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Umpires and players for the Toowoomba Cricket INC round after the Mental Health Night on 15<sup>th</sup> October. The umpires are wearing green in recognition of Mental health.

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**Guest Editor: Marg Ready**



I was born in St Stephen's Hospital, Maryborough in 1955. My early childhood was spent moving around some as Dad was working for the State Government Insurance Office (now Suncorp) and we moved up and down the Queensland coastline. My earliest memory is of living in a house on Toombul Terrace, Toombul and riding bikes down that hill as fast as we could go. (I wasn't 'technically' allowed to ride a bike.) Probably very lucky to be alive today when I think back!

My schooling was local. I attended St Joseph's Primary School and went across the road to Mt St Joseph's High School, which changed to Corpus Christi College and is now known as Mary Mackillop College. On completing Senior I attended Kedron Park Teacher's College for 3 years and graduated as a brand new teacher in 1975. My teaching career lasted for 42 years and, fortunately, I didn't travel too far from home. I taught at Kallangur, Kippa Ring, Humpybong and then back to Kallangur before being transferred to Tinana, Maryborough and Urangan in Hervey Bay where I spent a wonderful 11 years. I then spent a couple of years in Deception Bay North School before my last appointment at Strathpine State School. During this time I managed to attain my Bachelor's Degree in Education.



### Batting against men in a practise match

During this time, when I was teaching at Humpybong State School, I came across Peter Donaldson who

encouraged me to come and give cricket a go. I didn't rush in but a couple of weeks later an advertisement in the Redcliffe paper for ladies to join the local Redcliffe ladies cricket team got me involved in cricket. That team lasted all of 2 games before they folded but I'd gotten the bug and I looked around for another team. Peter again came to the rescue and suggested Toombul. I enquired with them and found my career-long team. That was in 1976 and I was a bit older to start my cricket career. I wish now that I could have started as young as some of the girls today.



### Toombul team

Toombul was a great club for me and I remained in that club for the remainder of my cricketing career. I played with some great ladies such as Glenda Lawrence, Sue Ellen MacDonnell, Charmaine MacDonnell and Sharon Hohns, Kim Donaldson and Elizabeth Keim.

I started out my cricket as a middle order batter and a 'you REALLY don't want me to bowl' bowler. As time went on, I discovered a liking for opening the batting. I much preferred facing faster bowlers than slow bowlers who trundled in and spun the ball! I very rarely moved from opening the batting for much of the rest of my career. I was also a very handy slips fielder not being fond of running around a cricket field too much.

In 1979, after just 3 seasons I was picked in the QLD squad for the carnival to be held in Adelaide in 1979.



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At the time, I was an opening bat and very part-time bowler. I made the team and we drove down to

would see a Queensland women's team win the competition.



**QLD team Adelaide 1979**



**QLD 1980/81**

Adelaide in a road trip that I will always remember. It took us 3 days to get there and we had some adventures! My abiding memory is the occasion when Giselle Hosgood, 'Rowdy', discovered she had left yoghurt containers in her kit bag! It was seriously funny watching her trying to get that stuff out of her cricket gear!

It was my pleasure to be in the team when we went to Perth for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the AWCC (Australian Women's Cricket Council) which was at the time the governing body of Women's Cricket in Australia. We had a wonderful time in WA and again went on quite a few adventures. In those days we stayed in University dorms and shared accommodations to save money as, unlike today's cricketers, we had to pay our own way and we were always on the hunt for ways to save a dollar. We also saved money in transport to the fields. If we didn't have our cars, we travelled by bus. This was fabulous as you got to know all the ladies in the teams and were introduced to the characters in each team quite quickly. Practical tricks were played in enormous numbers!



**On the bus in Perth 1981**

I did get the pleasure of playing against a visiting English team in 1984. We played at Nudgee College but unfortunately it rained on the first day so we were unable to play but the second day was a cracker! Funnily, I don't remember the score, probably because they beat us! I do remember taking a diving catch off Sandy Spring (Dotty) that sticks in my mind as one of my finest efforts. Batting was difficult as the English girls were almost all in or had been in a Senior English Test team at some stage. They were very good.

It was quite an eye-opening trip for me. We never played on turf pitches in Brissy and we only played on turf at these carnivals. My first game was on a literally, 'sticky', wicket. The ball just bounced and stood up, waiting to be hit. We had never encountered such conditions so it goes without saying that we got out easily. We soon learned to play on turning pitches but not quick enough unfortunately. We were in those days the bottom of the ladder dwellers but we never gave up hope that one day we



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**I think the picture above tells the story about my batting efforts that day against England.**



### **Dotty and me**

I eventually became a passable slow bowler and I did eventually get a bowl in an Interstate Carnival. I think I had about 3 overs for a lot of runs and one dropped return catch! I loved playing the game and enjoyed the friendships I made over all those years. To this day, we still have catch-ups every couple of months.

I played my last game for Queensland in 1987/88 and my last season with Toombul not long after that as I was transferred to Maryborough with my career and spent 10 great years in the Hervey Bay area. I joined the Air Sea Rescue Unit there which became Hervey Bay Marine Rescue. I was a boat crew member and radio operator. During my time there I participated in

many rescues and searches and learned a lot about human nature in dire situations. I eventually became the Commodore of the Unit. I was justly proud of that because I was the only female Commodore in Queensland at that time. What I remember fondly are the conversations I had with boaties on the radio. There are some characters out there.

When I returned to Brissy in 2003, I made a point of going to the WNCL matches at Allan Border Field and following the girls as much as possible. I was still very much interested in the way the women's game was progressing and kept up with it through Loretta Moore who kept me informed of what was happening. I always make the effort to get to at least one game every season and get very annoyed if they don't play a game up where I can attend. I did join Sandgate Redcliffe for a season and played with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade team to help them out as much as I could, but soon found that my body and my mind were worlds apart about what I could do. My mind said one thing and my body did another. So I retired from playing for a little while.

In late 2019, I was approached by several people to finish the history of women's cricket in Queensland. A couple of ladies had started the history but hadn't had time to finish it and as I had retired from teaching I took on that task. It's become a passion for me. I have completed the history timeline and have named every ladies' team since 1929 when women's cricket began in Queensland. I have also managed to complete the cap numbers for women who have played Senior cricket for Queensland, so every woman who has played knows where they fit into that history right up to the present day.



**The two teams of Women's Vets who played in**



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## **our last game this season. QVC Green v QVC Purple.**

In 2020, I was also approached about starting women's Vets cricket. The men had been at it for quite a while but for women the story ended when they finished their grade cricket careers. I wanted to see women continue if they wanted to, and to provide an avenue for those ladies who may not have had a chance to play grade cricket to learn the basics and have some fun while they were at it. That didn't go so well at first as Covid struck and everything came to a standstill.



**First Women's Vets Cricket Match 28/02/2021**

In 2021, I tried again with the help of the wonderful Executive Committee of QVC who came to the party with practical and financial aid that helped me get it off the ground. The women who joined up for vets cricket were dedicated to the game and while the majority have families and work commitments they still managed to turn up to the matches I planned. We have played one match every month since before the vets season started and have organised practice sessions themselves (Sunny Coast ladies) while juggling everything on their plates. These ladies have been fantastic and have enjoyed themselves thoroughly. We even participated in a carnival in Bundaberg during the May long weekend and were well received by the locals there.

I am excited at the prospect of this side of Vets cricket

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becoming even more popular next year as the word gets around.



**Marg Ready, Madelaine O'Dea, Kaye Langford, Katherine Raymont**

I have still to crack into the Gold Coast, Ipswich and Toowoomba areas but there's still plenty of time for that. I have had contact with ladies in FNQ and there appears to be some very keen ladies up there as well, so maybe a road trip up north is in the cards for next season. As a consequence of being the liaison officer for women, I was seconded to the Masters' Organising committee. I am hopeful that we will at some time be able to compete in Bowral at the National Masters Tournament.

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I am ever hopeful that the work QVC has begun with the women's side of vets will continue. The Committee members have been tremendously supportive of the efforts to get this going and have continued to encourage me at every opportunity. I am very, very grateful for their support.



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I'll leave you with the words of Grace Harris when I told her about the efforts to get the women's vets cricket going: "I'm in!"

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## Editorial

Normally at this time of the year, QVC is heavily involved in trial matches for the Nationals. There is copious amounts of information flying around the regions, from match results to details of travel and accommodation.

October has been a month when there has been a deafening silence!!

**November is International Men's Health Month**, and covers all aspects of men's health from depression to prostate, heart, shingles to general physical condition, all of which are appropriate to our Veteran community. Friday 19<sup>th</sup> is International Men's Health Day.

November is a month to encourage all men to think about all aspects of our health. It is not difficult to get an old cricketer to grumble about their deteriorating knees, ankles, hips, back and shoulders. For most of us, they are a continual and permanent reminder of how we thought that we were ten foot tall when we were young.

Obviously, knee and hip replacements have given many of us an extension of time on the field, as have shoulder reconstructions and surgery on back discs.

However, the many variants of cancer are insidious in the way that they invade our lives. Other afflictions like shingles arrive when least expected, and as with cancer can seriously impact the whole fabric of our lives. Like depression, many find talking about these health issues very daunting.

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Dealing with the cancers, including prostate, and our many physical ailments can lead to some form of depression developing. Two positive things can be done: **first of all have the courage to admit to being impacted by health issues; and secondly, do something positive about your situation.**

Talk to a health professional. It does not need to be a psychiatrist. I have found that clinical nurses have a huge understanding of what you may be going through, and that many other people are going through similar issues.

In recent years, in my volunteer work with mental health, I have been surprised at the number of women who have spoken to me about their partner's health issues. The singular most devastating aspect for me in these talks is that the men put the blame for their condition back onto the women.

Resolution of issues between partners cannot be arrived at this way, and your issues cannot be resolved unless you take responsibility for your health and your actions.

**I urge you: have the courage to deal with your issues openly. Many others out there are struggling with the same or similar issues. You are not alone. Be positive; be courageous and deal with your health issues. Remember, it is not what goes wrong in your life that matters. It is how you deal with it that counts. MN**

## WG'S Quotes:

"The sheer excitement of watching him, this seemingly large man starting his run and just getting faster and faster and then that perfect action and the anticipation of wondering, would he get a wicket?"

**Anthony Aldread on Fred Trueman**

"Lillee and Thomson were the fire and brimstone of fast bowlers, they tested the

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very limits of an opponent's nerve and technique".

**Michael Parkinson**

**Kerry Emery**



Late in October I called Kerry Emery, when I found out that he had been ill.

He is showing courage and leadership in dealing with the health issue. Helen, as always, has been a wonderful support.

When Kerry informed me that his left eye was an issue, my huge font of technical knowledge came into play!! I suggested that he might have to bat left handed!!

However, he is confident all will be well, and is looking forward to a more relaxed approach to playing cricket. Just enjoying everyone's company on and off the field, with not too much attention to the result.

That relaxed attitude will do Kerry no end of good, and those around him. Not putting stress on ourselves over unimportant matters such as results will help all of us in mental health.

## QVC LOOKING BACK.

Article contributed

**5 Years.** Second Division Grand Final played at Maroochydore Sunday 21 August 2016. This was the first year of Div 2.

Lockyer Valley def Sunshine Coast  
**Sunshine Coast 8 for 146.**

Higgs 25ret, Goodman 22ret  
Kajewski 2 for 16, Wright 2 for 19

**Lockyer Valley 3 for 147**

Maroske 37ret, Kimlin 28ret, Ready 27ret,  
Kajewski 21ret

Knight 2 for 5, Allen 1 for 5

**Teams.**

Lockyer; Ready (cap) Kimlin, Maroske, Turner, Wright, Smith, Kajewski, Cox, Lehman, Evans, Clark.

Sunshine Coast Knight (cap) Allen, Taylor, Davis, Goodman, Wilkes, Simpson, Higgs, Mair, Knight, Norden, Treble, Pateman.

**10 Years.** Cooper Findlay Cup (Round 1) played at Armidale 29 March 2011.

NSW Waratahs 1 def by Queensland Country 1

**Queensland Country 6 for 187.**

Walters 41ret, B Kratzmann 36, N Kratzmann 32

Pike 2 for 29, P. Allen 2 for 30

**NSW Country 1 Waratahs 6 for 157**

Fogarty 40ret, Moran 29no

Walters 2 for 32, Chapman 1 for 19

Team. Queensland Country: N Kratzmann, B Kratzmann, D Allen, R Chapman, T Parker, B Walters, N Cox, G Gallagher,

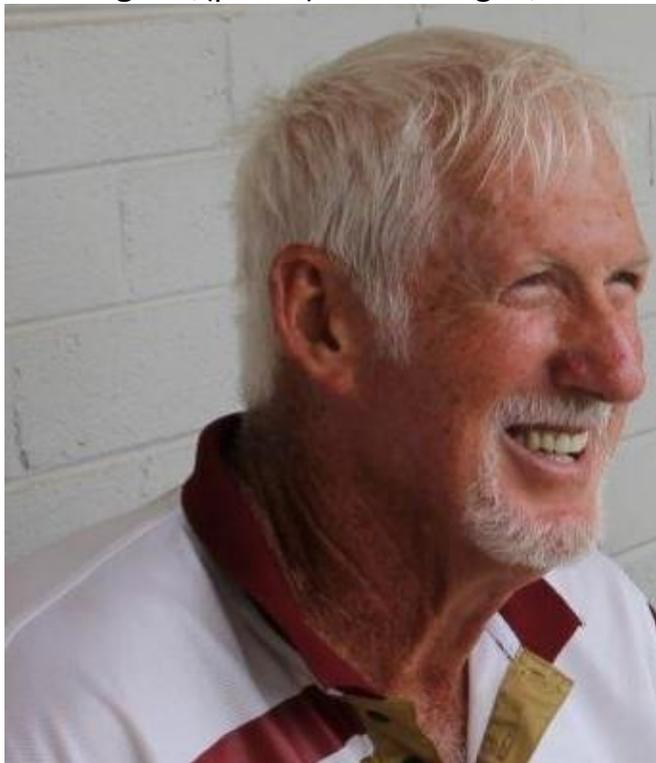


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**50 Years.** (almost) Sheffield Shield: New South Wales def Queensland, played at SCG January 1977.

**Queensland 1<sup>st</sup> Inns 131**



M Kent 41,  
J Maclean  
29no  
Pascoe 4  
for 28,  
Hourn 3  
for 41  
**NSW 1<sup>st</sup>  
Inns 337**  
P Toohey  
114, S  
Webster  
56, A  
Border 36

**C Cooke (above) 4 for 59**, P Carlson 2 for 44, G Dymock 2 for 50, M Francke 2 for 124.

**Queensland 2<sup>nd</sup> Inns 199**

G Whyte 84, J Langley 27, R Lawrence 25  
Hourn 5 for 67, M Clews 3 for 35

**100 Years.** Ashes Test: Australia def England played at MCG February 2021

**England 1<sup>st</sup> Inns 284**

Makepeace 118, JWHT Douglas 56, Hobbs 27

Mailey 4 for 115, Kelleway 3 for 37

**Australia 1<sup>st</sup> Inns 389**



W  
Armstrong  
123,  
**J Gregory  
77 (at left)**  
Fender 5  
for 122,  
Wooley 3  
for 56  
**England 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Inns 315**  
W Rhodes  
73, JWHT  
Douglas 60,  
Fender 59  
Mailey 9 for  
121,  
Kelleway 1

for 47

**Australia 2<sup>nd</sup> Inns 2 for 211**

J Gregory 76no, J Ryder 52no, W Bardsley 38

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## A summary of the Women's season

There's not much to tell about our season apart from the fact that all the ladies had a great time.

The ladies' season began at Sandgate Cricket Club with a meet and greet and training day. We had all the ladies who were interested in playing cricket who could make it and we had a very successful morning. From there we graduated to playing a limited overs game at Everton Park, a game which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and which we consider is the beginning of the ladies comp. We played against each other as a roughly Sunny Coast V Brissy team game. I must say the Sunny Coast ladies were and are very keen cricketers!

We then had a match up against a men's over 70s team which the ladies won but it was a great indicator of where we stood in the overall competition. We were just a bit better than a Div 3 Over 70s side so the next time we play the men, it is possibly going to be a higher division in the over 70s or a lower Over 60s division. We'll see next season possibly.

We made the trek to Bundaberg to play over the May long weekend in their 14 over a side comp. We were thrashed by some excellent batting but we acquitted ourselves both with bat and ball very well. We all had a great time in Bundy.

The last few games in our season were played at Maroochydore where the grounds and surrounds are excellent for the playing of cricket matches. We played QVC Green v QVC Purple, just the names we called ourselves because International Women's colours are green and purple. The games were played in a very competitive spirit and the ladies played some very good cricket showing how we had come along since the beginning of the season.

We were supposed to have a another game against the men at Redlands but that was cancelled by a Covid lockdown and our Masters Tournament in Bowral was supposed to be held in November, then February has been cancelled until November 2022 because of the uncertainty of lockdowns and quarantine. Hopefully by next year things will have settled and we can get a team or two to these games. Also we have had contact with some ladies from FNQ and perhaps we

can organise a team to play against a side from up there during Winter next year as well. Since the beginning of this journey to get women back into cricket, we have had witnessed some good cricket and equally made some new friends and things are looking good for next season. Hopefully, Covid will not interrupt as much as it has this year and we can get more ladies interested in continuing their cricket careers.

**Marg Ready**

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## This koala was first to be vaccinated against chlamydia in new trial

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By [Alice Klein](#)

**Shano the koala receiving a vaccine against chlamydia**

Terry Walsh, University of the Sunshine Coast

A vaccine designed to protect koalas against chlamydia is being tested in a large clinical trial in Queensland, Australia.



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Australia's koalas are in the grip of a chlamydia epidemic, with [up to 100 per cent of some populations testing positive](#) for the sexually transmitted infection. Its rapid spread is thought to be a major driver of plummeting koala numbers.

**Peter Timms** at the University of the Sunshine Coast in Queensland and his colleagues have spent more than a decade developing a vaccine to protect koalas against the disease, which can lead to painful urinary tract infections, loss of bladder control, infertility, blindness and death.

The vaccine exposes koalas to small fragments of the *Chlamydia pecorum* bacterium that can infect them. This trains the immune system to recognise and attack the pathogen if they become infected.

Eight small studies have shown that the vaccine protects koalas from getting sick if they catch chlamydia and can also reduce symptom severity in those that are already infected.

In the current trial, which is the biggest yet, the vaccine will be given as a single injection to 200 koalas at the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital in Beerwah, Queensland. The trial began on 15 October, with a koala called Shano receiving the first jab (pictured).

To evaluate the vaccine's efficacy, **Timms** and his colleagues will assess how many of the 200 vaccinated koalas are hospitalised with chlamydia symptoms over the next 12 months compared with 200 unvaccinated koalas.

If the vaccine is approved for widespread use, "it could help to turn around populations of koalas that might disappear", says **Timms**. His team has already found that the vaccine, combined with other veterinary care, was

effective at reversing declining koala numbers in an area of south-east Queensland.

It may be possible to use similar principles to develop a vaccine for human chlamydia, which is caused by the related bacterium *Chlamydia trachomatis*, says **Timms**. "I think this trial will be closely watched by the human chlamydia vaccine world," he says.



**Congratulations to Peter Timms, SSC veteran cricketer, on the wonderful work being done to assist Australian native fauna.**

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT OCTOBER 2021

This report is an update on what is coming up over the 12 months, which is going to be extremely hectic, and a Playing Conditions update.



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Feb 2022:  
Over 50's Nationals in  
Adelaide  
Over 70's Nationals in  
Launceston

March 2022: QVC AGM

Cooper Finlay, Gold Coast

April 2022: Commencement of 2022  
Regional Competition

May 2022: Veterans Cricket Carnival in  
Darwin

July 2022: Over 50's Tri Series, Aust,  
NZ and Sri Lanka in Brisbane

Winter Carnival

September 2022: Over 60's World Cup  
Sunshine Coast

October 2022: Golden Oldies  
Sunshine Coast

November 2022: Over 50's Nationals  
Gold Coast

Over 60's Nationals Geelong

Over 70's Nationals

The Rules Committee met last week and went over all the suggestions from the Regional Survey and have come up with the following.

An even number of teams has been proposed for Divisions 1 & 2 in both Over 60's & Over 50's, eliminating the need for a bye.

This would also be desirable in Divisions  
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3, however if a bye becomes unavoidable, zero points will be allocated to the bye side (on the assumption that all teams have one bye each).

No rescheduling of games in Over 60's. Potential for one round to be rescheduled in Over 50's in the event of cancellation due to weather or Covid. This matter will be further investigated by proposed Over 50's "Rules Committee". (See Below)

No provision for spare week in Over 60's. The proposed Over 50's "Rules Committee" will assess the likely draw and investigate whether a spare week can be inserted into the schedule.

Both Over 60's & Over 50's will continue to play for points.

In all Over 60's divisions, the top 2 sides at the end of the completed home & away round will proceed directly to the Grand Final.

In Over 50's, the top four sides in each division will contest Semi Finals, with winners to play off in the Grand Final. In both Over 60's & Over 50's, the weekend following the Grand Final will be set aside in case the match cannot be played due to weather or Covid restrictions.

In the event play does commence on the originally scheduled Grand Final date, existing Rule 22.4 will be enforced. "Each team must bat a minimum of



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twenty (20) overs, otherwise the result will be a draw".

**The committee has decided that ALL Over 60 and Over 50 sides will need to nominate and provide a list of their BEST Core 8 players to their respective Rules Committee prior to the commencement of Round 1.**

There will be one opportunity to make adjustments to the Core 8 makeup prior to the commencement of Round 4.

Core 8 players will be unable to switch between sides in the same divisions, but will be able to play down one division, subject to the current batting & bowling restrictions. Core 8 players can play up a division without restrictions.

Non-Core 8 players will be free to move up, down and sideways without being subject to batting or bowling restrictions.

(The Rules Committee retains the right to impose batting or bowling restrictions on any player if they deem a side has not nominated their best 8 players or is openly abusing this freedom).

In Over 60's, underage players are to be phased out. Players turning 59 during the 2022 calendar year will still be eligible to play next season, otherwise players must be turning a minimum of age 60 during the 2023 calendar year. Players turning 48 & 49 will still be eligible to play in the Over 50's. A maximum of 2 underage

players will be allowed in both Over 50's & Over 60's. There will no longer be a requirement for teams to seek prior approval to play a registered underage player, however any side found guilty of contravening the above rules will be automatically stripped of points for each and every breach.

Both Age groups will continue to operate under the QVC banner. Instead of one "Rules Committee" there will be an Over 50s Rules Committee and an Over 60s Rules Committee. Each committee will deal with their respective playing & administrative issues. The composition of the Over 50s Rules Committee is to be determined by Joe and Andrew. While the draw will continue to be done on a joint basis, the Over 50's Rules Committee will be able to have input and make any necessary amendments to ensure it is fair and practical.

An even number of teams has been proposed for Divisions 1 & 2 in both Over 60's & Over 50's. Ideally, there would be 8 teams per division, (and no more than 10 in any division) but this will be determined by both Rules Committees once final team nominations have been received. In extreme circumstances, teams may be "graded" to a new division by the Rules Committees to eliminate byes and ensure the most effective running of the competition.

Over 60's Division 1 batters will be subject to a 50 Run/50 Ball limit



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(whichever comes first) next season. Retired batters can still be recycled subject to the current rules. There will be no change to the batting rules for any other divisions in either age group.

1/ The Over 50's Rules Committee will investigate the suitability of Pink Balls to be used next season. Subject to cost differential, the QVC committee will determine if any additional cost will need to be worn by Over 50's teams.  
2/ Given the relative player freedom proposed announced above, eligibility to play finals in both Over 60's & Over 50's will be determined as follows: Individuals must play finals in the division they have played the majority of their games during the season. While Core 8 players can only play for their nominated side, Non-Core players can be selected for any side, subject to having played a minimum of 3 games in that side during the season.  
Rod Rice. QVC President

Rod recently underwent major shoulder reconstruction after persevering for some seasons with injuries that significantly restricted his batting. All appears to be going well and the hope is less pain, more runs in the near future.

From everyone in QVC, we wish Rod the very best and a satisfactory recovery. MN  
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## Mental Health.

In October I was invited on behalf of Beyond Blue to speak at a gathering of Toowoomba Cricket Inc members and at Bundamba TAFE College.

2/03/2022



TCI President Angus Rathie with Mike Nowlan

Angus commented that “He had received a lot of positive comment from the evening – especially as it was our first attempt at such a function.”

He said that they followed up the evening with players and umpires wearing green in support of Mental Health during games on the Saturday.

The following week, I was approached by the Editor of the Lockyer Independent weekly newspaper to write a monthly column in the paper on mental health. I have been writing and speaking about mental health for three and a half years now, but this is the most daunting assignment that I have ever acquiesced to. However, I know that from conversations with veteran cricketers over this time, that there is considerable pain and suffering with members and or families from mental health issues.

All deserve our support and understanding. MN  
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## Eleven Bats:

This sounds like the contents of a Test cricketer's kit bag. In fact, it is the name of the biography of an SAS operative Anthony "Harry" Moffitt. It is a voluminous book given to me by my son in February for my 70<sup>th</sup>. I have been intending to write a precise on it for most of this year.

It is a story of combat, cricket and the SAS. As most of our members are interested in cricket, and many of us wore the Nation's uniform, this should be an interesting read.

Trooper Moffitt was deployed overseas on a total of eleven occasions. On each occasion he either took a bat with him, or acquired one while on deployment. That included one that was purchased for him in Pakistan and smuggled into Afghanistan.

As a cricket fanatic, "Harry" saw improvised matches while on deployment as a means of maintaining moral and mental stability. To quote; "If we didn't have cricket, I felt, we would drive ourselves mad waiting for the next rocket attack."

"Often, while we were playing our games, Taliban or Al-Qaeda fighters were watching from the hills, talking about us to each other on their radios. For some reason they were less interested in shooting at us than in bad mouthing our cricket technique."

On one occasion the interpreter, listening via Motorola radio, told "Harry" that the "badies" reckoned that he was a rubbish bowler!

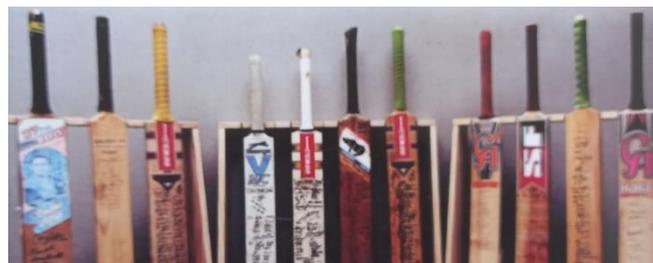
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"Harry" invited them to come down and play. The deal would be that whoever lost the match, had to leave the valley! The invitation was declined.

Moffitt naturally lived with his wife and children in WA, where the SAS were Head Quartered. His back yard became a "cricket ground" with spectator seating etc. When at home he spent many hours relaxing with a beer and mates at the MCG (Moffitt Cricket Ground.)

He openly discusses the stress of deployment, leaving the family for long periods of time. His very capable wife managed to keep all in order, and as he matured, "Harry" started thinking about a post service career.

He started studying for a phycology degree and ultimately used this for the betterment of many SAS troopers. Phycology seems a strange career path for a trained killer, but he is obviously a very intelligent and resourceful person.



The 11 bats with some very significant signatures on them.

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