



## **Veterans Cricket Australia Inc.**

## **Newsletter #3: July 2018**

### ***Aust Over 70's UK Tour – July/Aug 2018***

The Australian Over 70's have arrived in a very warm and dry England. Recent reports from Team Manager, Lindsay Fisher indicate that the fields are very quick and boundary runners will be required at all times. Captain Ian Petherick has been assured that all players are fit and ready for the challenges of an arduous 13 match tour which will comprise 9 county matches, 3 ODI's against the UK and 1 ODI against Wales. We hope that our team will repeat the heroics of the recent tour when they remained undefeated against the old foe. Their first match will be played today.

The tourists include: Ian Petherick (Capt), Stirling Hamman (V/Capt), Ian Gibson, [Gipps] Selector, Colin Cooke, John Costello, Robin Court, Roger Edmunds, Ian Gibson [ACS], Ron Kasputis, Wavell McPherson, Bruce Pooley, Alan Reid, Phil Smith, Harry Solomons, Tim Spear, John Stackpoole, John Terrell, Tom Woods, Lindsay Fisher [Manager].

Keep abreast of what's happening on tour. Go to Facebook - ***Australian over 70's in England.*** Reports will be published on the VCA website: <http://www.veteranscricketaustralia.com.au/>

Best wishes to all for a very successful and enjoyable tour.



Here's conclusive proof that hard work pays off. Less than 6 months ago Harry had major shoulder surgery. After much pain and hard work at the physio and in the nets he left yesterday with the Australian Over 70's team to tour England for the next month.

Good luck, Harry Solomons!!!!

### ***Over 50's World Cup – Sydney Nov 20 – Dec 5 2018.***

Planning is well advanced for the staging of the inaugural Over50's World Cup. The participating teams from England, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, New Zealand, Wales and Canada as well as Australia will play on some of the best cricket facilities that Sydney has to offer. This is a very exciting event with many former international players involved. Further information can be found on the Over 50's Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/o50cricketworldcup/>

### ***Over 60's Tour to New Zealand Feb 2019.***

Planning has commenced on an over 60's tour of New Zealand. Whilst the exact dates have not been determined it is very likely to be held in the late February 2019. Information about the nomination process and the tour will be conveyed to all State Presidents in the next week or so. I am sure that this tour will be very popular with our players. A return tour by New Zealand will be planned for late 2019 or early 2020.

### ***Veterans Cricket Australia Inc. – Annual General Meeting.***

VCA will hold its Annual General Meeting at Mooloolaba on Saturday 15 September. Meeting Agenda and papers will be published in the near future. As is usual all positions will be declared vacant. Following the AGM a general meeting of the VCA Board will be conducted. Business to be conducted will include the adoption of the ***VCA Strategic Plan 2018 -2022*** as well as confirmation of planned International tours & venues for National Championships in 2019.

### ***Cricket Australia***

I wish to advise that Nick Hatzoglou who has been the VCA contact at Cricket Australia since 2013 has recently taken up a new position as Head of Community Projects with the Football Federation of Victoria. Speaking recently with Nick, he is very happy with his new role and is enjoying his workplace in St Kilda. Great coffee shops he says! I would like to congratulate Nick on his new appointment and record VCA's appreciation of his efforts and advocacy in support of VCA. We wish Nick well in his new job. I have been advised that Scott Tutton will commence duties at CA today 30 Oct. in a similar role to Nick. I have contacted CA and am awaiting contact details to be provided for Scott.

Please be advised that all requests for CA support should be made through the Board of VCA or the respective State President.

I have contacted CA for the latest update on the mandatory wearing of Helmets from the commencement of the 2019 season. I will forward the response when received.

### ***State Cricket Association Co-operation***

It has been pleasing to see the great advancement being made in the level of co-operation between the State veterans and their respective State Cricket Associations. All Presidents have reported improvements in this regard. Well done to all who have been involved.

### ***Player Healthcare***

Please refer to the article below which outlines how your Club may acquire a Defibrillator. This is a great CA initiative.

## **APL Healthcare Offer!**

Defibrillators are a proven piece of lifesaving equipment in a first aid kit. These easy-to-use devices are essential for your clubhouse, and CA has arranged a special offer with APL Healthcare, exclusive to Australian cricket clubs.

The Phillips HS1 normally retails for \$2,500 but is now available to your cricket club for just \$1,250. The HS1 is so simple to operate that even a first-time user can potentially save the life of a team member, friend or member of the public. Calm natural voice instructions coach the user through the required steps of defibrillation and CPR. This exclusive package includes:

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***National Championship Dates for 2018:***

OVER 70's: September 12 – 18 at Sunshine Shine Coast, QLD

OVER 60's: November 10 - 15 at Penrith NSW

OVER 50's: October 7 -11 Brisbane Qld.

OVER 50's World Cup Sydney 23 Nov – 7 Dec 2018

*Kerry Emery*  
*President VCA*

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