very steady opening spell from Michael and Paul had QCC 1 for 12 after seven overs. A 50 run partnership for the second wicket between Reddich (37 ret) and Thornton saw QCC take the score to 56 before Carl Nunan broke through with the key wicket of Thornton (24) who had top scored for QCC in the 2014 fixture. QCC wickets then fell steadily throughout the innings with the leg spin of Brian Ceresa (6-1-12-3) proving a mystery to the QCC batsmen. At the fall of the 10th wicket in the 32nd over QCC had scored 101 runs.

With QCC travelling with 13 players and three overs remaining of the allotted 35, the XXIX Club agreed to QCC batting 12, this was just what QCC needed with tailender Giles playing the XXIX Club attack for a very quick 27 runs. QCC posted a respectable final tally of 132.

Matt Scholten and Paul Kennedy opened the batting for the XIX Club and were quickly on top of the QCC attack. When Paul retired for 35 in the 14th over with the score at 61, the game was in the grasp of the XXIX Club. Matt (31) fell shortly afterwards and the QCC bowlers sensed an opportunity to tighten the game up. Michael Reidy (16) was out with the score at 4 for 94 in the 25th over and the XXIX Club still required 39 runs to win off the last 10 overs. Tight bowling from QCC restricted the remaining XXIX Club batsmen and we were to fall six runs short of our victory target at the completion of our allotted 35 overs.

QCC were gracious winners on the day and expressed appreciation for the fine playing conditions and hospitality of the XXIX Club. Both Pat and Michael thanked Les Blackbell and John Mackinnon for their contribution as umpires as well as Barrie Hopkins and Rebecca Lewin for ensuring the scorebooks more or less balanced.

We now look forward to a return match in Queensland in the not too distant future.

**Michael Reidy**  
**Captain**

## MCC XXIX Club v Epicure XI

MCC XXIX CLUB v Epicure XI									
Played at: The Albert Ground on February 28, 2018									
MCC XXIX CLUB					Defeated		Epicure XI		
4/203 c.c.							10/109		
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
Donavan Pell	6				Sean Rees	5		0/14	(3)
Carl Nunan	33		1/8	(3)	Brayden Fraser	2			
Jon Clampett	33		1/0	(1)	Ian Campbell	0			
Andrew Kent	62	ret.	1/3	(3)	Kelvin Lees	38		0/14	(2)
Matt Curtain	42	ret.			Lachlan Cullen	9		0/29	(5)
Chris Muller	14	n.o.	0/18	(5)	John Papas	2		0/7	(1)
Peter Sheehan	1		0/4	(1)	Jarad Keenan	35		0/32	(5)
James Davis	1	n.o.	2/26	(4)	James Gilham	8		2/22	(4)
Steven McCooke ©	dnb		2/16	(4.3)	Tom Lowden ©	8		1/24	(5)
Geoff Fidler	dnb		2/33	(5)	Michael James	0	n.o.	1/10	(4)
Ron Shugg	dnb				Luice Eustice	0		1/12	(1)
					Justin Nash	dnb		0/33	(5)
Sundries	6				Sundries	2			
Umpires	J Robinson	K Croker							
Scorers	B Hopkins								
Team managers	C Walker								

Epicure won the ‘toss’ after custom was maintained and fielded first on yet another day at the Albert that was ‘made to order’ for cricket. I sense Epicure were a little stung by their heavy defeat of last season and appeared to have a more experienced and agile team that took to the park.

To change things up a little, Andrew Kent was dropped down the order having wreaked havoc on the opposition bowling in recent years. Instead, current Carlton 1st XI opener Donovan Pell was accompanied by seasoned XXIXer, Carl Nunan, to face the new ball. Unfortunately, the (currently) higher credentialed of the two ‘missed one early’ so it was left to the more senior partner Carl to take control and strike a few handy blows in his 33. Jon Clampett (33) was solid at no.3 and kept the scoreboard ticking along. Epicure weren’t fully shielded from Kent who didn’t seem to mind the drop to no.4, once again only being forced from the batting crease through retirement with 62 against his name. Matt Curtain also made the most of his time in the middle before letting others have a hit after a well compiled 42. There was undoubtedly a far more even spread of quality bowlers in the Epicure line up however the XXIXers batted particularly well to finish on 4/203 off 35 overs.

Looking around the room before we took to the field there appeared to be plenty of bowling options, but more of the slower paced variety. Andrew Kent was asked to take the shine off the new ball along with Carl Nunan who did the opening double. They both rewarded the ‘faith’ by each removing an opener. Quick bowling changes to share the load didn’t stop the fall of wickets with Geoff Fidler, after ordering his place in the team royal decree style, delivering two wickets. James Davis’ entry to the bowling crease produced a pair of scalps and Jon Clampett’s single over had its success despite suffering a twinge. Yours truly had the tail playing for spin that wasn’t there and Epicure were bowled out for 109 in the 27th.

I write this every year – Epicure’s superb post-match ‘BBQ’ and hospitality - but it can’t go without mention especially seeing it was, if possible, better than ever. We thank Epicure sales manager James Gilham and his staff for both the fun and friendly atmosphere of the game, plus the generosity of their hospitality and warm post-match company.

Of course, the after match wouldn’t be possible without those that are so important to the playing of the match beforehand itself. To Scott West and the MCC staff at the Albert Ground, many thanks for presenting a first-class venue. To the umpires, John Robinson and Keiran Croker, umpiring his first XXIX Club match, many thanks. To Barrie Hopkins, your efforts on the pen (or pencil?) are hugely appreciated, as are those of team manager extraordinaire, Col Walker.

**Steven McCooke**  
**Captain**

## MCC XXIX Club v HMAS Cerberus

MCC XXIX CLUB v HMAS Cerberus XI									
Played at: The Albert Ground on March 7, 2018									
MCC XXIX CLUB 9/165 c.c.					Defeated		HMAS Cerberus 10/123		
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
Ritche Savage	4				Tom Mellick	6		1/20	(7)
Andrew Sheehan	9				Varinder Singh	0		3/29	(7)
Matt Curtain	7				Ken Hayes	63	n.o.		
Matt Scholten ©	27				Matt Marson	22			
Jon Clampett	29		1/12	(4)	Chris Murray ©	16		1/16	(4)
Jeff Scotland	60	n.o.	5/25 inc. htk	(6)	Terry Crilly	5		0/45	(6)
Tim Corney	3		1/19	(3)	Clint McGregor	1		1/10	(3)
Paul Jackson	2		1/15	(5)	Craig Fowler	7		1/17	(4)
Steve Mallick	8		1/17	(4)	Brady Jocumsen	0		0/14	(1)
Michael Kerr	4	n.o.	0/17	(4)	Michael Cameron	0		0/7	(1)
Ron Shugg	0				Jarrold Kreinberg	0		1/6	(2)
Carl Nunan	dnb		1/15	(4)	Joe Carroll	dnb			
Michael Reidy	dnb								
Sundries	12				Sundries	3			
Umpires	John McKinnon	Les Blackbell							
Scorers	B Hopkins								
Team manager	C Walker								

On a perfect autumn day at the Albert, the XXIXers played our longest standing fixture against our Navy's finest from Cerberus.

The day started with a leisurely lunch – wraps now being a feature of the fare on offer at the Albert these days.

Batting first the XXIXers lost early (and late) wickets. In between some solid batting from Jeff Scotland (on debut) and Jon Clampett saw the XXIXers reach 9/165. Scotland made a very well compiled 60 not out and Clampett 29. From our 35 overs our total was competitive but certainly not unattainable.

With the ball we took early wickets before some solid middle order batting from the visitors saw the game in the balance at the half way mark. Enter Jeff Scotland whose relatively gentle mediums proved far too good for the opposition. He ripped through the lower order to finish with 5/25 off six overs including a hat trick. In the end Cerberus were bowled out for 123.

Another fantastic day at the Albert concluded with drinks and presentations. Scotland clearly being the 'Man of the Match' for the XXIXers.

We were once again supported by some terrific MCC XXIX Club people on the day. Barrie Hopkins again scored for us as he does and has done for the XXIXers for many years. It really is appreciated.

Umpires Les Blackwell and the 'evergreen' John Mackinnon officiated superbly (no controversies). And finally, Col Walker great XXIX Club committeeman and team manager made sure everything ran smoothly on the day.

We look forward to heading to HMAS Cerberus to continue the tradition next year.

**Matthew Scholten**  
**Captain**









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