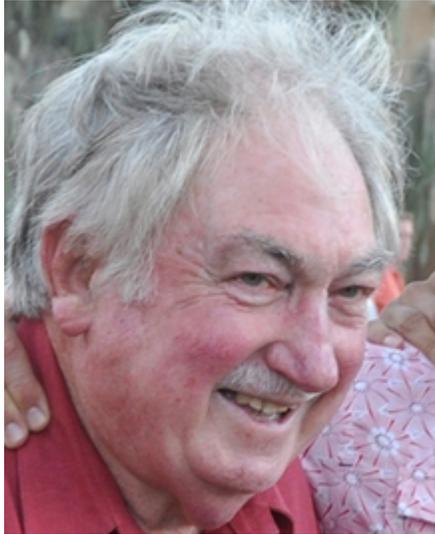




Queensland Veterans Cricket



Life Membership Citation – Mr Lew Cooper OAM.

Lew Cooper is a former outstanding Queensland Cricket Wicket - keeper, a very successful Administrator, an innovator and a proactive & significant advocate for Veterans Cricket in Queensland. Lew is a Life Member of Qld Cricket and a host of other cricketing bodies too lengthy to mention.

After playing 34 Sheffield Shield matches for Queensland, Lew has been a monument to executive positions within the state cricketing circles.

At one stage he held positions as secretary of Queensland Cricket, chairman of the Brisbane Cricket Ground Trust and Queensland Cricketer's Club secretary-manager at the same time. But it is a commitment to furthering the opportunities of young players of all abilities, keeping them in the game long after their representative playing days are finished and a willingness to lend a hand with anything to do with cricket that sets him apart. His role in success of Wanderers and Lord's Taverners is legendary

Lew Cooper's Appointments:

- Played 34 matches for Queensland between 1958-68

- President of Queensland Primary Schools Cricket, where he successfully created and funded the first statewide carnival
- Appointed to the dual role of secretary of the Queensland Cricket Association and Brisbane Cricket Ground Trust in 1969
- Secretary/manager of Queensland Cricketers' Club
- President of the Wanderers and chairman of Lord's Taverners
- Patron Queensland Veterans Cricket 2012-2018

Lew was instrumental in establishing the Qld Cricketer Club Golden Oldies which started as a bunch of mainly Over 40's players. This group of Golden Oldies has grown to take in Over 50's, 60's & 70's who now play much of their cricket under the Qld Veterans Cricket umbrella.

Lew has been a great mentor to Qld Veterans Cricket willingly taking the role of Patron and having actively involved himself in its operation. He has been a key mover in much of its operation, regularly supporting QVC at carnivals and championships.

Lew's renowned 'after dinner' speeches are legendary. He is a great entertainer, with his own stories of some tense on and off-field battles and shenanigans, as he rose through the ranks as a young wicketkeeper and later as an accomplished elder statesman of the game he loved.

The Wanderers and Taverners, the Queensland and NSW Primary Schoolboys, and the Qld & NSW Veterans all play for trophies named in honour of Lew Cooper.

It is impossible to chronicle all of the achievements of Lew as a cricketer, administrator and innovator. It is widely recognised by many in Queensland Cricketing circles that the contribution Lew has made to Cricket will never be surpassed.

This is one extraordinary man and it was no surprise that he was awarded an OAM for his service to the game.

On behalf of the management committee of Qld Veterans Cricket it is indeed a great honour to propose that Lew Cooper be appointed as the first Life Member of Qld. Veterans Cricket.



Keith Christiansen

PRESIDENT

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