



# Queensland Veterans Cricket Newsletter

## March 2026

### Welcome to the season from the QVC President



Welcome to the 2026 season for veteran's cricket. I've recently taken on the role of *President of QVC* following the AGM where Rod Rice stepped down as President after many years as part of the QVC committee. I'd like to thank Rod for his dedication to promoting veterans cricket as an administrator, umpire and player. Fortunately, Rod will stay on with us as the O70s Age delegate. We recently bestowed upon him Life membership of QVC (see picture below).

- We have a very full year with over 65 teams committing to play in the QVC winter competition in O50s and O60s. We also have an interest in the O40s competition as well, however this is managed by Queensland Cricket. Our colleagues in North Queensland will also be running veterans cricket competitions and we will continue to have them part of our arrangements through the year.
- We have plans for a number of tournaments hosted in Queensland this year and we are also sending players interstate to represent us. We have already had a few tournaments completed (O40s, O70s, O60s Port Jackson tournament).
- It is with great pride that we recognise Qld players who have been selected in the many active Australian sides who are touring all over the world. We have named our players below. Congratulations and good luck to all of them.
- We are in the process of updating our website and our delivery of communications through our Facebook channels. We are also looking to increase our communications on various issues to the Regional Coordinators. Please ensure they are passing on the key messages to you and your fellow players. If there is a good story you'd like to include in Newsletters or on the website, we are always on the lookout for good content and photos. Please send them to Paul Jelfs.
- We have changed our administration arrangements for QVC this year. We have formed a Management Committee of the four elected positions (see below) and a Subcommittee of the remaining nominated or selected positions (eg age delegates, operations managers, financial controller, umpires adviser, registrar). This will allow some quick focused decision making for key issues and allow the Management Committee to draw in advice from selected members of the subcommittee as needed. At the same time, we are re-writing our Constitution, which has become quite outdated, to align with modern standards and legislation. This revised version will be put to members throughout the year for views.

- Our winter competitions will run from the 11<sup>th</sup> April to the end of August. We will have 4 Divisions for O50s and 3 Divisions for O60s. We are pleased to see that some of our women players will again play in the men's O60s competition and I'm sure they will be even more successful than they were last season.
- We are in the process of forming the O50s and O60s operations sub committees to assist the operations managers to deal with player exemptions, rule judgements and disciplinary issues throughout the competition.
- It's important to note that we have tried to keep fees for playing cricket as low as we can for the season. In doing this we have removed the expectation that lunches will be provided at each match. If clubs want to provide lunches at a cost they can do this in a negotiation between the teams – this might be good in situations where teams are travelling long distances or there are no local food outlets. So don't forget to take your lunch to the matches.

### Management Committee Contacts for QVC

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*2025 Nationals – Queensland O50s Div 1 Winners - Brisbane*



*Simon Milton and Matt Harris from the Qld O50s Div 1 team*

## QVC winter competition

- The competitions for both O50s and O60s will commence on the weekend of the 11th April and O60s will finish on the weekend of the 29th August. O50s will finish on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August with a finals reserve day on the 30<sup>th</sup> August.
- Over 60s will not play on the ANZAC weekend, however the O50s will continue to play. While not finalised as yet, the O50s competition may break to accommodate the Quad series.
- The draws have been finalised with grounds and exact dates being allocated by Regions. The final draws will be released loaded to PlayHQ.
- O50s and O60s matches will predominantly be on a Saturday, however the home team may advise that the match will be played on a Sunday due to ground availability. This will be advised through the draw.
- QVC will again work with Queensland Cricket to provide support services to Regions on the match days. Assisting in wet weather scenarios (ground closure, reallocation or delays).
- Playing conditions have been released to the Regional Coordinators for the O50s and will be shortly released for the O60s. The O50s have implemented a rules/exemptions committee comprising Andrew Knight, Joe Laffey and Jeff Mays. O60s will announce a similar committee shortly.
- Your key contacts for O50s Operations is Jamie Pitt ([jampitty44@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jampitty44@yahoo.com.au)) and Jeff Stoward (O60s [stowardjeff@gmail.com](mailto:stowardjeff@gmail.com)).

A special thanks to Jamie Pitt who is acting in both the O50s Age delegate role and the O50s Operations Manager role.

We would seek further nominations from Regions for someone to take over the O50s Operations role to help spread the workload through the season. Contact the QVC President Rob Milde to discuss.



*Former President Rod Rice receiving his QVC Life Membership award at the AGM*

## Queensland Players included in Australian representative teams

O40s Aust vs NZ	O40s Aust A vs NZ	O40s Aust A Dubai	O50s Aust vs NZ	O50s Aust vs USA
Brian May	Glen Batticiotto	Luke Jackson	Brian May ©	Justin Poole
Ryan Broad	Arif Mansuri	Ryan Armstrong	Andrew Kratzmann	Jason Lavender
Brett Burke	Michael Durbridge		Mark Wade	Simon Milton
Steven Paulsen	Scott Brant		Jason Simmons	Jason Simmons
			Matt Harris	Matt Harris
				Craig Mackay Aust A
O55s Aust vs South Africa	O55s Aust vs NZ	O60s World Cup – Canada	Over 65s Aust Quad series	O65s Aust vs England 70s
Phill Pullar	Darrin Rasmussen	Lachlan Donovan	Ken McGrogan	Ken McGrogan
Darrin Rasmussen	Gary Lovett	Mark Kratzmann	Andrew Walsh	Andrew Walsh
Clint Keble	Damien Meek		Bruce Worthington	Bruce Worthington
Jimmy Johnston			Keith Bridgen	Kent Officer
			Kent Officer	Mark Brady
			Mark Brady	Michael Hurley
			Michael Hurley	
			Derek Delaney (Aust A)	
O65s Aust vs Sri Lanka	O70s World Cup	O50s Aboriginal Tour of NZ		
Ken McGrogan	Roger Boyd	Alan Bougoure		
Keith Bridgen		William Moggs		
Mark Brady		Les Raveneau		





*Queensland O50s Div 2 Nationals side - Brisbane 2025*

## **Selectors and Rules Committee**

The table below sets out the selectors for our representative sides. These will include the Cooper Finlay/Ready Henry tournaments with NSW and the Nationals later in the year. They will also select sides for specific age group carnivals such as the O50s Quad series or others that we may be invited to participate in.

The O50s have also set up a rules committee who will monitor teams and competitions to manage player movement between divisions. A similar one will be established for the O60s competition shortly. We thank all these people who have volunteered to put time into assessing nominations for these important representative teams.

	<b>O70s</b>	<b>O60s/O65s</b>	<b>O50s/O55s</b>	<b>Womens</b>
<b>Age delegate/Chair</b>	Rod Rice	Bob Menzies Keith Bridgen	Jamie Pitt	Rosemary Gan
<b>Selectors</b>	Roger Boyd	Andrew Middleton	Perry Stahmer	Leteysa Randall
	John Bourke	Roger Lonie	Trent Ryan	Nicola Browne
	John Stackpoole	Joe Flynn	Darren Cox	Christie Lewis
			Mark Horswill	
			Graham Gibbs	



*Over 60s Nationals Div 2 Maroon - Wollongong*

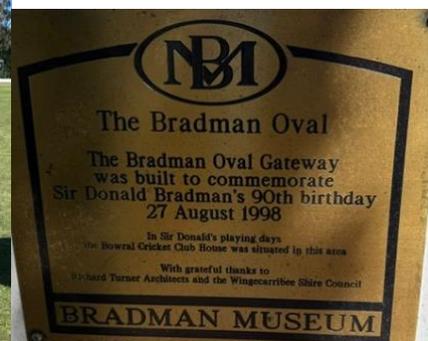
## **Upcoming tournaments - Cooper Finlay – Ready Henry Shield**

The annual tournament against our southern rivals (colleagues in cricket?) will be played on the 6-7th June for the Women at Everton Park and at Wynnum for the O40-s men. This will be followed on the 8-9<sup>th</sup> June for the O50s (Wynnum), O55s (Everton Park), O60s (Marchant Park), O65s (Marchant Park), O70s (Marchant Park) and O75s (Marchant Park). Nominations for selections will be put out by QVC in April. Details of the tournament rules and social arrangements will be detailed at that time.

This is always a heated and very competitive couple of days cricket with points awarded for the winner of each match, the cumulative points total determines the winning State (it better be Queensland!)



*Queensland O60s Div 2 Gold – Bradman Oval*



## North Queensland happenings

Winter in America is cold - but in Mackay it's the season to play Masters Cricket!

Sandwiched around an Australian Men's test match vs Bangladesh we have a feast of tours and games planned.

This year we welcome Victoria (returning) and NSW (inaugural) to play in a quad series with Townsville and Mackay (Over 50's).

The state sides will be focusing on the Div 2 / 3 players that would not normally tour taking on the smaller northern cities. Hopefully the weather gods turn it on again for those southern visitors from the cold, dark and wet regions.

The Inter-city rivalry continues as Mackay and Townsville battle out for the Challenge Shield with teams of O40's, O50's and O50's Div 2 competing with home and away matches. Mackay then packs it's bags and heads to Yeppoon to meet some of our southern friends in matches against Wide-bay.

Masters cricket is focusing a lot on developing touring sides and friendly competition.



Lloyd Blomfield North Queensland Representative on the QVC Subcommittee



Queensland Women's 2025 Div 1 known as "The Ashes" at the WACA

## **Veteran Women's cricket**

The women's arena is looking promising as we gear up to hosting the National Championships in 2027. EOIs for the upcoming playing opportunities for veteran women cricketers have been circulated, with an excellent response to date. The women's committee will continue to communicate via the current email system but will shortly have a dedicated QVC address for queries and mass communications.

Planned playing opportunities include:

Over 60's men's winter competition commencing for the Sunshine Coast White side 18 April, 2026, at home.

Ready-Henry Shield (evolving with the Cooper Finlay competition), 6-7 June, 2026, at Everton. Two sides will contest a State of Origin series against our NSW colleagues. This will be the inaugural competition (due to being rained out last year), with both Marg Ready and Jess Henry in attendance. Their contributions to launching veteran women's cricket in both states should continue to be recognised.

Veteran Women's National Championships in Tasmania October 2026, with details to be advised. It is anticipated that Queensland will field 2 or 3 sides, depending on the championship details and player interest. Practice matches will also be notified as grounds become available. These will be open to all veteran women who wish to play and will be geared for participation above competition.



Rosemary Gan, Women's cricket representative to QVC Subcommittee

## Updating the QVC website and Facebook pages

QVC operates a website ([qvcricquet.com](http://qvcricquet.com)) and Facebook pages

Queensland Veterans Cricket Queensland Veterans Cricket Over 50's and 55's. Here you will find the links to Regions, upcoming tournaments, key contacts, QVC governance – policies and playing conditions, uniform suppliers and newsletters (such as this one).

We are currently updating the website content and functions and we would like any contributions you have. Please send them to Paul Jelfs ([qvccommunications@gmail.com](mailto:qvccommunications@gmail.com)). We are investigating a couple of areas of development – uploading Queensland player numbers and recognizing our Life members. We will also be uploading a QVC Master calendar of events that QVC participates in, hosts or manages for other organisations such as Cricket Australia Masters.



Queensland O60s representative side at the Port Jackson Tournament – Coogee 2026



Queensland and NSW O60s teams at the Port Jackson Tournament – Coogee 2026

## Sponsorship

QVC and our Regional teams are always looking for sponsors to support veterans cricket. Should you have contacts in the business world that may be interested in supporting the organisation please put them in touch with the QVC Management Committee (see above). Sponsorship is used for supporting teams to travel to tournaments, support the setup and running of local tournaments and also underpins the purchase of equipment (e.g., defibrillators, frog box etc).



We would like to acknowledge that Queensland Cricket supports the QVC with a grant each year which is effectively used to support women's veteran cricket.