

THE STORY OF THE LILAC HILL FESTIVAL CRICKET MATCHES

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Photograph depicts the setting for the inaugural match held on Thursday 25 October 1990

THE HISTORY

LILAC HILL FESTIVAL CRICKET MATCHES

In early 1990, and knowing that the England Test Team would be playing their opening tour match in Perth in October that year, former Test Player, and then Member of the Australian Cricket Board, Mr Barry Shepherd AM, started to put together a proposal to see the tourists play that match in a similar format which had seen the English Team traditionally host the Australian Ashes Touring Side in a 'tour opener' on the ground at the historic Arundel Castle in West Sussex, England.

As with the opening match at Arundel Castle, Mr Shepherd was intending to present his idea to the then Chairman and his fellow Members of the Australian Cricket Board to seek their approval for the match to be played on a ground in a more rural, or suburban setting, rather than at the WACA ground in Perth. He was also intending to propose that the match be promoted as an official international '*fifty over per side match,*' and that the game be played in a '*festival setting.*'

The concept being put forward by Mr Shepherd was designed (as was the case with the matches at Arundel Castle) to allow the public to get closer to those who played the game at the highest level.

Before he could finalise his proposal, Mr Shepherd needed help in finding a suitable ground where the match could be played in the format he was proposing, hence his informal meeting at the WACA ground with former Midland Guildford Cricket Club Champion Players Keith Slater and Kevin Gartrell. It is my understanding that Mr Shepherd was hoping to find a link between the early settlement of Western Australian going back to 1829, and a ground that was close to the historic homestead known as 'Woodbridge House' which was built on the southern side of the Swan River in West Midland.

Well, it is history know that Keith and Kevin told Mr Shepherd that they had the perfect ground to play this inaugural match. Without any hesitation they suggested that the match be played at Midland Guildford Cricket Club's Home Ground at Lilac Hill in Caversham, as on face value it ticked all-the-boxes Mr Shepherd was looking for. They told Mr Shepherd that the ground was a 'stone throw' from Woodbridge House.

Before the decision had been made that the match would be played at Lilac Hill, there was some suggestion that the game might be played in York or Northam, but that idea was not taken any further.

I am told that Keith & Kevin told Mr Shepherd that the Midland Guildford Cricket Club would be both pleased and capable of preparing the ground at Lilac Hill to host the event if it was approved by the ACB. In their own inimitable style, they said something like: *“Barry, you get the approval to hold the match on our ground and we will make it all happen for you and the board.”*

Once the venue for the match had been chosen and agreed, I am told that Keith introduced Mr Shepherd to the then President of the Midland Guildford Cricket Club, Mr John Moody AM.

At that meeting Mr Moody was told of the proposal to hold the match at his club’s home ground, and if the proposal was approved, that his club would be asked to host the event on behalf of the Australian Cricket Board. Mr Moody was happy to support the proposal and that he would play a key role in seeing that the event was successful.

We now know that the proposal put forward by Mr Shepherd to the Chairman and Members of the ACB in early 1990 that the match be played at Lilac Hill (in the format he was suggesting) was approved to be played on a date that was suitable with all parties.

It is history now that the Inaugural Lilac Hill Festival Match between England and the ACB Chairman’s X1 was played on Friday 25 October 1990, and that the event was a tremendous success, with more than 10,000 spectators in attendance. It is also history that a further eighteen (18) ACB sanctioned international one day matches were played at this same ground annually involving all then Test Playing Nations. The results of all those matches are shown in the closing pages of this document.

RECRUITMENT OF LEGENDARY FAST BOWLER - DENNIS LILLEE

The fact that Dennis agreed to play in this inaugural match (and several more that followed) can be attributed to Keith (Spud) Slater.

We know that Keith met with Dennis to tell him about the plans for the match and how cricket lovers would love to see him take-the-field-again in this new style festival game. When Keith told Dennis the game would be played in a ‘festival setting’ at Lilac Hill, he

said, *“I do not play social cricket. If I agree to play in this match, I will be coming at the poms with all I can muster. If you accept that, then I will be happy to play.”*

It must be said that many of those who chose to attend the matches were motivated to see the legendary Fast Bowler Dennis Lillee front-up against his old English adversaries.

INAUGRAL LILAC HILL FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING.

My first involvement in this venture was in early to mid-1990 when I received an invitation to attend a ‘Special Meeting’ in the Clubrooms at our ground at Lilac Hill in Caversham. While I cannot recall who extended the invitation, I was happy to attend as I was intrigued to hear what was going to be discussed. There was no official agenda for that meeting so I sat waiting to see who else had been invited. Others who arrived included fellow life members Keith Slater, Kevin Gartrell, Dorham Mann, Denis Yagmich, Brian Rakich and Mark Weinman.

Well, I did not have to wait long to be told why we had been invited. Mr Moody announced that former Test Player, and then Member of the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) Mr Barry Shepherd OAM had initially approached Keith Slater and Kevin Gartrell telling them that he wanted to put a proposal to Members of the ACB that the Midland Guildford Cricket Club be asked to host the opening match of the England Touring Team at Lilac Hill in October that year.

The President said that Mr Shepherd had also met with him to inform him of his intentions, and to gain his approval to suggest that the match be played at Lilac Hill Sportsground in a similar format to that which had seen the English Side Host the Australian Ashes Touring Side in a ‘tour-opener’ on the ground at the Historic Arundel Castle, in West Sussex England.

Mr Moody told those gathered that he fully supported the proposal being put forward by Mr Shepherd.

Again, the concept being put forward by Mr Shepherd was designed (as was the case with the matches at Arundel Castle) to allow the public to get closer to those who played the game at the highest level.

History shows that the proposal Mr Shepherd was intending to put-forward turned-out to be a ‘Masterstroke.’

I have posted a photograph of a young Barry Shepherd dressed in his 'whites' with one of the bats he wielded so effectively in the 9 test matches he played for Australia. In those 9 test matches, his Test Record with the bat was most impressive.

14 Innings, amassing 502 runs with a batting average of 41.83. His highest score was 96.

His First-Class Record was also seriously impressive shown by the following statistics:

110 Matches, 186 Innings, resulting in 6,834 runs and an average of 41.16



While waiting for the meeting to commence, I recall seeing a portable white-board standing in the corner of the clubhouse. It seemed that the president had given some thought to what the club would need to do if we were to host a match of this importance. On the board he had written headings like:

Ground Preparations, Marketing, Financial Matters, and Hospitality. As the meeting progressed the President asked those present if they were in favour of the proposal, and if so, what role they were prepared to undertake.

After further discussion, and without any hesitation, Keith Slater agreed to take on the role of 'Marketing,' Dorham Mann said he would chair the Hospitality Committee and Dennis Yagmich agreed to look after all the financial matters. Having agreed to become the 'Chairpersons' of their respective sub-committees, they all did a remarkable job in fulfilling their roles and responsibilities to help ensure the success of the inaugural Lilac Hill Festival Match, and all the remaining eighteen matches that followed. Mark Weinman offered to assist Dorham with looking after all matters related to the 'Hospitality Committee.'

When John Moody looked to me, I agreed to take on the job of preparing the ground to enable the match to be held. Little did I know how much work would be involved in turning the site from a local cricket ground, to a venue to host the English Test Team and a crowd upwards of 10,000 to 11,000 spectators.

To help me with the task I had taken-on, I was able to call on numerous retired players and the fathers of current players to help me come up with a way of achieving what was in front of us. In that regard I need to acknowledge the contribution that members of our Ground Committee made to plan and prepare the ground for this inaugural match, and for the matches that followed over the next eighteen years.

Those who gave up their time included my brother-in-law Tom Pivac, Bob Brooks, John Collins, David Holmes, Mike Dabbs, Ron (*the run machine*) Dunne, Geoff Malaspina, Mark Weinman, Glen Gray, Christopher Pivac, Tony Stone, John Gartrell, Ray and Val Martin and a friend of mine named Bob Legge. Alan Bascombe and his wife Val were always available to help when called upon.

While I am reluctant to single out those who worked with me and Tom Pivac in ensuring the ground would be ready for each match, I feel obliged to make special mention of the contributions made by John Collins and Bob Brooks.

It should be also mentioned that Life Members Ray and Val Martin were at the ground every day in the lead-up to the matches doing whatever they could to assist the club. They prepared light meals each day for the members of the working groups which was greatly appreciated. Val was happy to step-up and do whatever she could to help-out wherever she could. Ray did not confine himself to helping in the kitchen, he got involved in whatever needed to be done to have the ground ready each year.

In addition to the gentlemen named above, we also had the total support of countless club members who gave us hours and hours of their time every time we called on them. It was a great 'team-effort' all-round that allowed us to achieve the undertaking we had given.

THE MATCH GROUND CHOSEN

The first decision we made was to declare that the match needed to be played on what was known as the lower, or southern ground, where there was more room to locate all the infrastructure, we would need to accommodate the large crowd who were expected to attend.

Within weeks of the club agreeing to host the match, members of our committee started to consider how we would need to design the ground to enable us to position the 35 corporate hospitality marquees, the public grandstands, temporary toilets, public bars, food & drink sales outlets, public address system with broadcasting booth, loud speakers, and how to bring a reliable source of safe temporary electrical power to the site.

Once we had given those matter sufficient thought, I drew a ground plan which I tabled (and spoke to) at a formal Lilac Hill Festival Match Committee Meeting attended by Barry Shephard and my fellow chairpersons. At that meeting, which was chaired by Mr John Moody, we were told that the ACB had given their approval for the match to be held at the Lilac Hill Sportsground on Thursday 25 October 1990.

With that advice in-hand, and once the ground plan was adopted, I set-about securing contracts for the building of temporary grandstands, the hire of temporary toilets, hospitality marquees, outdoor furniture, fast food and drink vans, and range of other services and infrastructure that may have been needed to cover all contingences.

With those matters well in-hand, I took two weeks of my annual leave from the Police Service that first year and in each of the following years to ensure I had time to be at the ground every day in the lead-up to the games, to both oversee and assist with the final preparations for all the matches the club hosted.

CREATING THE GARDEN TERRACED SEATING AREA

One of the first physical tasks we undertook was to re-shape the grass bank in front of the main pavilion to create step-down seating rows that would accommodate ticket holders in the area that would become known as the 'Garden Terrace.' To enable that to occur we organised a 'busy-bee' on a Sunday Morning in early-to-mid 1990, when 30 plus club

members turned up with picks and shovels in hand to help us with this enormous task. To get things started we had to remove the grass in slabs across the entire length of the sloping bank. We then had the members dig-out the soil and re-shape the bank to create the 'step-down levels' we needed to make.

Once that work was done, I engaged a friend of mine (on behalf of the Lilac Committee) to construct the brick retaining walls along the four different levels. Once the rows of bricks were laid, we organised a second 'busy bee' when we re-laid the blocks of grass along all four levels that we had dug out some weeks earlier. With that task done, we did a quick calculation to determine how many spectators could be seated along each of the four rows.

We estimated that we could seat 90 adults in each row giving us a total of 360 places that could be sold in this prime viewing area.

The same bricklayer (a police officer mate of mine) also built the two brick entry statements at the top of the driveway, which still stand to this day, leading into the ground off West Swan Road.



In the weeks leading to the inaugural match, I arranged to borrow several sections of small raised aluminium seating stands from the Swan Districts Netball Association and the

Mirrabooka Sports Centre. Club stalwart Geoff Malaspina, with the help of several club members, took charge of transporting those stands by truck to the ground. That was an enormous task given the size and weight of those structures.

I also arranged to have the heavy steel grandstand and the old steel scoreboard brought from the Midland Oval. Once the temporary grandstand on the western side of the ground was constructed, we secured the scoreboard to the top railing where it could be seen from most parts of the ground. To enable spectators seated on the western side of the ground, we attached a second large steel scoreboard to the top of the temporary grandstand that we had built on the eastern side of the ground by a firm known as AKA Scaffolding Contractors.

With that work done, our members turned out again and painted the old steel grandstand and the scoreboards in time for the inaugural match.

NEW SCOREBOARDS NAME & NUMBER PLATES

Next, we found we needed two new sets of players nameplates, team nameplates and of course numberplates to hang on both boards. This is where Life Member Alan Bascombe proved to be of value. Within weeks of being alerted to our needs, Alan turned up at the club with the new steel scoreboard plates that he had made at his workplace. I took the nameplates/numberplates (with the names of players from both sides) to a signwriter in Osborne Park who had been recommended by officials at the WACA. In good time for the match, we had the new plates in-hand and ready to hang. As mentioned earlier Alan was always on hand when we needed his help and input on a range of matters.

Following consultation with officials at the WACA, we arranged to borrow, and transport thirty-plus heavy green coloured wooden benches to take back to the club where they were positioned end-to-end along the rows of the newly constructed terrace seating area. For each of the remaining eighteen matches we hired white plastic chairs for this area, which proved to be much more comfortable for the Garden Terrace Patrons.

I have inserted three photographs showing: (1) the bricks stacked on-site in readiness for laying, following the busy-bee that was held to re-shape the bank to make the different levels, and (2) the finished product, that being the “Garden Terrace under cover with plastic seats in place in readiness for the second festival match in 1991.

This seating area was not covered for the Inaugural Match in 1990, however we did provide shade for the patrons in this area for all future matches as can be seen in the photographs pasted hereunder. It was indeed a prime comfortable position to watch the games.





When writing about the garden terrace seating area, I must commend Life Member and former Club Champion Kevin Gartrell OAM for arranging to sell the 360 Garden Terrace tickets, not once, but for every one of the nineteen matches. Brigitte Pivac who was working at Slater Gartrell assisted Kevin with the ticket sales for this exclusive seating zone.

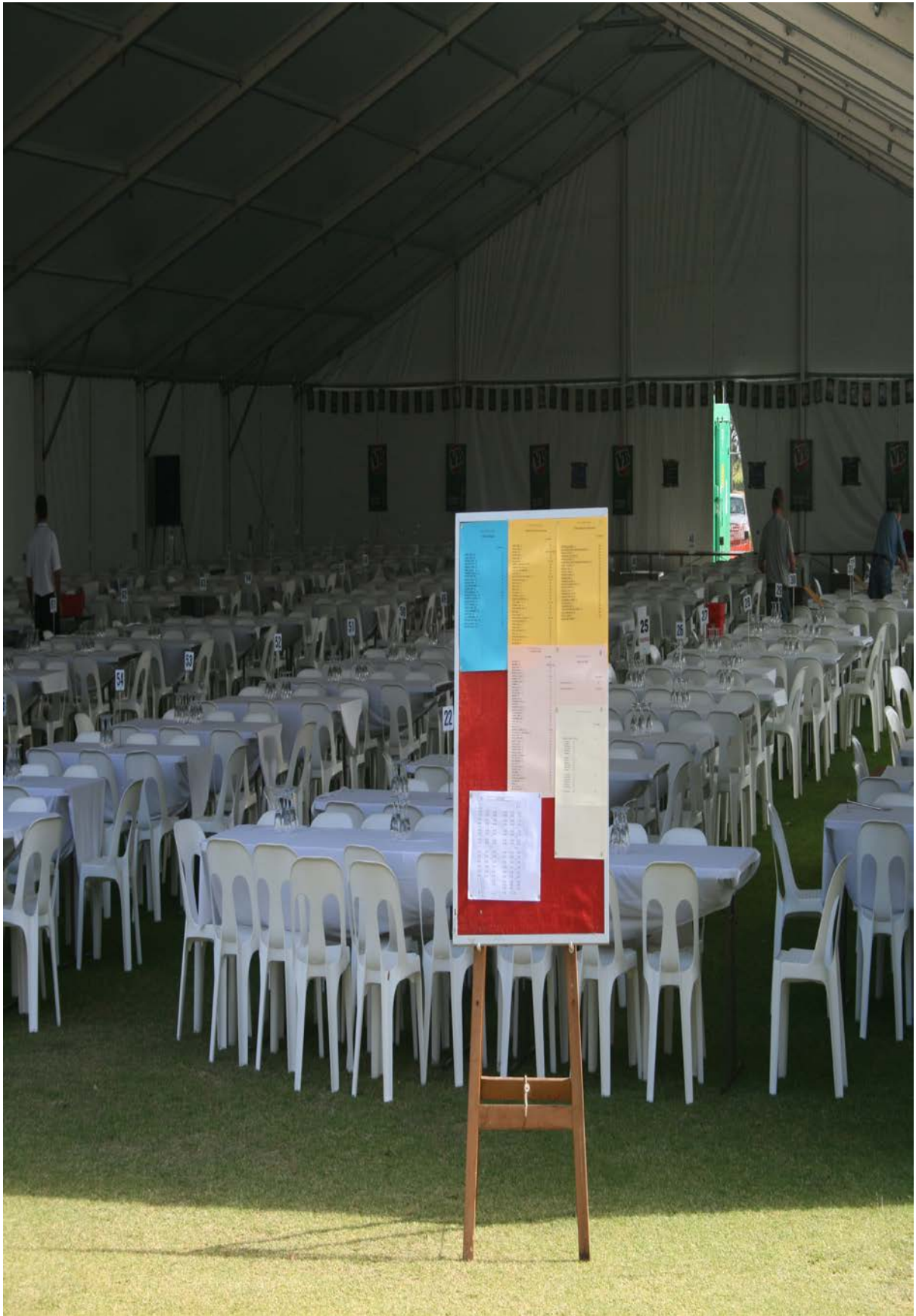
Kevin also arranged for club volunteers to act as waiters to look after the needs of guests who were seated in this area.

Kevin and his staff from Slater Gartrell Sports, also took responsibility for designing, ordering, and selling all the merchandise, such as hats, polo shirts etc, from marquees at each of the nineteen Lilac Hill Festival Matches.

We also found that we needed to utilise the top, or northern side playing field to position a large hospitality marquee which was used as the luncheon venue for the 360 Garden Terrace patrons who had purchased tickets to be seated in that area. We also used the most northern ground for one of the parking zones.

During the lunch breaks, the Marketing Chairman, Keith Slater arranged to have Guest Speakers entertain the crowd. Over the years those speakers included former State and Australian Test Players and Media Personalities. I have pasted photographs of the hospitality marquee we hired to accommodate these guests.





SECTIONS OF WHITE PICKET FENCING

We found that we would need to build lengths of white picket type free-standing fencing to place between the ground level sponsors marquees as a means of keeping each space separated. We also placed these sections of fencing in other locations around the ground to prevent unauthorised entry into the Garden Terrace and VIP areas.

To build the sections of fencing, the club members attended at Tom Pivac's property in West Swan over several weekends where we cut and attached the wooden pickets to steel stands that Tom had arranged to be made. In all we made sixty plus lengths of these fencing panels. In the lead-up to the first match the club members turned-out again and painted the fencing.

Speaking of fencing, we also built smaller specially designed sections of fencing to use as flower planter boxes which we positioned on either side of the player's race in front of the Garden Terrace. We went one step further and made upwards of 100 metres of 12" high white fencing panels which we positioned behind the boundary rope at the clubhouse end of the ground.

The first photograph hereunder depicts the fencing panels positioned in front of the sponsors marquees. The next two photographs which shows the flower boxes and the white steel fencing positioned outside the boundary line were taken before the start of the third match played in 1992. Tom Pivac arranged the purchase of the white steel fencing from Di Candilo Steel Fabrications in Ashfield. The next photograph shows a section of the low white fencing panels we installed outside of the boundary line.







Rather than try to explain in words what we the Ground Committee, *supported by members of the club*, were able to achieve, for this inaugural fixture, I have attached several *'before' and 'after'* photographs so readers can appreciate how we were able to prepare the ground in October 1990 to accommodate 35 corporate sponsors marquees, the 360 spectators who paid for premium seats in the 'Garden Terrace' and of course sufficient grandstand seating and other spaces for the general public which grew to over 10,000 by the time the first ball was bowled.

THE SOUTHERN GROUND
BEFORE EACH FESTIVAL MATCH



THE INAUGURAL MATCH SETTING
ACB CHAIRMAN'S XI
VS
ENGLAND
25 OCTOBER 1990



The area with the black & white umbrella's shown in the foreground of the photograph above, was reserved for the one hundred and twenty VIP Guests who were invited to attend

the match. In that same photograph readers can see the backs of the green benches we borrowed from the WACA Ground.

Those who attended the inaugural match, and the games that followed, came by car, by train by foot, by bus, and surprisingly by boat up the Swan River. I suspect that we did not account for that latter mode of travel, and I can only assume that they were able to enter the ground free-of-charge. Photograph hereunder tells that part of the lilac match story:



NEW GROUND CLOCK

In the lead-up to the inaugural match in October 1990, Former Club Champion Wicket Keeper Dave Thomas set-about building a beautiful wooden framed clock for the club, complete with a replica of the famous Lords Cricket Ground 'Father Time Figure' and 'Wind Directional Vain'.

Not only was Dave a talented wicketkeeper who played in the club's A Grade Side for many years, he was also a skilled Cabinet Maker/Carpenter who was widely recognised for his work across the Shire of Swan (and beyond) over many years. Upon completion, Dave mounted the clock on the front of the clubhouse where it could be seen from all parts of the southern ground. It was a wonderful gesture by Dave and it remains in place to this day. Photograph of Dave with wife Milly on his right, and friend Kaye Slater standing under the impressive time piece he donated to the club. Sadly we lost Dave some years back, but his memory lives on through the beautiful time-piece that he installed on the front of the club pavillion.



OFFICIAL WELCOMING CEREMONY

INAUGURAL MATCH

25 OCTOBER 1990

The President of the West Australian Cricket Association, Mr Tom Perrott AM welcomed members of the England Team to Australia, and to Lilac Hill for the match against the ACB President's XI. I have pasted a copy of Mr Perrott's Welcoming Message on page 28 of this document.

To enhance the colour and theme of the Opening Ceremony, I arranged for the WA Police Pipe Band to lead both teams onto the ground wearing their full ceremonial uniforms playing several tunes they had chosen for the occasion.

The inaugural Lilac Hill Festival Match was also an opportunity to welcome Alec Stewart back to our club where he had performed so brilliantly during his stay with us in the mid-1980's. I have pasted a photograph of the English Touring Party showing them assembled on the ground prior to the commencement of play. Alec can be seen standing in the centre of the back row.



To make Alec Stewart feel at home when he returned to play in the inaugural match, we placed a large sign on top of the main grandstand on the eastern side of the ground. The sign read:

“WELCOME BACK ALEC.”

QUEEN’S HONOURS BESTOWED ON ALEC STEWART

Importantly, it should be noted that on the 13th of June 1988 Alec was made a ‘Member of the Order of the British Empire’ by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace

Alec received a further well-deserved honour when was again invited to Buckingham Palace where Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth appointed him as a Member of the Order of the British Empire on the 14th of June 2003.

I have also pasted a photograph of the players who were selected in the ACB Chairman’s XI for this match:



THE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

In looking back to the history of that very first Match in October 1990, and what I and members of our Ground Committee were able to contribute, I felt it was important to touch-on the overarching role Mr John Moody AM played in presiding over the Lead Committee, and what my fellow Chairpersons of the other sub-committees were required to consider (and do) to ensure the success of this inaugural match and the eighteen Lilac Hill Festival Matches that followed.

THE LILAC HILL FESTIVAL MATCH COMMITTEE

From the moment our Club President Mr John Moody AM spoke with Mr Barry Shepherd about the possibility of the Midland Guildford Cricket Club hosting an International Cricket Match at Lilac Hill, Mr Moody embraced the idea with all the energy he could muster.



From that his meeting with Mr Shepherd, Mr Moody started the ball rolling by bringing together the people he thought could come up with the plans to enable such a venture to occur. All our official Lilac Hill Festival Match Committee Meetings were held in the boardroom of the Guildford Grammar School where John was the headmaster for many years. Mr Moody arranged to have the minutes of all meetings recorded by the School Bursar Mr Roy Schuler, and kept for future reference.

Mr Moody was the perfect man to represent the club on this proposal, as he was able to have direct contact with Members of the Australian Cricket Board (ACB), and indeed within the Western Australian Cricket Association (WACA), which enabled him to fully understand what was expected of our club to prepare for this unique and important cricketing event. Mr Moody also took a keen interest in the planning work that was being undertaken by the 'Chairpersons' of the four sub-committees to ensure that they had all bases covered in the lead-up to the inaugural match on the 25th October 1990.

As planning for the inaugural match progressed, Mr Moody put forward the idea of producing a Lilac Hill Festival Match Booklet that would serve as a memento of the day. The booklet produced for the inaugural match and for those which followed were extremely popular with all concerned. From memory I believe that Mr Max Viskovich (a former Midland Guildford First Grade Batsman) played a hand in producing those booklets.

Rather than try to describe the contents of the booklet I have copied and pasted the front cover of that first edition, along with several pages which show (1) the welcome message written by President of the WACA, Mr Tom Perrott AM, (2) Mr John Moody's Welcoming Statement, with (3) *a highly valued hand written note from Sir Donald Bradman AC (dated 12/7/90) in which he extends his thanks for having been invited to attend the match, along with his reasons for not being able to accept.*

LILAC HILL FESTIVAL MATCH



WACA PRESIDENTS XI
VS
ENGLAND

INAUGURAL MATCH ◦ LILAC HILL PARK
25 OCTOBER 1990

Sponsored for the ACB by the Benson and Hedges Co. Pty. Ltd.
Organised for the WACA by the Midland Guildford Cricket Club.

W A C A PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am delighted to have this opportunity of welcoming the England team to Australia, and particularly to Lilac Hill for their match against the President's XI.

The Midland-Guildford Cricket Club has been honoured by the WACA by being invited to host the opening match of the English tour, the first time this type of match has been held in Western Australia, and Australia, under the auspices of the Australian Cricket Board. This initiative, promoted by our delegates Mr Lawrie Sawle and Mr Barry Shepherd is acknowledged with gratitude.

The task force for this event has been chaired by Mr John Moody, President of the Midland-Guildford Cricket Club, and he, with the ladies and gentlemen of this organisation and with the support of the Shire of Swan, have worked with enthusiasm and dedication to have this ground and its environs ready for this great day.

May it be a memorable occasion ...

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "T.J. Perrott".

T.J. PERROTT A.M., Cit WA.
President, West Australian Cricket Association.

Midland-Guildford Cricket Club

(Est. 1905)



Welcome to the Swan Valley and to Lilac Hill Park for the inaugural Festival Match.

It is a privilege for the Midland-Guildford Cricket Club to be your hosts and it is our hope that you will thoroughly enjoy your day.

A number of people have made this event possible and deserve our sincere appreciation.

J.M. Moody
President.

SIR DONALD BRADMAN, A.C.

KENSINGTON PARK,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5068

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Dear Bruce,
Your letter of 5th July just to hand. I know your invitation is intended to pay me a great compliment but I'm afraid that as age 80 (next month) I am no longer able to travel + attend functions as of yore.

I trust you will understand the position and excuse me.

The match should be a great pipe opener & I hope you have a wonderful day

Kind regards,

Sincerely,

Don Bradman



Photograph of Sir Donald Bradman AC pasted above.

The following two pages from the booklet again depict the members of the 1990 England Touring Team and the players who were selected to play in the ACB Chairman's X1.

Readers should note that six members of the Chairman's X1 were from the Midland Guildford Cricket Club.

They were, not necessarily in any order, Jo Angel, Chris Mack, Brendon Julian, Tom Moody, Tim Zoehrer & Matthew May. From memory Tom Moody was the captain of the side, and he was made the 'Man-of-the-Match' after scoring a century. MGCC Player Michael Collins was 12th man for the Chairman's X1 for this game.

ENGLAND TEAM



GRAHAM GOOCH England Capt. Essex. Age 37. Right hand batsman, right arm medium pace bowler. Set all time record for an English summer in 1990 beating Sir Donald Bradman's record of 974 with an aggregate of 1058 test runs including 456 runs in the Lords test against India. Has lifted England to great heights since becoming Captain.



ALLAN LAMB Vice Captain. Northamptonshire. Age 36. Right hand bat. Born in South Africa. Great player of fast bowling having scored 6 test centuries against the West Indies. Making his third full tour of Australia and will play an important role in England's quest to regain the ashes.



DAVID GOWER Hampshire. Age 33. Left hand bat. Veteran of 109 tests, this elegant player scored 732 runs at an average 81.33 against Australia in the 1985 series and averaged 72.75 in tests last season after his recall to the team. His experience of Australian conditions is invaluable to England's middle order.



ROBERT (JACK) RUSSELL Gloucestershire. Age 27. Wicket keeper and courageous lower order left hand bat who is rated as one of the best ever English keepers. Scored his maiden first class century against Australia at Old Trafford in 1989.



EDDIE HEMMINGS Nottinghamshire. Age 41. Veteran offspinner and competent right hand bat. Bowled splendidly last English summer in tests taking 21 wickets and also a fine one day bowler. Highest test score 95 against Australia in Sydney in 1983.



ROBIN SMITH Hampshire. Age 27. Right hand bat. Born in South Africa. Aggressive player who headed aggregates against Australia in 1989 with 599 runs from 10 innings. Played club cricket in Perth for Nedlands and South Perth.



ALEC STEWART Surrey. Age 27. Right hand bat and second keeper. Also brilliant all-round fielder specialising at short leg. Aggressive player with lots of class who spent seven Perth summers playing for Midland Guildford. Son of Micky Stewart, England's team manager.



GLADSTONE SMALL Warwickshire. Age 29. Right arm fast bowler, right hand bat. Born in Barbados. Troubled by injuries during his career but when fit has performed superbly for England. Extremely accurate and moves the ball both in the air and off the pitch.



WAYNE LARKIN Northamptonshire. Age 37. Right hand bat. Making his second tour of Australia. Was a member of Mike Brearley's team in 1979-80 but has had limited test match exposure since. Has the ability to tear any attack apart.



ANGUS FRASER Middlesex. Age 22. Right arm fast bowler, right hand bat. Test debut against Australia in 1989 and was first bowler to dismiss Steve Waugh in that series. Bowls a consistent line and length and should play a vital role in his first tour of Australia.



MICHAEL ATHERTON Lancashire. Age 22. Right hand bat, right arm legspin bowler. Polished player who failed in his test appearance against Australia in 1989. Has since forced his way back scoring centuries in tests against New Zealand and India this year.



DEVON MALCOM Derbyshire. Age 27. Right arm fast bowler, right hand bat. Born in Jamaica. One of the world's fastest bowlers who has improved greatly since his debut against Australia in 1989 and should excite Australian cricket fans with his hostility towards batsmen.

ENGLAND TEAM



CHRISTOPHER LEWIS Leicester. Age 22. Right hand bat, right arm medium pace bowler. Born in Guyana. Rated by Bobby Simpson as one of the most talented all rounders in the game today. Made his test debut against New Zealand last season.



JOHN MORRIS Derbyshire. Age 26. Right hand bat. Made his test debut against India last season after gaining valuable experience playing for Subiaco-Floreat in Perth in 1986-87 and becoming more consistent for his County. His six centuries in the early part of 1990 earned him his chance.



PHILIP TUFNELL Middlesex. Age 24. Left arm orthodox spin bowler, right hand bat. An attacking spinner who is willing to give the ball air and has the ability to turn it even in unhelpful conditions. Took 74 wickets for his County last season, bettered only by three other bowlers in County cricket.



MARTIN BICKNELL Surrey. Age 21. Right arm fast, medium pace bowler, right hand bat. Possesses the ability to swing the ball away from the right hand batsmen with consistent line and length. Took 69 wickets at 27.26 last season for Surrey when most fast bowlers struggled.



MICHAEL STEWART Team Manager. Age 58. England's first ever cricket manager. Micky was appointed on a trial basis for the 1986-87 tour of Australia and had his post confirmed after the team successfully retained the Ashes. Former Surrey Captain who played eight tests for England.



PETER LUSH Tour Manager. Age 51. Has managed England teams in Australia, Pakistan, New Zealand and India. Peter joined the T.C.C.B. in 1974 to head the public relations and marketing department to deal with the growth of sponsorship and advertising, and helped create income to keep the 17 first class Counties as separate thriving concerns.

AUTOGRAPHS

W A C A PRESIDENT'S TEAM



GEOFF MARSH Captain. Age 32. Fremantle, WA, Australia. Right hand bat. Australia's current opener who teamed with Mark Taylor to set a new record opening partnership of 329 against England at Trent Bridge in 1989. 36 tests and 86 one day internationals for Australia and 81 first class matches for WA.



DENNIS LILLEE Perth, Melville, WA, Tasmania, Australia. Age 41. Australia's greatest fast bowler comes out of retirement for this special match. Still superbly fit he played 69 tests (355 wkts) and 64 one day internationals (103 wkts) for Australia and 76 first class matches (351 wkts) for WA. A real champion.



TOM MOODY Age 25. Midland-Guildford, WA, Australia. Right hand bat, right arm medium pace bowler. One of Australia's most exciting batting prospects who strikes the ball with awesome power. 4 tests and 13 one dayers for Australia and 51 first class for WA.



MIKE VELETTA Age 26. Mt Lawley, WA, Australia. Right hand bat. Gutsy opener who is comfortable against all types of bowling. 8 tests and 19 one day internationals for Australia and 77 first class for WA.



TIM ZOEHRER Age 29. Midland-Guildford, WA, Australia. Wicket-keeper right hand bat. Excellent keeper but unable to displace the consistent Ian Healy from the Australian team. 10 tests and 19 one dayers for Australia and 73 first class for WA.



WAYNE ANDREWS Age 31. South Perth, WA. Left hand bat, left arm orthodox spin. Has become one of WA's most consistent run getters. Excites all cricket lovers with his unorthodox style and aggressive hitting. 62 first class for WA.



JO ANGEL Age 22. Midland-Guildford. Right arm fast bowler, left hand bat. Creates alarming bounce from his tall (198cm) frame and was selected in the WA squad after only seven first grade matches. Has tremendous potential.



CHRIS MACK Age 20. Midland-Guildford. Australia U19, WA. Right arm fast bowler, right hand bat. An exciting prospect, he made his first class debut for WA last season playing 4 matches. Can be very sharp and bowls good away-swingers to right handed batsmen.



BRETT MULDER Age 26. Bayswater-Morley, WA. Right arm offspinner, right hand bat. Rated as the best offspinner in WA but has not played first class since 1986 after taking 32 wickets in 14 matches. Bowled very well in club cricket last season to force his way back into the WA squad.



TERRY WALDRON Age 39. Kojonup WA & Australian Country. Left hand bat, wicket keeper. Very talented country player who might have played first class for WA but for farming and business commitments. Played first grade for Claremont-Cottesloe and has captained the Australian country team for the past three years.



MATTHEW MAY Age 20. Midland-Guildford. Australia U19. Right hand bat. Stylish top order player who has captained the Australian U19 team with success. A current member of the WA Shield squad selected after a successful 89/90 season in Adelaide. Played as an opening bat for Kensington whilst a member of the AIS cricket academy with a top score of 186 n.o.



BRENDON JULIAN Age 20. Midland Guildford, Aust U19, WA. Right hand bat, left arm medium pace bowler. A superb all round athlete who represented WA in two first class matches last season and is recognised as a player of immense potential.

THE MARKETING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

MR KEITH SLATER AM

From the moment the Australian Cricket Board gave their approval for our club to host this important international sporting event, Keith (Spud) Slater AM hit-the-ground-running in his role as Chairperson of the Marketing Committee.

Within days of that announcement, we found that he had secured commitments from numerous 'Corporates' who had expressed their interest in hosting their guests in one of the hospitality marquees. I found a photograph of Keith on the occasion he was made a 'Life Member' of the West Australian Cricket Association. This prestigious award was presented to Keith by Mr Dennis Lillee AM, MBE in 2013.



It is history now that Keith was able to 'sell' every corporate marquee for every one of the nineteen Lilac Hill Festival Matches that were held. Keith's connections with the 'Corporate

Community' were incredible. Through his efforts, starting with the first match in 1990, through to the last of the nineteen games, we were virtually guaranteed that all outgoing costs to conduct the matches were covered. Records held in the clubs' archives show that Keith had upwards of one-hundred and ninety 'Corporates' lining-up to secure one of the hospitality marquees for the matches that were staged. That alone was testament to his wide-ranging links to the 'corporate world, 'and his ability to 'promote' this very special cricketing event.

FURNISHING THE CORPORATE MARQUEES

To enable members of the Ground Committee to effectively furnish the Corporate Hospitality Marquees, Keith provided us with spreadsheets each year showing the numbers of guests who would be hosted in each of those marquees. Working to the numbers provided by Keith we were able to unload the required number of dining tables, chairs, and round alfresco tables with large shade umbrella, directly from the delivery trucks and place those items into each marquee at both ground level and into the upper-level marquees that had been erected on the raised platforms. By following that tried and proven method for each match, we were able to avoid any double handling.

As mentioned earlier Kevin Gartrell, assisted by Life Member Brigitte Pivac, stepped-up to assist Keith looking after the sale of the three hundred and sixty (360) tickets in what we called the Garden Terrace. The price of those seats included a sit-down lunch with drinks in the large marquee that was erected on the northern ground. Again, we were able to set-up the necessary items of furniture in that large marquee using the numbers that Kevin and Keith provided. *Photographs of the undercover dining venue were depicted earlier on pages 12 & 13 in this document.* Photograph of Kevin Gartrell pasted hereunder:



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

MR DORHAM MANN OAM

Given his extensive knowledge of the wine industry in this state, and his connection with people within the hospitality industry, Dorham was the perfect choice to take up the challenge to Chair this important committee,



Probably the most important decision Dorham and members of his committee had to make in the lead up to the first match was to identify a local caterer who would be capable of serving morning tea/coffee, sit-down lunches, and afternoon tea with scones to 2,000 plus guests in the corporate marquees, and lunch to the 360 ticket-holders seated in the Garden Terrace. Dorham wisely chose local business man Mr Vince Garreffa, from Mondo Catering to deliver this important undertaking. Photograph of Vince Garreffa shown hereunder:



In the lead-up to the inaugural match Dorham and I meet with Mr Garreffa to establish what he would need in the way of facilities, to prepare, convey and serve, morning/afternoon teas and that number of hot-cooked lunch meals to guests in each marquee in the one-hour lunch-time-break while also serving lunch to those ticket-holders in the Garden Terrace Marquee. To enable Mr Garreffa to fulfill his catering contract, we erected a large marquee at the southern end of the ground which was used as the main kitchen and preparation site.

Power to that site was run from the diesel generators we hired for the event. We also positioned refrigerated cool rooms adjacent to his main preparation marquee for his use.



Dorham Mann, in his role as Chairman of the Hospitality Committee, assisted by Mark Weinman, was also able to use the information contained in those same spreadsheets provided by Keith Slater, to ensure that the catering staff were able to place the necessary

crockery, cutlery, and glassware in each of the ‘Corporate Marquees’ and the ‘Garden Terrace Luncheon Marquee;’

To ensure the morning/afternoon teas and meals could be served simultaneously to the corporate guests we positioned what we called ‘holding marquees’ at strategic locations behind the sponsors tents where the food was held in warming ovens and temporary cool rooms in readiness for serving.





As with the ‘drink waiters ‘in the Garden Terrace area, Dorham arranged for members of a local church & community groups from Guildford to act as stewards in each of the corporate marquees to look after the guests every need. The photographs pasted hereunder shows the group of Marquee Stewards & Stewardesses being briefed prior to the commencement of one of the matches, and one of the stewardesses attending to the guests in the front of her

designated marquee. These people did a marvellous job looking after the needs of the corporate guests.





As with all the other external groups who were assigned various tasks, the local church group was rewarded for their work.

Dorham, assisted by Mark Weinman were also responsible for arranging to have a full range of beverages (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) on site to satisfy the needs of all attendees. Mark and members of his team were on-hand all day to ensure that drinks and bags of ice were delivered to all public bars, sales vans, and the corporate marquees throughout the day. In addition to the delivery of the beverages and ice, Mark was required to keep a record of what was taken to each marquee so Dennis Yagmich could write those purchases into the final invoices. That alone was an enormous task to undertake, and Mark did a sensational job, not just at the inaugural match, but for all eighteen games that followed.

As with the catering contract, all the necessary beverages were purchased from local suppliers and we were fortunate that one of the large shipping container companies kindly supplied several large refrigerated containers (free of charge) to keep the drinks cold and food fresh during the day.

Dorham engaged Kate Lamont from Lamont Winery & Restaurant to prepare and serve the meals to the one-hundred and twenty VIP Guests who were seated in the main clubroom for lunch. Kate did a wonderful job in choosing the menu for the luncheon. The quality and presentation of the food on the day was well received by all the guests.

Members of the Club's Ladies Committee capably led by Mrs Brenda Mazzuchelli set-up the main clubroom for this special occasion, and assisted with the serving of the meals and drinks. I am reliably informed that Phyllis Gray assisted Brenda in recruiting the ladies who helped in the VIP area. Those who helped included, Judy Holmes, Brigitte Pivac, Christine Carey, Val Bascombe, June Gartrell and several others whose names escape me at the time of writing this story.

I am told that on the morning of the inaugural match Dennis Lillee went into the VIP dining room where he laid on one of the tables to receive a massage. I am told that Phyllis Gray was not impressed and that she made her thoughts known to the champion fast bowler.

See photograph of the VIP Dining Room pasted hereunder:

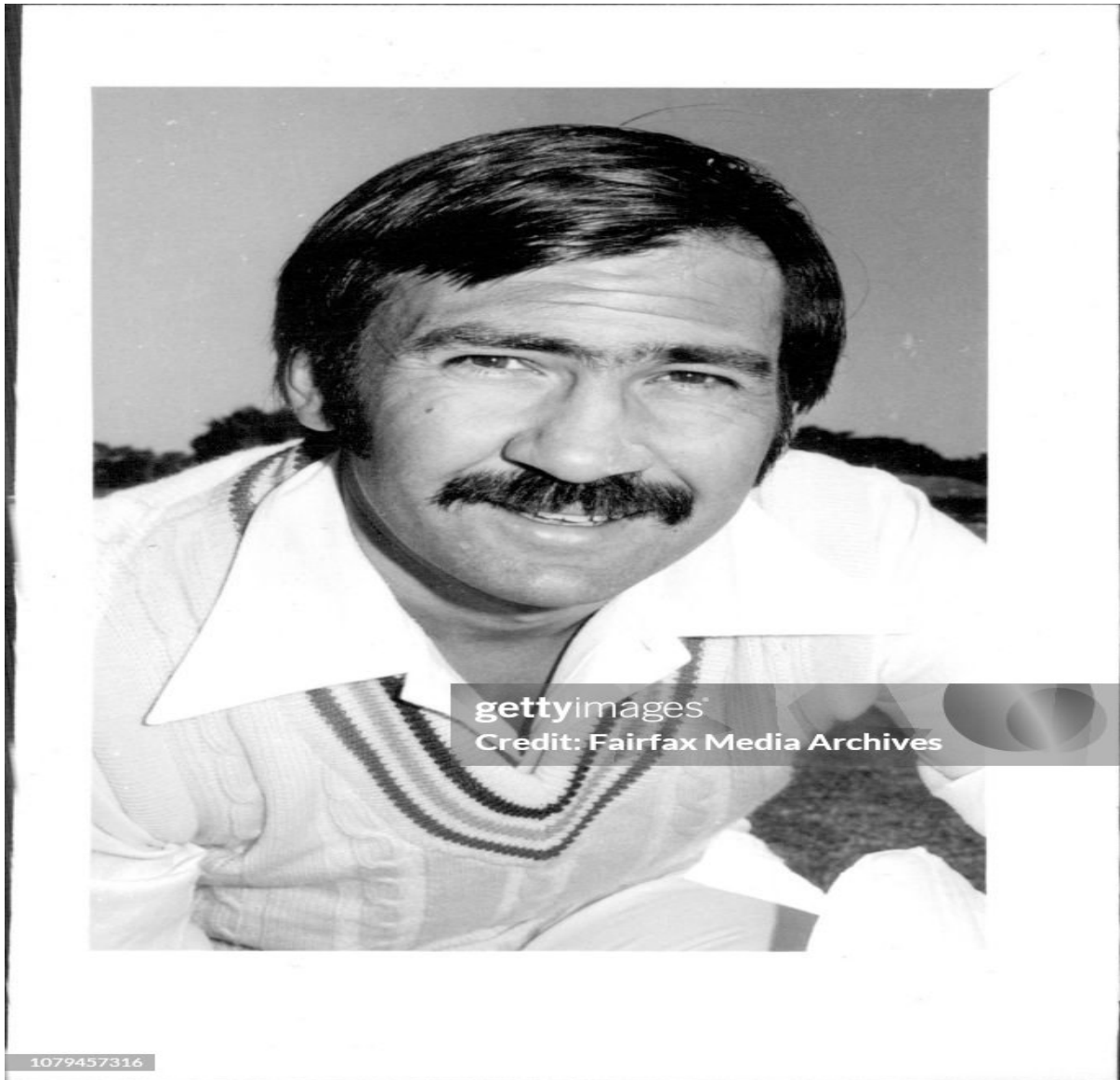


As with Vince Garreffa, the meals provided by Ms Lamont were just perfect for the occasion. Midland Guildford Life Member and former 1st Grade Opening Batsman Peter Colhoun gave his time each year to manage the bar in the VIP area.

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

MR DENNIS YAGMICH

As with the others who attended the initial meeting with Mr Moody, Dennis Yagmich, Life Member of the club, and former WA & SA State Sheffield Shield Player, volunteered to act as the Chairperson of the Finance Committee. Photograph of a younger Dennis Yagmich pasted hereunder:



From my memory Dennis was able to put in place a series of protocols that would allow him to monitor the costs of all work that needed to be done to ensure that the matches would run within budget. On match days he had a team of ‘runners’ who would collect cash periodically from each of the entrance gates, the public bars, the food & drink vans, and the

merchandise marquees that were positioned around the ground, bringing the cash to his office in the main clubhouse to be recorded and secured.

After all Lilac Hill Festival Match Committee Meetings, chaired by Mr Moody, Mr Yagnik would present detailed Financial Reports showing the income and expenses that were collected and incurred for each match. Dennis did a wonderful job in looking after the club's financial interests for all nineteen matches.

To ensure that the profits made from each match were maximised and protected, members of the Club's General Committee passed a resolution to invest the profits from each match into a separate investment account. Mr Yagmich and Dorham Mann were appointed to Manage those funds on behalf of the club. *The unofficial name of that account was jokingly referred to as "The Goat Bag."*

CHAIRMAN GROUND MATCH COMMITTEE

As stated earlier I offered to chair the sub-committee who had responsibility for preparing the ground for the inaugural match in October 1990, and the next six matches that followed. I found a photograph of myself taken under the veranda of the clubhouse with two-way radio in-hand all ready for another day on-the-job.



In the lead-up to the 7th Lilac Hill Match in 1996, my Brother-in-law Tom Pivac stepped-up to take on the role of Ground Committee Chairman when I had to stand-down from the position due to my promotion with the WA Police Service, and the additional work commitments that would follow. I could not assist for the match in 2002 as I spent the second half of that year in Karratha as the Officer in Charge of the Pilbara Police District.



Having said that I remained heavily involved as his deputy for all but one of the 19 matches.

The time and effort Tom devoted to ensuring the ground was ready for the 13 remaining matches that followed was simply amazing. Without Tom's dedication, his leadership and the personal efforts of those members who gave their time to ensure the venue was ready, the matches which followed each year could not have happened. Equally I again acknowledge the great work done by the Lead Match Chairman Mr John Moody, and members of the other three Committees in undertaking their respective roles.

Given the success of this first and second International Match, the Chair of the Marketing Committee (Mr Keith Slater) announced, at one of Executive Committee Meetings, that he could more than double the number of marquees he had sold in the first two years, and for that reason we, the Ground Committee, had to come-up with plan to make room for up to ninety 'Sponsor's Marquees' for each of the following 17 annual matches.

We developed a plan to squeeze an additional ten ground level marquees into the arc around the bottom half of the ground, and we engaged scaffolding experts (AKA Staging) to erect eight raised flat floor structures upon which the contractors positioned the additional forty-five 'Sponsor's Marquees.'

Somehow, we were able to achieve the task that was set for us. In effect we were able to accommodate the additional sponsors and their guests in what could be loosely described as 'double storey marquees.' Keith was simply sensational in selling all the additional sponsor's marquees.

I cannot recall the years, but there were several occasions where Corporate's, rather than being denied a place at the ground, were happy to entertain their guests in marquees positioned overlooking the Swan River. They told Keith they were not concerned that they (and their guests) did not have a direct-line-of-sight to watch the game, they just wanted to be seen at the event.

We do know that some of those who were linked to those marquees, made their way into the public stands and to other positions around the ground to watch the action during the day.

Again, through Keith's ability to attract 'Corporates' to invest in the matches, the club was able to generate additional income.

NEED FOR OVERNIGHT SECURITY

In the leadup to the one of earlier matches, we found it necessary to consider having a form of security service on-site given that several items had been stolen from the ground overnight, including six new roses bushes we had planted in a garden bed behind the training nets the previous day. Tom Pivac and I settled on engaging members of the WA Police Social Cricket Team to undertake this task in their off-duty time. Members of the group were rostered overnight by their leader Sergeant Peter Potthoff, and the problem was solved.

GROUND ANNOUNCER & CLUB SCORER

Rather than house the Ground Announcer and the official match scorers in a modified caravan as we did for the first two festival matches, we had contractors position a specially designed container on top of one of the public grandstands where they would have a perfect view of the game. The Marketing Committee Chairman (Keith Slater) went all-out by having well-known commentator Mr Graeme (Smokey) Dawson flown from Melbourne to officiate as the official Ground Announcer. ‘Smokey’ performed his duties perfectly, only chipping-in when it was necessary to keep the crowd informed.

Note: It should be noted that Graham was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2018, and as such he is now known as Graham John Dawson AM. A most deserving honour for one of nature’s gentlemen.

Photograph of the Ground Announcer’s box, Graham (Smokey) Dawson, and MGCC 1st Grade Scorer and Life Member Mrs Val Martin pasted hereunder:





It should also be noted that the decision to increase the number of ‘Sponsors Marquees’ from thirty-five to ninety meant that the Caterer Mr Garreffa would now have provide meals to some 4,500 corporate guests rather than to 2,000 who had been served in the first two years. Again, he was able to achieve that task to the same high standard.

To assist readers, I have inserted photographs of the ground showing the configuration we were able to produce for the match in 1992 and for each of the following years. I have also inserted a ‘Ground Plan’ which was used showing the overall lay-out of the various marquees and other structures we were required to build for each of the remaining 17 matches.

The first of the photographs were taken before the crowd arrived on the morning the match the club hosted in 1992. As readers will see, we were all set-to-go, and as in previous years, we were hoping that everything would go-to-plan. Note the double storey marquees that were discussed earlier in this document.





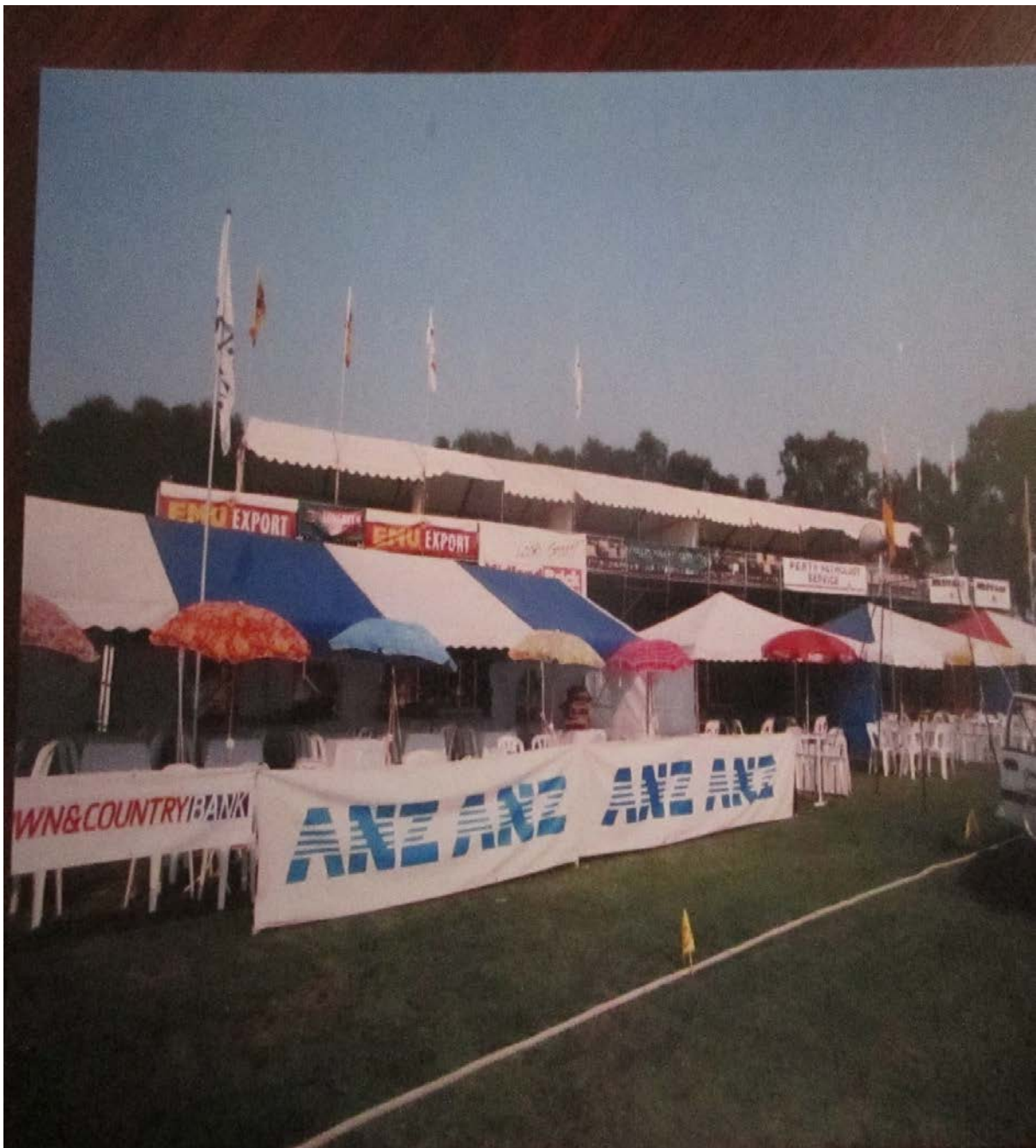




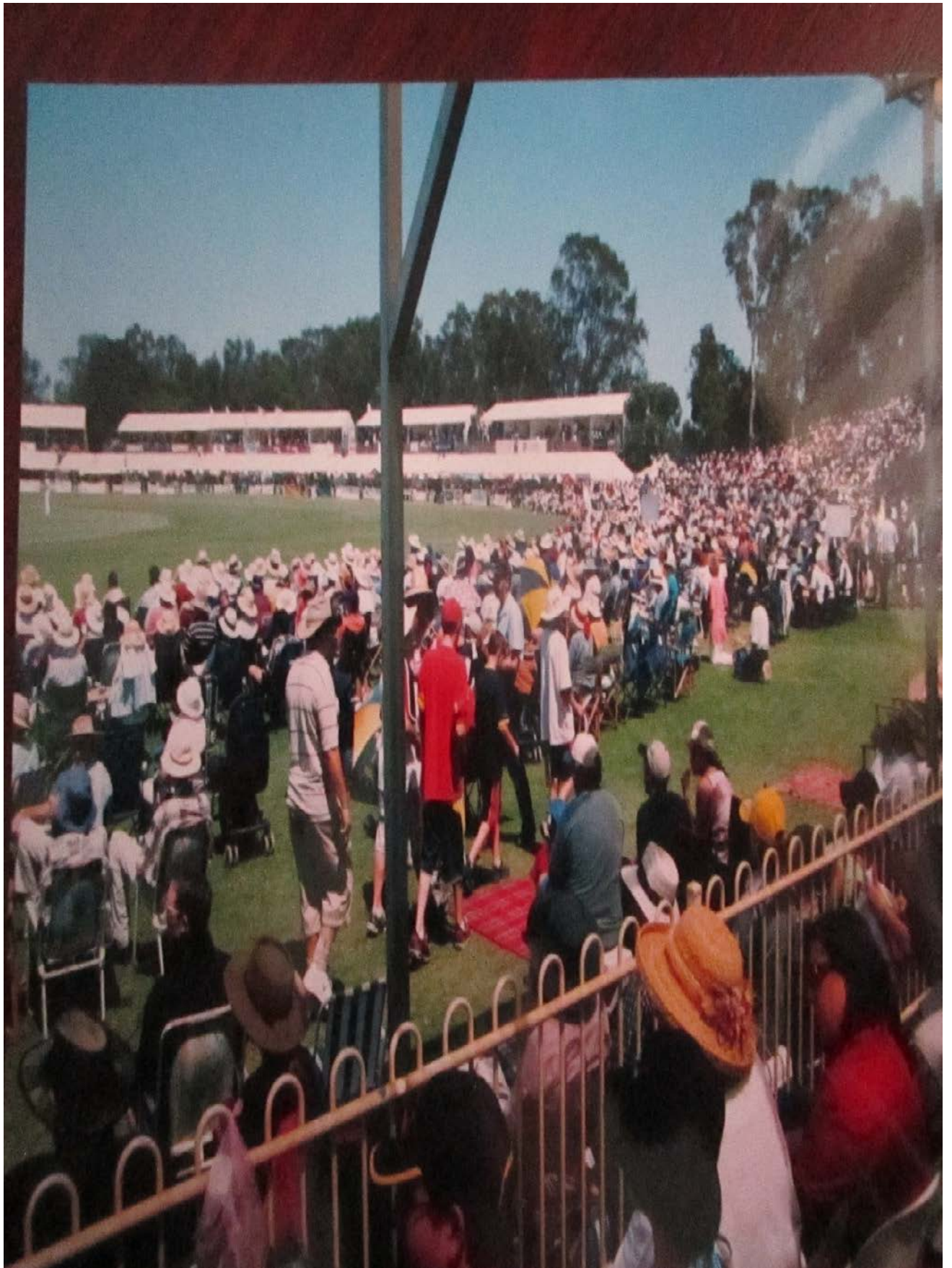


CORPORATE BANNERS & FLAGS

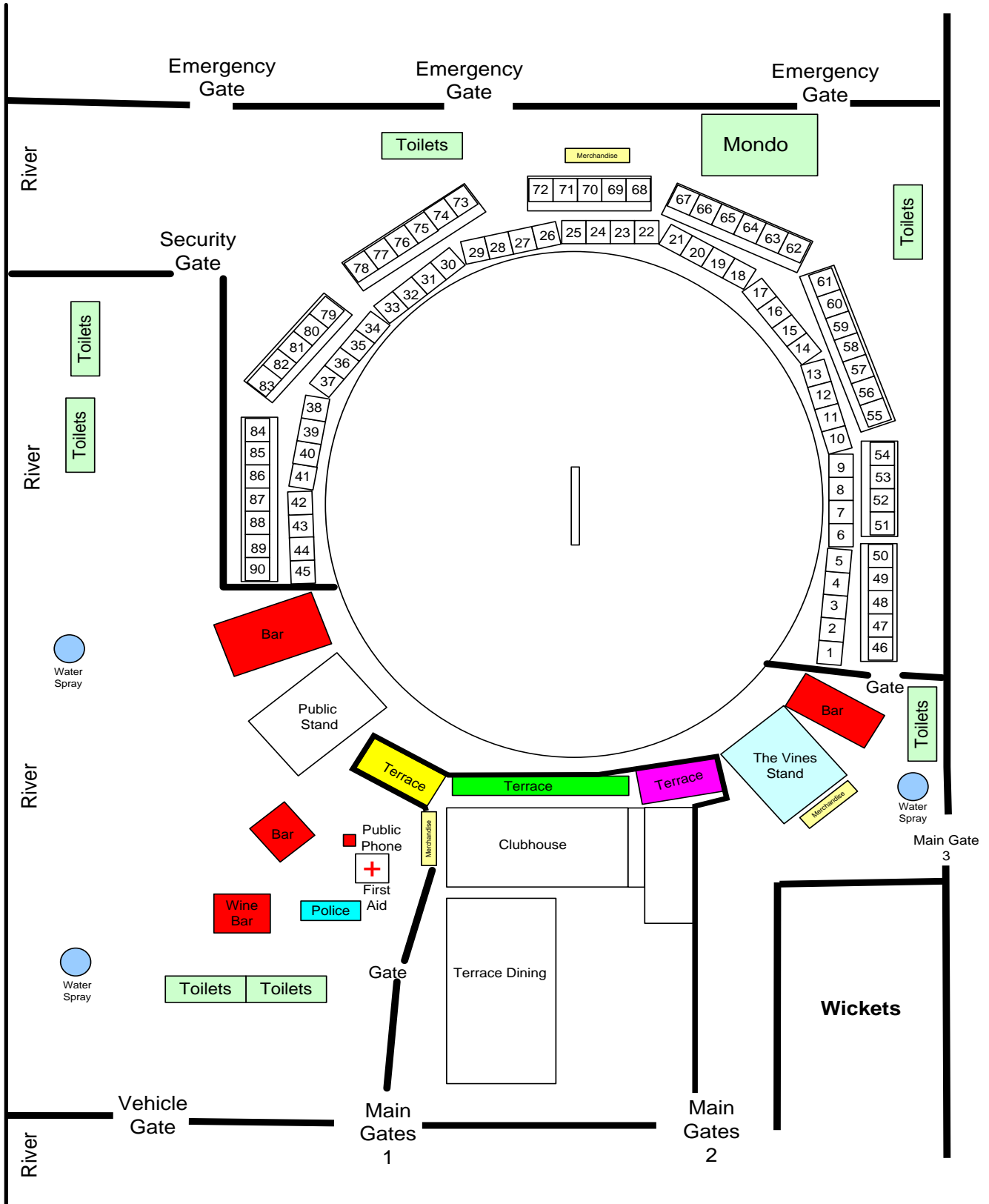
In good time for the date of the matches, those who had purchased the hospitality marquees were given the opportunity to bring their company advertising banners and flags to the club so our volunteers could hang them at the front of their marquees. Club volunteer Mike Dabbs took responsibility for seeing that the banners and flags were all in position for the day. The flags were flown from steel poles that Tom Pivac was able to borrow from Di Candilo Steel Fabrications in Ashfield. Those two tasks took Mike and his crew many hours to complete each year. *(See photograph of corporate banners and flags pasted hereunder)*







Lilac Hill Festival Match 2005



ADDITIONAL MEDIA – RADIO & TELEVISION BROADCASTERS

At all matches, Keith Slater arranged to have well known cricket lover, football commentator and popular FM Radio Broadcaster, Colin Minson at the ground so he could interview players and do live-crosses with scores to his audience on FM Station 91.3

Keith also invited broadcasters from Radio Stations 6PR or the ABC to set-up at the ground to also broadcast direct updates, and conduct live interviews with players and guests, from the ground throughout the day. He was also successful in arranging to have the Channel Seven Television outside broadcast van onsite to send occasional live pictures to their viewers across the day.

ON-FIELD ENTERTAINMENT

To entertain the crowd before the games, and during the luncheon breaks, we engaged musicians like the ‘Mucky Duck Bush Band,’ and when the South African Side played, we arranged for a group to perform in traditional colourful African dress to sing songs at different locations around the ground. Photograph of the Bush Band hereunder.



MELBOURNE CUP DAY – CORPORATE MARQUEE TELEVISION SETS

While I cannot recall the year, but one of the Lilac Matches was held on Melbourne Cup Day, and to our surprise, we learnt that the Marketing Chairman (Keith Slater) had promised those who had purchased a ‘Sponsors Marquee’ there would be a television screen in every marquee where their guests could watch the running of the race that stops the nation.

Keith also arranged for there to be a fully functioning mobile TAB van parked on-site so people could place bets during the day. To have the ninety plus television screens (with the necessary technical back-up) installed for the day was one ‘hell-of-a-task,’ but somehow Tom Pivac, the new Ground Match Chairman, with input from a very clever television consultant, and helpers from the club, arranged to fulfil the promise that Keith had made,

ENGAGEMENT OF EXTERNAL WORKFORCE GROUPS

While our Match Committee had the full support of club members, we also engaged members of numerous other WACA pennant clubs, local cricket clubs, other sporting/community groups to take responsibility for undertaking specific roles and tasks, and to provide services that we could not undertake.

One of the groups was the Caversham Country Women’s Association (CCWA) who kindly sold their special servings of scones/cakes and morning/afternoon tea and coffee from two marquees that we positioned for them on either side of the ground. We allowed them to walk-away with all their ‘takings’ and we did not charge them for the use of the marquees or power. The ladies were present at all nineteen of the Lilac Hill Matches, and they were well received by all. In keeping with their ‘Association Rules,’ we know they donated the profits they made to local charities.

In specifying the tasks that each group was responsible for undertaking, with exception to the CWA, I had to write what I called ‘Contract Agreements’ setting-out the duties that each group would have to perform. In return for their work, each club received a monetary reward which was paid on completion of their duties.

In all we engaged some 16 external clubs/bodies to assist us in preparing and hosting the nineteen matches. To give readers an example of one of the contracts that were used to outline the duties I have attached a copy of the Tasking Contract that was struck with the

Swan Valley Cricket Club whose duties included the furnishing of all marquees and other hospital areas, and other duties as directed.

Lilac Hill Festival Match

December 2006.

Tasking Contract – Swan Valley Cricket Club

The Swan Valley Cricket Club is again offered the opportunity to assist with the staging of this year's Lilac Hill Festival Cricket Match to be held on Friday 8 December 2006. In return for that assistance, the Lilac Hill Festival Match Committee will pay the Swan Valley Cricket Club a monetary donation. Details of the tasks to be performed, the number of working hours to be provided, along with the amount of the donation to be paid are outlined below:

Task Descriptions

1. Assistance with the furnishing of Sponsor's Marquees, both at ground and upper levels;
2. Assistance with the placement of furniture and other materials in various marquees and other temporary structures;
3. Other tasks as directed by the Ground Manager or his representative.

Number of Workers – Number of Hours

The Swan Valley Cricket Club is to provide the services of a minimum of 12 (preferably adults) workers on Saturday, 2 December 2006 to commence the above tasks. The balance of the work to be undertaken will be performed on Sunday 3 December 2006 and on subsequent days thereafter until all tasks have been completed. Your representatives are asked to report to Mr. Ron Carey at the Main Clubrooms at 8.00am on each working day, and remain at the ground under his direction until all agreed tasks have been completed.

Contact Number – Mr. Carey

Mr. Carey will be available on mobile telephone number 0408 5388 44, both on the above date and prior to that day, should your representative need to speak with him. Your representatives will be provided with lunch and refreshments each day.

Details of Donation:

In return for the above services, The Lilac Hill Festival Management Committee will donate the sum of \$2,000 to the Swan Valley Cricket Club (Inc.). To confirm your acceptance of this arrangement, please sign and date this document and return by post to Mr. Tom Pivac, 22 Victoria Road, West Swan 6056, no later than 31 October 2006.

Signed: Mr. Ron Carey

Signed:

(For the Lilac Hill Festival Committee)

(For the Swan Valley Cricket Club Inc.)

To furnish all the hospitality marquees, the VIP area, the Garden Terrace seating area, their luncheon marquee, and all other areas, we engaged a company known as Port Hire. The chairs and trestles were delivered to the ground by employees from Port Hire where members of the Swan Valley Cricket Club (supervised by a member of the ground committee) placed the necessary pieces of furniture in each of the hospitality marquees and at other sites around the ground. In all there were thousands of plastic chairs, hundreds of trestles, and hundreds of shade umbrellas. The Swan Valley Club did a wonderful job in carrying out their allotted duties across two days each year. As such they were suitably rewarded in accordance with the contract they agreed to sign.

If all that thought and planning was not enough, we learnt that to host such a significant sporting event, we would have to write and lodge a number of planning, security, and health related applications to obtain approval to hold the matches. The list, and type of applications I had to write and lodge with the relevant authorities on behalf of the Main Committee, are listed hereunder simply to show the extent of the processes we had to follow:

- ✓ Application to Conduct Major Event – Lodged with City of Swan;
- ✓ Risk Management Plan and Associated Matrix – 30 Page Document Covering 30 ‘Risk Issues;
- ✓ Fire Service Management Plan;
- ✓ Application to have WA Police Service Personnel Onsite
- ✓ Parking Plan – lodged with City of Swan;
- ✓ Swan District Lions – Parking Management Plan
- ✓ Approval to use Diesel Powered Electricity Generators Onsite;
- ✓ Temporary Stall Holders Licence;
- ✓ St John Ambulance Van and Volunteers on-site;
- ✓ Slip, Slop. Slap – Free Sun Screen Stall on-site;
- ✓ Swan Taxi Designated Drop-off Zone
- ✓ MTT Bus Service – Guildford Train Station to Ground and Return;
- ✓ Public Liability Insurance Policy;
- ✓ Food Risk Management Plan;
- ✓ Swan River Trust Risk Management Plan;
- ✓ Application to have Temporary Toilets on site;
- ✓ Application for an Extend the Club’s Liquor Licence to ‘Temporary Status’
- ✓ Application and approval to erect temporary grandstands;
- ✓ Application and approval to have marquees positioned on raised platforms.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION THREATENED THE MATCH

In the lead-up to the 13th Festival Match in 2002, the Match Ground Chairman Tom Pivac recalls there was a major drama arise within days of the game being played. In short officials

from the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) turned up on site and called a halt to the building of high-rise marquee platforms and grandstands.

When the dispute looked like dragging-on, and to avoid the match having to be cancelled or delayed the then CEO of the WACA Mr Smith together with our Club President Mr John Moody and several other officials, met on-site with Union Boss Kevin Reynolds and his Deputy Joe McDonald. In the end both parties were able to arrive at a sensible outcome, and the dispute was settled in time for the work to be completed.

MATCH SHUTDOWNS – GROUND CLEARED

While if it was not enough just to prepare the ground for each match, we had to remain behind after the games finished, and for several days thereafter, to help clear the ground of all structures and moveable items. That was also an enormous task that took considerable effort and planning. Again, members of the club stepped forward to assist with those tasks.

SHIRE OF SWAN

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

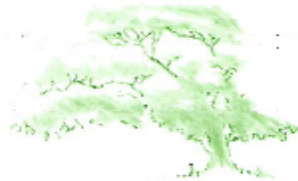
To gain certain approvals to hold these major sporting events at our local ground, we were fortunate to have had the full support of the then former Shire of Swan Chief Executive Officer Mr Eric Lumsden AM, his successor Mr Mike Foley AM, Shire President Mr Charlie Gregorini AM and all then members of the local council.

With respect to all planning and approval matters, the Shire of Swan, later to become the City of Swan, was most helpful in assisting the club wherever they could to enable the Lilac Hill Festival Matches to be held.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

In the weeks following each of the 18 matches I was involved in, the Chair of the Executive Committee (Mr John Moody AM) sent me, a personal letter recognising the contribution I had made each year. In those same letters he said that the Midland Guildford Cricket Club, the Western Australian Cricket Association, and the Australian Cricket Board owed me a great debt of gratitude. I have attached a copy of one of the letters I received from Mr Moody which was dated 13th August 1996

It is my understanding that Mr Moody sent similar letters to Tom Pivac, and the others who had given their time, congratulating them on the work they had done since taking on their respective roles.



LILAC HILL FESTIVAL MATCH

Ref: JMM/11
AUSTRALIAN CRICKET BOARD CHAIRMAN'S XI v PAKISTAN
THURSDAY, 26th OCTOBER, 1995

13th August, 1996

Mr R. Carey
136 Queens Road
SOUTH GUILDFORD
W.A. 6055

Dear Ron

It is hard to imagine a Lilac Hill Festival Match without your leadership and direct involvement. The fixture is recognised in this State, and well beyond, as outstandingly successful and you have played a major part in achieving this status.

The Midland-Guildford Cricket Club, the WACA and the ACB owe you a great deal.

Yours sincerely

J M MOODY A.M.
PRESIDENT

cc: Secretary - MGCC

Sponsored for the ACB by the Benson and Hedges Co. Pty. Ltd.
Organised for the WACA by the Midland Guildford Cricket Club

Correspondence to: R. M. Moody (Operations Manager),
P.O. Box 1, Midland, Western Australia, 6056 Telephone (09) 274 5788 Fax (09) 274 2813

In preparing this document showing the history of the Lilac Hill Festival Matches, I did not see the need to discuss each of the nineteen matches individually, because in effect, and

subject to changes we needed to make, we were able to mostly replicate what had worked for us each year.

CLOSING COMMENT

When I look back on what we all had to do to convert our local cricket ground to a venue that was capable of hosting matches involving the then World's Test Cricket Playing Nations, I firmly believe we can all be extremely proud of what we were able to achieve.

And of course, we must remember that it was the idea put forward by the late Barry Shepherd OAM that made it all possible.

RESULTS OF LILAC HILL FESTIVAL MATCHES PLAYED

1990 - 2008

Records held on the Australian Cricket Board's Website, has allowed me to remind readers of the results of the matches that were played between the ACB Chairman's X1 and the International Test Touring Teams. History shows that there were 18 matches played at the Lilac Hill Sportsground in Caversham between the ACB Chairman's X1 and the International Touring Test Sides. The last and 19th Festival Match played at this venue was a little different in that there were two-back-to-back T20 games between the Cricket Australia Chairman's X1 & WACA President's X1.

Again, the records held show that the ACB Chairman's X1 won 7 of the 18 matches they played against the Touring Test Teams.

The match played between the ACB Chairman's X1 and the Touring West Indies Team on 7 November 2000, was abandoned due to inclement weather in the afternoon.

MATCH RESULTS

The following pages show the results of all 19 matches played the Lilac Hill Sportsground.

25 October 1990

[Report](#)

WACA President's XI  v **England XI** 
7/205 (47 overs) 4/206 (40 overs)
Tom Moody 100 (109) Alec Stewart 70 (75)
Chris Mack 2/29 (7 overs) Chris Lewis 3/37 (9 overs)

England XI won by 6 wickets

Lilac Hill, Perth



Umpires: Terry Prue and Barry Rennie

Player of the match: Tom Moody (WACA President's XI)

- WACA President's XI won the toss and elected to bat.
- England XI failed to complete 50 overs in the allocated 3.5 hours and the match was reduced to 47 overs per side

17 November 1991

[Report](#)

ACB Chairman's XI  v **Indians** 
6/254 (50 overs) 7/225 (50 overs)
Geoff Marsh 106 Dilip Vengsarkar 58
Damien Martyn 3/26 (6 overs) Javagal Srinath 3/56 (10 overs)

ACB Chairman's XI won by 29 runs

Lilac Hill, Perth

Umpires: Ross Emerson and Peter McConnell

Player of the match: Geoff Marsh (ACB Chairman's XI)

- Indians won the toss and elected to field.

2 November 1992

[Report](#)

ACB Chairman's XI  v **West Indians** 
9/209 (50 overs) 3/210 (44.2 overs)
Geoff Marsh 72 (122) Brian Lara 106 (132)
Dennis Lillee 2/18 (10 overs) Carl Hooper 3/42 (10 overs)

West Indians won by 7 wickets

Lilac Hill, Perth



Umpires: D Elstone and Ric Evans

Player of the match: Brian Lara (West Indians)

- ACB Chairman's XI won the toss and elected to bat.
- The match commenced 16 minutes late (West Indians team bus delayed)

19 October 1993

[Report](#)

ACB Chairman's XI  v **New Zealanders** 
4/192 (43.2 overs) 189 (47.4 overs)
Damien Martyn 81 (98) Blair Pocock 68 (122)
Dennis Lillee 2/25 (10 overs) Dipak Patel 3/37 (10 overs)

ACB Chairman's XI won by 6 wickets

Lilac Hill, Perth

Umpires: Ross Emerson and C Reynolds

Player of the match: Damien Martyn (ACB Chairman's XI)

- *ACB Chairman's XI won the toss and elected to field.*
- *Langer retired hurt at 16/0 (struck below elbow by a delivery from Cairns).*

25 October 1994

[Report](#)

ACB Chairman's XI  v **England XI** 
 232 (49.4 overs) v 3/236 (47.2 overs)
Ricky Ponting 82 (82) **Graham Gooch** 129 (130)
Dennis Lillee 2/32 (10 overs) **Darren Gough** 5/32 (9.4 overs)

England XI won by 7 wickets

Lilac Hill, Perth



Umpires: **G Bibby** and **Ric Evans**

Player of the match: **Graham Gooch** (England XI)

- *ACB Chairman's XI won the toss and elected to bat.*

26 October 1995

[Report](#)

ACB Chairman's XI  v **Pakistanis** 
 207 (49.5 overs) v 210 (50 overs)
Justin Langer 85 **Ramiz Raja** 106
Jo Angel 5/40 (10 overs) **Waqar Younis** 2/38 (9.5 overs)

Pakistanis won by 3 runs

Lilac Hill, Perth



Umpires: **Ric Evans** and **Barry Rennie**

Player of the match: **Ramiz Raja** (Pakistanis)

- *ACB Chairman's XI won the toss and elected to field.*
- *Only 1 run was debited for each no-ball delivered (in contrast to the other non-international matches in Australia in 1995/96, which had 2 runs debited for each no-ball bowled)*

4 November 1996

[Report](#)

ACB Chairman's XI  v **West Indians** 
 7/258 (42 overs) v 9/256 (50 overs)
Brendon Julian 96 (52) **Brian Lara** 66 (65)
Brendon Julian 3/33 (8 overs) **Ian Bishop** 4/44 (10 overs)

ACB Chairman's XI won by 3 wickets

Lilac Hill, Perth

Umpires: **Terry Prue** and **Keith Rinaldi**

Player of the match: **Brendon Julian** (ACB Chairman's XI)

- *West Indians won the toss and elected to bat.*

25 November 1997

[Report](#)

ACB Chairman's XI  v **South Africans** 
 7/251 (50 overs) v 5/282 (50 overs)
Michael Hussey 62 (84) **Daryll Cullinan** 101 (110)
Tom Moody 2/50 (10 overs) **Jacques Kallis** 2/22 (4 overs)

South Africans won by 31 runs

Lilac Hill, Perth



Umpires: [Barry Rennie](#) and [Keith Rinaldi](#)

Player of the match: [Daryll Cullinan](#) (South Africans)

- *South Africans won the toss and elected to bat.*
 - *[Ryan Campbell](#) withdrew from the selected team with an injury. [Mark Atkinson](#) was brought into the team as his replacement. He would bowl but not bat. [Brendon Julian](#) broke down after 3 deliveries with a groin injury. [Hansie Cronje](#) substituted in the field for Julian while [Simon Katich](#) was located. When found Katich took his place in the team and he was allowed to bat - in the social spirit of the game.*
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29 October 1998

[Report](#)

ACB Chairman's XI  v **England XI** 
296 (50 overs) 5/297 (50 overs)
[Ryan Campbell](#) 74 [Mike Atherton](#) 88
[Matthew Nicholson](#) 2/46 (10 overs) [Alex Tudor](#) 3/62 (10 overs)

England XI won by 1 run

Lilac Hill, Perth


Umpires: [Ross Emerson](#) and [Randolph Woolridge](#)

Player of the match: [Mike Atherton](#) (England XI)

- *ACB Chairman's XI won the toss and elected to field.*
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26 October 1999

[Report](#)

ACB Chairman's XI  v **Pakistanis** 
3/171 (23.3 overs) 168 (44 overs)
[Ryan Campbell](#) 103 (58) [Moin Khan](#) 60 (62)
[Dennis Lillee](#) 3/8 (8 overs) [Mushtaq Ahmed](#) 2/44 (3.3 overs)

ACB Chairman's XI won by 7 wickets

Lilac Hill, Perth

Umpires: [Craig Allen](#) and [Keith Rinaldi](#)

Player of the match: [Ryan Campbell](#) (ACB Chairman's XI)

- *Pakistanis won the toss and elected to bat.*
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7 November 2000

[Report](#)

ACB Chairman's XI  v **West Indians** 
2/276 (50 overs)
[Steve Nikitaras](#) 1/42 (9 overs) [Sherwin Campbell](#) 111 (139)

No result

Lilac Hill, Perth

Umpires: [Andrew Craig](#) and [Keith Rinaldi](#)

- *ACB Chairman's XI won the toss and elected to field.*
 - *Heavy rain during the lunch break caused play to be abandoned.*
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5 December 2001

[Report](#)

ACB Chairman's XI  v **South Africans** 
209 (44.1 overs) 9/257 (50 overs)
[Mike Hussey](#) 56 (77) [Neil McKenzie](#) 76 (84)
[Andy Bichel](#) 3/28 (8 overs) [Steve Elworthy](#) 4/27 (7.1 overs)

 **South Africans won by 48 runs**

[Lilac Hill, Perth](#)

Umpires: [Bruce Bennett](#) and [Jeff Brookes](#)

Player of the match: [Steve Elworthy](#) (South Africans)

- *South Africans won the toss and elected to bat.*

22 October 2002

[Report](#)

ACB Chairman's XI  v **England XI** 
7/301 (50 overs) 243 (48.5 overs)
[Kade Harvey](#) 114 (88) [Robert Key](#) 68 (71)
[Brad Hogg](#) 5/33 (8.5 overs) [Simon Jones](#) 2/53 (8 overs)

 **ACB Chairman's XI won by 58 runs**

[Lilac Hill, Perth](#)


Umpires: [Bruce Bennett](#) and [Andrew Craig](#)

Player of the match: [Kade Harvey](#) (ACB Chairman's XI)

- *England XI won the toss and elected to field.*

October 2003

[Report](#)

CA Chairman's XI  v **Zimbabweans** 
240 (49.5 overs) 3/241 (41.2 overs)
[Ryan Campbell](#) 65 (79) [Stuart Carlisle](#) 89 (95)
[Brad Williams](#) 1/32 (9 overs) [Heath Streak](#) 4/33 (9.5 overs)

 **Zimbabwe won by 7 wickets**

[Lilac Hill, Perth](#)

Umpires: [Jeff Brookes](#) and [Ian Lock](#)

Player of the match: [Heath Streak](#) (Zimbabweans)

- *CA Chairman's XI won the toss and elected to bat.*

7 December 2004

[Report](#)

CA Chairman's XI  v **Pakistanis** 
213 (45.2 overs) 9/256 (50 overs)
[Chris Rodgers](#) 61 (59) [Salman Butt](#) 115 (135)
[Michael Hussey](#) 3/28 (4 overs) [Naved-ul-Hasan](#) 3/36 (10 overs)

 **Pakistanis won by 43 runs**

[Lilac Hill, Perth](#)



Umpires: [Bruce Bennett](#) and [Ian Lock](#)

Player of the match: [Salman Butt](#) (Pakistanis)

- *Pakistanis won the toss and elected to bat.*
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9 December 2005

[Report](#)

CA Chairman's XI  v **South Africans** 
9/192 (46 overs) 2/193 (35.2 overs)
Marcus North 41 (63) Herschelle Gibbs 91 (86)
Mathew Inness 2/47 (8 overs) Garnett Kruger 4/33 (8 overs)

 **South Africans won by 8 wickets**

Lilac Hill, Perth



Umpires: [Andrew Craig](#) and [Ian Lock](#)


Player of the match: [Herschelle Gibbs](#) (South Africans)

- *South Africans won the toss and elected to field.*
 - *South Africans were only able to bowl 46 overs in the allocated time*
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8 December 2006

[Report](#)

CA Chairman's XI  v **England XI** 
3/260 (40.1 overs) 8/259 (50 overs)
Luke Ronchi 89 (49) Alec Stewart 69 (69)
Chris Matthews 3/38 (7 overs) Monty Panesar 2/63 (10 overs)

 **CA Chairman's XI won by 7 wickets**

Lilac Hill, Perth



Umpires: [Peter Loader](#) and [Donald Weser](#)

Player of the match: [Luke Ronchi](#) (CA Chairman's XI)

- *England XI won the toss and elected to bat.*
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7 December 2007

[Report](#)

CA Chairman's XI  v **New Zealanders** 
285 (47 overs) 9/278 (50 overs)
Luke Pomersbach 88 (65) Brendon McCullum 119 (126)
David Hussey 2/23 (5 overs) Jacob Oram 3/41 (7 overs)

 **CA Chairman's XI won by 7 runs**

Lilac Hill, Perth



Umpires: [Ian Lock](#) and [Mick Martell](#)

Player of the match: [Brendon McCullum](#) (New Zealanders)

- *New Zealanders won the toss and elected to field.*
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28 November 2008

[Report](#)

CA Chairman's XI  v **WACA President's XI** 
169 (20 overs) 2/178 (18.5 overs)
Luke Pomersbach 41 (21) Liam Davis 86 (49)
Andrew Jarman 1/3 (1 over) Liam Davis 3/25 (3 overs)

 **WACA President's XI won by 8 wickets**

Lilac Hill, Perth

Umpires: [Dean Chamberlain](#) and [Adam Semple](#)

Player of the match: [Liam Davis](#) (WACA President's XI)

- *WACA President's XI won the toss and elected to field.*