2018 President’s Report - 2019 Annual General Meeting

I am pleased to present the seventh Annual Report for Queensland Veterans Cricket Inc (QVC). Thank you for making the time and effort to attend the AGM. This year has seen many achievements both on and off the field as QVC continues to grow in strength. This Report highlights the achievements for 2018 and provides an insight into the year ahead.

Overview of 2018

This past year has realised the continued growth of QVC with an expanded Regional Competition including two additional Div 1 teams, Ipswich and Toowoomba in the O60/70s competition and the conduct of the inaugural O50s competition with eight teams. We also successfully conducted the Sunshine Winter Carnival, including eight interstate teams, in the regional centre of Mackay as a step towards expanding Veterans Cricket beyond the established South Queensland catchment. A new QVC Code of Behaviour document and disciplinary process was introduced to further strengthen our governance and alignment with Queensland Cricket (QC).

A key feature of 2018 has been the strengthening relationship with QC, thanks in particular to the efforts of John Salter (QC Director and QVC Player) and Mike Fisher (QC Game Development Manager). The QVC Management Committee has enjoyed access to meeting facilities and key QC staff throughout 2018 which has now well established our profile within QC. Veterans Cricket is now being recognised within QLD as the final element that makes cricket ‘A Sport for Life’. We are now well positioned to be successful in becoming a full Delegate Member of QC at the QC GM on 19 Feb 19. This will provide QVC equal status with long established associations and clubs along with access to more state-wide resources and some modest financial support.

The QVC financial position is currently very sound with a strong foundation of cash reserve accumulated in previous years as detailed in the Treasurers Report. We are now in a good position to invest in further benefits to players and the continued expansion of the game to other regions in the State with support from QC. In particular, we are very keen to keep match and annual fees at current levels into the future by off-setting increased costs for ground hire, umpire fees, balls and lunches with sponsorship and other funding sources. An annual budget for this expenditure will be established as a priority by the new Management Committee after this AGM using the priorities identified in the new Strategy Plan.

To better manage our continued growth and larger more complex organisation the Management Committee along with input from our Regions and QC have developed the QVC Strategy Plan 2019-22 to be adopted today. This is a dynamic document, which will be reviewed annually to meet a changing environment and provide the vision, goals and priorities in a rolling, three-year timeframe. It has been available on the QVC Website to all our membership to review since early Nov 18.
Patron – Lew Cooper Retirement
I would like to advise that Lew Cooper, the founding Patron of QVC has decided to retire from the position as at the timing of this AGM. Lew’s leadership, guidance, mentorship, commitment, support, story-telling and commentary are part of the Veterans Cricket legend in Queensland. We have all benefited from Lew’s unselfish effort in starting what we have today at QVC. More will be said and due recognition given during the AGM.

A new Patron will be elected at the AGM.

2018 QVC Management Committee
The QVC Management Committee has met on 10 occasions during 2018. I wish to thank the 2018 Management Committee Members for their commitment and huge effort throughout the year including:

- Rod Rice - Vice President,
- Ross Chapman - Secretary,
- John Stackpoole - Treasurer,
- Kerry Emery – Past- President
- Phil Lambert-Operations Manager,
- Ian Petherick – O70s Delegate,
- Ross Adams – O60s Delegate,
- Andrew Knight – O50s Delegates,
- Ross Madsen – Registrar/MyCricket

All have all made excellent contributions and I thank each of them for their ongoing efforts and support.

I would also like to acknowledge the great support John Salter has provided in his capacity as a QC Board Member attending most of our Committee meetings and strategy development sessions. He has paved the way for our current strong relationship with QC.

Mike Fisher, our main point of contact at QC has also been a great supporter, contributing to our strategy planning, administrative support for the conduct of meetings at Albion, organising meetings with other key staff and general cricket administration advice.

The Committee has decided to establish two new positions in 2019, Umpire Liaison Officer and Assistant Treasurer to recognise the increased complexity of our financial and asset management and an initiative to establish and manage our own Umpire Register.

Ross Chapman – Secretary Retirement. Ross indicated at the beginning of 2018 that he would be retiring from the role at this AGM so he can concentrate on his VCA Secretary role and more family time. Ross is the foundation Secretary/Treasurer of QVC and responsible for establishing all our processes and governance documentation most of which he personally drafted. His knowledge, experience, attention to detail and commitment have been instrumental in establishing what we now know as QVC. More will be said and due recognition given at this AGM.

2018 Regional Coordinators
The role of Regional Coordinator has continued to evolve with all coordinators and assistants playing pivotal roles in the organising of match days for our Regional Competitions in particular. They are also instrumental in the organic growth of player numbers being achieved within each region. On behalf of the QVC Management Committee I thank all these coordinators and assistants for their effort during 2018.
Regional Coordinators include:

- Gold Coast – Ian Petherick/John Guiver
- Redlands – Rod Rice
- Brisbane – Ian World/Mike Frame
- Ipswich – Darion Parise
- Lockyer – Mike Nowlan
- Toowoomba – Ian Reimers
- Sunshine Coast – Gary Madsen
- Wide Bay – Les Price

QVC Team Achievements:

- The Cooper Finlay Cup was successfully hosted by NSW in Coffs Harbour. Queensland fielded 5 x O60s and 2 x O70s teams. NSW won back the trophy in a very close encounter that went down to the last match on Day 2.
- Successfully conducted the QVC O60/70s Regional Competition with 8 x Div 1 and 6 x Div 2 teams. Div 1 included two additional teams for 2018, Ipswich and Toowoomba.
- Successfully established and conducted the inaugural QVC O50s Regional Competition with 8 x teams in one division.
- Successfully conducted the Regional Competition Finals for both O60/70s and O50s at Maroochydore on 18 Aug 18 at Maroochydore with the following results:
  - The Geoff Dymock Shield (O60/70s Div 1): won by defending champions Sunshine Coast, led by Peter Timms against a strong Gold Coast side who performed well throughout the season.
  - The President’s Shield (O60/70s Div 2): won by Sunshine Coast Maroons, led by John Goodman against defending champions Toowoomba.
  - Gill Chapman Shield (O50s Div1): won by Brisbane Maroons led by Paul Stenhouse against a strong Gold Coast team.
- Successfully conducted the Sunshine Winter Carnival at Mackay in Aug 18 with 12 teams participating including 8 x interstate and 4 x QLD teams. Many thanks to Kerry Emery and Dean McCartney (Mackay) who were instrumental in organising this very successful event.
- National Over 70’s Championships – Sunshine Coast: Queensland fielded 2 x Div 1 and 1 x Div 2 teams with QLD Cyclones led by Ian Petherick winning the Div 1 Championship. The second Div 1 team led by Gary Madsen finished a very creditable 4th while the Div 2 team led by Ian Robertson finished 2nd. Once again, many thanks to Kerry Emery who was instrumental in planning and conducting this very successful event.
- National Over 60’s Championships - Penrith: Queensland entered 4 x teams across 4 x Div. Overall our results were an improvement on 2017. Div 1 led by Dave Russell finished 4th, Div 2 led by Ian Petherick lost the final against NZ to finish 2nd, Div 3 led by Rod Rice finished 3rd and Div 4 led by Ron Faulks finished 3rd. Many thanks to Ross Adams and respective Team Managers for their effort in making this a successful trip away for our teams.
- National Over 50’s Championships – Orange: Queensland entered 4 x teams, two in each division, for this event hosted by NSW during the Easter period. In Div 1, QLD Burge led by Andrew Knight finished runners-up and the QLD Burge team led by Ken McKnight finished 3rd. In Div 2, QLD Hayden led by Tony Small finished 4th and QLD Grout led by Andrew Manion finished 8th out of 10 teams.
- National Over 50’s Championships – Brisbane Queensland entered 2 x teams with the QLD Maroon team led by Paul Stenhouse winning the Championship. Congratulations and well done to Andrew Knight who was instrumental in planning and conducting this event.
especially given the relatively short notice to hold the event as part of the selection process for the O50s World Cup in Sydney.


**QVC Individual Achievements:**

- The annual **David Baird Trophy** was won by Peter Timms for best performance by a Queensland Player at the O60/70s National Championships 2018. A separate trophy for each age group will be introduced in 2019.

**Australian Team Selection** honours in 2018:

- **O50s Tour to NZ** Feb/Mar 18: Paul Stenhouse (c), Andrew Knight, Alan Bougoure, Michael Dann
- **England O70s Tour to Australia** Feb/Mar 18: Ian Petherick (v/c), Col Cooke, John Stackpoole
- **O70s Tour to UK** Aug 18: Ian Petherick (c), Col Cooke, John Stackpoole
- **O50s World Cup** in Sydney Nov/Dec 18: Gavin Brown, Trent Ryan, Alistair Lynch (withdrew due to work)
- **O50s ODI Series against England** in Sydney Nov/Dec 18: Gavin Brown, Trent Ryan, Alistair Lynch, Andrew Knight
- **O60s Tour to NZ** Feb/Mar 19: Mark Gaskell (v/c), Mike Frame

**QVC Clothing Management**

This year, thanks to the negotiation skills and effort of Ross Chapman and Tim Bevan, we established a three-year agreement with clothing supplier Sky Marketing whereby we no longer have to maintain our own stock-levels. Individuals can now order directly with the supplier and pay postage or be part of a bulk order and distribution through regions for no postage costs. We have now cleared our remaining stock including some old QSC logo caps which have been donated through QC to remote indigenous communities.

The next step is to establish a **QVC Online Shop** through our Website which will further streamline the shopping process. Managing the online shop will be part of the new Assist Treasurer role. Our thanks to Greg Searle who is currently developing this online service as well as updating our website.

**MyCricket and Communication**

MyCricket, thanks to the work of Ross Madsen has become our main source of player registration and details, match and player records and member communication. It is important that individuals ensure accuracy of their details to assist the management process.

The increased use of electronic scoring utilising the QVC tablets issued in 2018 to regions has been a great asset in keeping our records up-to-date and accurate. Many thanks to all our scorers who made this possible.

I would like to acknowledge the support of John Norden and Greg Searle who do a great job managing the QVC website.
Throughout the year I have enjoyed reading, along with many others the Lockyer Newsletter which has provided some great stories and social commentary along with the usual cricket news, albeit with a Lockyer focus. The ‘Guest Editor’ section has provided a great insight into the amazing background and stories of members both players and supporters. Many thanks to Mike Nowlan and his team who do a wonderful job compiling and distributing each monthly edition.

Going forward, the Committee has agreed to evolving this newsletter into the QVC Newsletter although maintaining the tradition of the Lockyer Newsletter name. This initiative will start with the inclusion of a regular QVC Management Committee page in the Feb 19 Edition. We are particularly more interested in the stories around our cricket than the facts and figures that are well recorded and available through MyCricket.

The Year Ahead – 2019

I look forward with great anticipation to the prospects of our year of cricket both on and off the field in 2019. I have already highlighted some of the initiatives for 2019 earlier in the Report. The following list provides a summary of the highlights for 2019:

- **Events:**
  - **Pink Stumps Exhibition Match** 22 Feb 19 at Caloundra. This is a T20 charity match being played between a QVC President’s XI (O50/60/70s) against the QLD FIRE (Womens Team).
  - **Annual Cooper- Finlay Cup 01-02 Apr 19** at Redlands. This year will include 2 x O50s, 6 x O60s and 2 x O70s teams using pink balls as a trial.
  - **Annual Regional Competition Apr-Sep19**. O50s are planning to have an expanded competition with two divisions and O60/70s to have 9 x Div 1 and 8 x Div 2 teams. We are planning to have at least one team from the northern part of the State to join our FINAL weekend as a first step to expanding to a true State Championship in the future.
  - **QVC Country Tour May 19**. QVC Wanderers Group (O50/O60/O70s) tour to promote Veterans Cricket in regional centres including Bundaberg, Rockhampton, Mackay, Townsville and Cairns.
  - **Annual Sunshine Winter Carnival Jul 19 in Mackay**. Along with the usual interstate and Sth QLD teams we are hoping to include a couple of teams from the north of the State.
  - **National Championships Nov 19**. All Age Group events will be held in Nov with O50s in Perth, O60s in Adelaide and O70s in Albury-Wodonga Vic. There is a proposal for QLD to provide an O40s Womens Team to play in Perth during the O50s Championship.

- **New Initiatives**
  - **Establish QVC Umpire Register.** This initiative aims to include umpires as part of the broader Veterans Cricket group beyond just players. It will also provide a pathway for umpires ‘retiring’ from the demands of umpiring normal club cricket. Registered umpires will also have access to VCA National Championship events and possibly international games.
  - **QC-QVC Proposed Mentor Program.** As part of our Strategy Plan to give back to our community, we aim is to establish a joint QC and QVC program for Veteran Cricketers to mentor young players from clubs in the local region. Details are still being developed and will be advised in due course.
- **Better Aging Program for +65yo.** VCA has submitted an application for this Federal Government initiative that aims to encourage this age group to be more active and involved with sport. If successful, this program will provide funding over a couple of years to engage with this age group in each State and provide activities to encourage participants into Veteran Cricket. QLD will be providing two regions to pilot this program if successful.

**Thank-you:**

I have enjoyed my year as QVC President and as a player. As a President I am fortunate to be surrounded by the most experienced, knowledgeable and committed people you could ever hope in our Management Committee and Regional Coordinators. I thank them all for their support and commitment...I have learnt a lot. I also thank all those people who have provided me positive and constructive feedback to many of the President Messages through the year, I value the effort you make in offering that feedback. In particular, I thank you all for your comradeship as fellow veteran cricketer and maintaining the Spirit of Veterans Cricket.

*Keith Christiansen*  
*President*  
*Queensland Veterans Cricket*  
*17 Feb 2019*

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**In Memorium – A QVC Cricketer**

John Dighton – Sunshine Coast  
July, 1948 – April 2018

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Warwick Glaves (Gonzo) – Gold Coast  
Jun 1958- 2018