



## QVC President's Update – Christmas 2018

This message provides an update on key issues being addressed by the QVC Management Committee along with a summary of recent tournaments.

### **Over 50s World Cup and ODIs v England**

Congratulations to the Australian team that won a very exciting final against Pakistan to secure the inaugural World Cup in Sydney recently. Our two Queenslanders Gavin Brown and Trent Ryan both made important contributions throughout the tournament so a big 'well done' to them!

Alistair Lynch and Andrew Knight joined the Australian ODI Team for the remaining two matches against England held in Sydney straight after the World Cup Final. Congratulations to both players for selection and their performances as Australia secured a clean-sweep 3-nil in the ODI Series. All results and individual performances can be reviewed on MyCricket.

### **Over 60s National Championships – Penrith**

Although we were unsuccessful in securing a Championship win from any of our four teams, overall our results were an improvement on 2017 in Canberra with Div 1 – Fourth, Div 2 – Second, Div 3 – Third and Div 4 – Third. Notable performers were:

**Div 1.** Peter Timms (175 runs highest agg for Div 1 Champs), Mark Gaskell (133 runs), Dave Russell (129 runs), Mick Kettle ( 7 wkts), Greg Bubke (83 runs & 4 wkts)

**Div 2.** Steve Larrescy (131 runs), Ian Perherick (100 runs & 5 wkts), Maurice Wise (84 runs n.o. & 5 wkts)

**Div 3.** Phil Lambert (150 runs, highest agg in Champs Div 3), John Stackpoole (140 runs, 2<sup>nd</sup> highest Champ Agg & 5 wkts), Greg Egan (100 runs), John Bourke (6 wkts), Michael Rattenbury (6 wkts),

**Div 4.** John Guiver (101 runs & 2 wkts), Darryl Ready (3 wkts, 65 runs), Nev Maroske (3 wkts), Chris Wilkinson (3 wkts)

All match results and individual performances are available on MyCricket.

### **Over 60s Australian Team Tours in 2019**

I would once again like to congratulate Mark Gaskell and Mike Frame for their selection for the NZ Tour 22 Feb – 11 Mar 19. Mark has also been named Vice-Captain and Tour Selector.

A tour to UK has now been confirmed for Jun 2019, which will also include an ODI Test against Pakistan in England. We expect nominations to be called for in the New Year.



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## **2019 QVC Calender of Events and 2019 Regional Competition**

Rod Rice in consultation with Regional Coordinators and others has the schedule for 2019 almost finalised. We hope to have it available before Christmas or soon after. Key dates include:

- QVC AGM and CFC Practice Match – 17 Feb 19 – Maroochydore
- CFC Practice Matches – 10 Mar 19 - Ipswich
- Pink Stumps Charity Match – Fri 22 Feb 2019 – Caloundra
- Cooper-Finlay Cup – 01-02 Apr – Redlands
- Regional O60s/O70s Competition – 6 May – 31 Aug 19, Finals in Sep
- QVC Country Promotional Tour – 14 – 25 May 19 (East Coast)
- National Champs – Nov 19 – O50s Perth, O60s Adelaide, O70s Albury/Wodonga

### **2019 Cooper-Findlay Cup – 01-02 Apr 19 - Redlands**

A reminder that we are planning to field 10 x teams at this event including 2 x O50s, 6 x O60s and 2 x O70s. This will be a big challenge, particularly with the O60s! Nominations have already been called so please respond ASAP to your respective Age Delegate with your expression of interest, even if you cant make a final commitment just yet!? Early nominations will also assist with planning of teams for our two lead-up practice/trail games on 17 Feb 19 and 10 Mar 19.

Our thanks to Redlands CC for their generous offer to once again host this event.

### **Pink Stumps Day 22 Feb 2019 – Caloundra**

It has now been finalised that a QVC President's Select XI will play the Queensland Fire (Womens Team) in a T20 format at Caloundra on Fri 22 Feb 19 (early evening) as a charity fundraiser for the Jane McGrath Foundation. The QVC Team will be a composite O50s, O60s, O70s and two notable women players.

We will be calling for volunteers to help-out on the day as well as encouraging online donations leading-up to the event. QC will be assisting with media promotion to encourage local community support for the game. Please spread the word amongst family and friends, it should be an interesting contest! More details will be provided in the near future.

### **QVC Management Committee Additions**

To meet the increasing demands of the Committee we have included two new positions that will be ratified at the next AGM/OGM in Feb 19. These include a QVC Umpire Coordinator and Liaison Officer (Nelma Grout) and Assist Treasurer (Greg Searle) who will also be developing and managing our online shop for clothing etc. John Irvine is also now 'understudy' for Ross Chapman who will be retiring as QVC Secretary at the Feb 19 AGM. We expect John to assume that role when Ross retires at that meeting.



### **QVC Umpire Register and Umpire Training**

As indicated above, Nelma Grout has now assumed the newly created role as QVC Umpire Coordinator and Liaison Officer. We have started the process of creating our own Register of Umpires to meet the umpiring requirements of our Regional Competition and other matches.

Regional Coordinators have been asked to identify interested local umpires who wish to be included on our Register. We are looking for qualified umpires who are members of a recognised Umpire's Association and in the veterans age group (050,060,070). In 2019, our standard umpire fee for these games will be \$100 + lunch, \$120 + lunch for a single umpire.

Also, any players or supporters who need training to be qualified we can organize the relevant training day etc in the New Year. Accordingly, please advise your respective Regional Coordinator ASAP.

### **QVC Proposed Delegate Status with QC**

The next stage of the process to gain our Delegate Status to QC will be at the QC OGM Meeting on 19 Feb 19. Thanks to the great work by John Salter, we are quietly confident that this will be passed at the meeting.

### **Annual Fees for 2019**

After receiving feedback from the player group, the Committee reviewed the level of Annual Fees for 2019. Given the current healthy financial position it was decided at the last meeting (07 Dec 18) that some cost relief could be provided in 2019, to be reviewed each year. The Committee will propose a motion for the AGM/OGM in Feb 19 that the Annual Fee for 2019 be set at \$30 per player, and to be absorbed as part of regular \$35 match fee. This means you will become a registered QVC player for the year at the first match you play and only pay the \$35 match fee. This will be a great administrative assistance in ensuring all our players are registered!

### **Compulsory Wearing of Helmets**

Despite some rumors floating about regarding possible legal waivers, there has been no official advice received from Cricket Australia at this stage. The expectation remains that the helmets will be compulsory from the start of 2019/20 Season across all cricket levels in Australia. This would mean helmet would be required for our National Champs next year at least, so some practice with them before then would be wise. The Committee is still committed to providing team helmets to share, particularly for those who do not bat regularly. For the others, now is a good time to include a helmet in your letter to Santa.



## **Lockyer Newsletter and Proposed QVC Newsletter**

I would like to publically acknowledge the effort of Mike Nowlan for producing the Lockyer Newsletter each month. It has become a great source of interest across Veterans Cricket, not just the local audience. Mike has had a lot of personal challenges this year that impacted on his availability to play. Notwithstanding he has always made the effort to produce the Newsletter. Well done Mike!

As part of the QVC Strategy Plan and largely prompted by the success of the Lockyer Newsletter, we will establish a QVC Newsletter in 2019. Mike has kindly volunteered to assist with this newsletter. If there is anyone else amongst the player and supporter group who would like to be involved please let me know before end-Jan 19.

### **Conclusion**

We have enjoyed another year of growth, good cricket and friendships.

I would like to acknowledge the support of all members of the QVC Management Committee, Regional Coordinators, Age Group Selectors, Team Managers, Scorers who made 2018 a great success!!

2019 promises to be another great year, with more cricket and further growth into other parts of the State.

Good health and lots of enjoyment over the Christmas-New Year period and please be safe!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you all!

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