



QVC Newsletter 2025

Message from the President



Welcome to the 2025 Newsletter of Queensland Veterans Cricket (QVC).

We have had a very busy year with the weather gods playing havoc with our local competition. Our executive was voted in last December and overall have worked very well together. Having younger members coming on to the Committee brings with it fresh ideas and new innovative ways of doing things.

For those of you who are unaware, this is our current Management Committee

President:	Rod Rice
Vice President:	Paul Jelfs
Secretary:	Ron Faulks
Treasurer:	John Stackpoole
Financial Controller:	Michael Rattenbury
Umpires Coordinator:	Nelma Grout
PlayHQ Coordinator:	Ross Madsen
IT and Sponsorship:	Shayne Taylor
NQ Representative:	Lloyd Blomfield
Women's Delegate:	Rosemary Gan
Over 40's Delegate:	Justin Poole
Over 50's Delegate:	Simon Milton
Over 60's Delegate:	Keith Bridgen
Over 70's Delegate:	Phil Lambert
Over 50's Ops Mgr:	Jamie Pitt
Over 60's Op's Mgr:	Jeff Stoward
Patron:	Geoff Dymock
QVC Past President:	Keith Christiansen



We currently have over 1300 registered members of QVC throughout our nine SEQ Regions and Regional areas throughout QLD.

In 2025, not including any of the representative games or regional games, QVC has scheduled 277 games of cricket which were heavily disrupted by the weather. A big thank you to all the regions who have sourced grounds and umpires for all these games.

QLD Cricket continued to run the Over 40's Competition, which assists with QVC being able to select QVC sides for the Nationals. QVC is a direct affiliate of QC and is very appreciative of all the support we receive. QC has been engaged to carry out some competition roles over the last two years, this will be discussed over the next few months to see if continuing this agreement is viable.

Veterans Cricket Australia has gone through a change of identity aligning themselves with Cricket Australia and are now called Cricket Australia Masters (CAM). States and Territories are going through a similar vein to align themselves with their State Bodies and changing their name to Masters. Queensland Veterans Cricket are in discussion with the Bulls Masters organisation at the moment to facilitate a change. QC has granted permission to use the QC Logo with Cricket Australia Masters underneath the Logo, but officially we are still called Queensland Veterans Cricket.

CAM has employed an Executive Officer Angus Kingsmill who has been kept really busy over the last six months with name changes, Web Site Overhaul, common playing conditions and numerous other tasks.

International Masters Cricket (IMC) continues to run the international scene with more and more international games being played in all age groups including the Women, and more World Cups being played.

QVC has recently updated our By Laws, selection policy, and web site. The constitution is the next document that will be overhauled, followed by other policies.

QVC is also looking at restructuring the current board to see if there is a more efficient way of doing business. Currently we have a four-member executive and a management committee as listed above. As our playing membership continues to evolve, is there a better way to run our competitions.

Michael Rattenbury is looking at current procedures and will come up with suggestions of improved changes, John Ravenhill is looking at ways of attracting sponsorship for all members.

Cooper Finlay (State of Origin) against NSW was to be played on the Gold Coast this year, but the weather intervened again and the whole competition had to be abandoned. A lot of hard work was done by the organizing committee all to no avail. We thank them for their



efforts. NSW has asked us to run CF again in 2026. There will be changes next year with the competition being run in June as below. All grounds have been booked.

Saturday 6th June and Sunday 7th June: Two grounds booked at Everton Park for Women's Games

Saturday 6th June and Sunday 7th June: Two grounds booked at Wynnum Manly District CC for Over 40's

Monday 8th June and Tuesday 9th June: Eight grounds booked at Marchant Park for Over 60's, 65's, 70's and 75's

Monday 8th June and Tuesday 9th June: Two grounds booked at Everton Park for Over 55's

Monday 8th June and Tuesday 9th June: Two Grounds booked at Wynnum for Over 50's

We also run the following competitions and still have the Over 50's Nationals to come in November.

- Sunshine Coast Winter Carnival
- Quad Series (Over 50's)
- Toot Byron Cup (Over 40's)
- Presidents Shield in Maryborough
- Over 70's Nationals Sunshine Coast 9just recently completed)

Townsville and Mackay have also been running different competitions as well and hosting visiting teams (as well as having international cricket in their back yard).

Running all these competitions take a lot of effort and time, so if you have any spare time, please put your hand up to assist organisers.

Rod Rice to resign as QVC President

Rod first started playing Veterans Cricket in 2014, became a Regional Coordinator for Redlands Logan in 2015 and then came on the QVC Committee in 2016. He has spent the past five years as President and has enjoyed the many challenges that have been thrown up.

Rod has indicated that for personal and health reasons, he has decided not to stand for re-election as President at the AGM in December but will continue to stay involved with QVC in some other way.

He wants to convey his thanks to everyone that he has made contact with over the last 12 years, he met some great people and made some great friends. He wishes QVC well in its future development.



Gill Chapman



Earlier this year QVC lost a great stalwart of Queensland Veterans Cricket and Veterans Cricket in Australia and internationally.

Gill first played for Qld in Cooper Finlay Cup at Armidale in November 2011, Qld Over 60 cap No 36.

He played in Over 60's Nationals in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, and 2018 winning Championships in 2013, 2016 and 2017. He played in Over 70's Nationals in 2019, 2022 and 2023 winning Championships in 2019 and 2022. Qld Over 70 cap No 68.

Gill was elected to the QVC committee in March 2013 after its formation in November 2011 and adoption in November 2012. He then arranged the first inter-district matches in September 2013.

He then became Vice President in March 2014 and Co-ordinator with the responsibility to continue arranging inter-district matches. He was made Welfare Officer in June 2015. He stepped down as Vice-President in February 2017 to make way for Keith Christiansen and to concentrate on the expanding role of Co-ordinator. He relinquished to role of Operations Manager (Co-ordinator) in March 2017.

He was instrumental in establishing a comprehensive set of Rules for QVC and Cooper Finlay Cup matches with NSW. He was made a State Selector for all age groups in June 2015 and 2016 and for Over 70's in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Gill was awarded with QVC Life Membership in February 2020.

Everybody would have a story to tell about Gill; I (Rod) used him as a sounding board on many occasions and will miss his knowledge and his wisdom.

RIP mate



Selectors

This year we adopted some new approaches to choosing selectors and took the opportunity to refresh the O50s and O60s panels drawing selectors from across Regions - interviewing nominees where there were duplications. The panels are responsible for choosing players to represent Queensland in the Nationals and in the Cooper Finlay tournaments and others. We would like to thank the Age Delegates and the Selection panels for their hard work reviewing nominations, observing matches and selecting teams.

O40s - Justin Poole (Chairman)

Brian May

Michael Durbridge

Sam Curtis

O50s - Simon Milton (Chairman)

Trent Ryan

Graham Gibbs

Gary Lovett

Mark Horswill

Garry Eisenmenger

O60s - Keith Brigden (Chairman)

Joe Flynn

Roger Lonie

Andrew Middleton

O70s – Phil Lambert (Chairman)

Roger Boyd

John Bourke

John Stackpoole

Purchase of new defibrillators

The QVC Executive Committee invested in 4 additional defibrillators to be distributed across regions and to be used at tournaments. The existing defibrillators are also being updated with new batteries and refreshed consumables. We hope they will not be used, but we want them in place to assist where necessary. This builds on the training of QVC members last year by St John's Ambulance organisation in first aid techniques.

Competition outcomes

Wet weather has had a big effect on the Winter competition this year with many matches washed out completely or part way through. For example, O50s Div 1 lost 13 matches including a semi final and O60s Div 1 lost 9 matches. We acknowledge the hard work put in by ground staff to make grounds ready for play in challenging conditions and we also



thank Regions for their communication and match management each week. The finals results of each of the competitions are outlined below.

O40s Div 1

GRAND FINAL

COMPLETED Wynnum Manly Over 40s won by 6 wickets

 Gold Coast Thunder Gold (40s) 169

 Wynnum Manly Over 40s  4-175

One Day • Trevor Hohns Field [▶ Watch Replay](#)

O50s Div 1

FINALS ROUND 2

COMPLETED GC 50's Thunder Div 1 won by 8 wickets

 GC 50's Thunder Div 1  2-223

 Brisbane Maroon 222

One Day • Higgins Coatings Ivor Marsden 3

O50s Div 2

FINALS ROUND 2

COMPLETED GC 50's Thunder Div 2 Gold won by 5 runs

 GC 50's Thunder Div 2 Gold  9-202

 GC 50's Thunder Div 2 Green 197

One Day • Leaders Institute Ivor Marsden 4



O50s Div 3

FINALS ROUND 2

COMPLETED Ipswich Hornets won by 100 runs



Ipswich Hornets

🏆 6-311



Sunshine Coast

10-211

One Day • Leaders Institute Ivor Marsden 4

O50s Div 4

FINALS ROUND 2

COMPLETED Ipswich Hornets won by 6 wickets



Ipswich Hornets

🏆 4-149



Redlands Logan White

8-148

One Day • Higgins Coatings Ivor Marsden 3

O60s Div 1

GRAND FINAL

COMPLETED Sunshine Coast won by 5 wickets



Sunshine Coast

🏆 5-153



GC Thunder Blue

8-151

One Day • Higgins Coatings Ivor Marsden 3



O60s Div 2

GRAND FINAL

COMPLETED Brisbane White won by 77 runs

	Brisbane White	🏆 5-193
	Sunshine Coast Maroon	116

One Day • Leaders Institute Ivor Marsden 4

O60s Div 3

GRAND FINAL

COMPLETED Brisbane Green won by 24 runs

	Wide Bay	9-162
	Brisbane Green	🏆 5-186

One Day • Oval 1 - Turf

Queensland over 40s women's cricket

Many outside of the women's cricket arena would not realise the unique challenges that face our group. Most of our cohort are still in fulltime or near fulltime employment with additional responsibilities related to managing families – particularly children. This unfortunately restricts availability on traditional competition playing days and with weekday trainings. The financial burden of attending interstate competitions is also not inconsiderable for our cohort.

My predecessor, Marg Ready's solo efforts in the women's veteran cricket arena have been recognised along with the original NSW women's delegate, Jess Henry, with the Ready Henry Shield. This is a State of Origin competition supported by QVC, played prior to the Cooper Finlay Competition.

With the support of QVC, a women's committee has been formed to address our challenges with recruitment, retention, coaching and the evolution of guidelines for team selection, playing conditions and sponsorship. We are focused on fostering 'hubs' around the State to ensure geographical representation for national competitions (Brisbane,



Sunshine Coast & Wide Bay, Gold Coast, South-West (Toowoomba), Mackay, Townsville and Cairns.

In the immediate term, we anticipate leveraging off other events including the Great Barrier Reef Masters Games (biennial event in Cairns); over 60's men's competitions, (started successfully in SCVC and now being embraced by Brisbane), and the Cooper Finlay Competition.

On a national level, the success of the Queensland Ashes (Div 1 winners 2023, 2024), and Queensland Cinders (Div 2 3rd place 2024), has been achieved with the generous support of QVC, CPAP Direct and Bullsmasters. The National Championships in Perth on the 8-13th November 2025, will be contested by a single Div 1 side due to distance, time and cost. We wish the 2025 Ashes side all the best.





Photos of some Grand Final winners

Thanks to Regions for their Facebook photos and other contributions (Good work!)



Some of our Grand Final umpires



Wynnum O40s



Gold Cast O50s Div 1



Gold Coast Over 50s Div 2



Ipswich O50s Div 3



Ipswich O50s Div 4



Sunshine Coast Over 60s Div 1



Brisbane O60s Div 2



Brisbane O60s Div 3

North Queensland cricket

Townsville and Mackay have been running intercity competitions for three years, including sides for O40, O50 and O55's. The success of this concept is evidenced in the comradery and friendships built and the high level of cricket played between the cities.

From these matches a combined FNQ side played SEQ in Maryborough in August 2025 (O50 & O55). These matches gave players from the regions experience in representative formats and exposure to Qld selectors.

The intent for NQ is to expand involvement in these style matches to include the Cairns and CQ (Rockhampton / Gladstone) districts.

In winter 2026 Mackay will be hosting a Quad Series for players from NSW, Victoria, Townsville and Cairns played over 4 days. Certainly, after the success of the O55's International tri-series Mackay is becoming a go to location!



Nationals for 2025-2026

National competitions between States, the ACT and New Zealand cover age groups O40s, O50s, O55s, O60s, O65s, O70s, O75s and Women cricketers. This demonstrates the high level of interest in veterans' cricket and the increasing demand on facilities. The following list of Nationals competitions, with multiple Divisions, shows the distribution of representative cricket around the country:

- Over 70's Men's – Sunshine Coast (QLD) – August 27 to September 2, 2025
- Women's – Perth (WA) – November 8 to November 13, 2025
- Over 60's Men's – Illawarra (NSW) – November 8 to November 13, 2025
- Over 55's Men's – SW Western Australia – November 15 to November 20, 2025
- Over 50's Men's – Brisbane (QLD) – November 22 to November 27, 2025
- Over 65's Men's – Christchurch (NZ) – November 22 to November 27, 2025
- Over 75's Men's – Albury / Wodonga – November 23 to November 27, 2025
- Over 40's Men's – Adelaide (SA) – January 31 to February 5, 2026

Cooper Finlay

Brisbane - 6 to 9 June 2026 (see above)

Upcoming Tours

- Over 40's – Karachi – IMC T20 World Cup – Dec 1 to Dec 13, 2025
- Over 50's – Christchurch – series against New Zealand – Feb 15 to Feb 22, 2026
- Over 55's – Christchurch – series against New Zealand – Feb 1 to Feb 15, 2026
- Over 70's – New Zealand – IMC world Cup – Feb 17 to Mar 5, 2026
- Over 55's – Cape Town – series against South Africa – Mar 8 to Mar 23, 2026
- Veterans tour of Norfolk Island - 2nd April – 9th April 2026
- NZ Over 60's touring QLD
- Friday 10th July: QLD v NZ
- Saturday 11th July: Aust v NZ
- Sunday 12th July: Rest Day
- Monday 13th July: Aust v NZ
- Tuesday 14th July: Aust v NZ
- Over 65's Tri Series in Brisbane. Aust, NZ and Sri Lanka June 2026



Updating QVC policies and documents

This year a number of governing and information documents and processes have been updated, which is important for the growing membership of QVC.

- Selection policy
- By-laws
- Playing conditions for O50s and O60s
- QVC website
- QVC organisational structure
- Adoption of Xero accounting software to manage finances
- Adoption of WhatsApp to manage game day arrangements between Regions and Umpires

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th December at 9:30am in the Ian Healy Room at QLD Cricket Albion. Please come along to participate in shaping your QVC into the future.

We would encourage you to consider volunteering for a position on the QVC Executive Committee for 2026. There will be some positions where the current members will not be re-appointed and we are looking for people who have some administrative, strategic, business or governance type skills. If you would like to discuss any of the roles please contact the President Rod Rice (pres@qvcricquet.com) or the Vice President Paul Jelfs (paul_jelfs@hotmail.com).