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# CHANGES TO MCC RESERVE FOR 2019 AFL SEASON

In 2018, the MCC signed a landmark agreement with the AFL and the Victorian Government to host Home and Away matches and the AFL Grand Final at the MCG until at least at 2057.

A requirement of this agreement is that the MCC will use its best endeavours to fill the MCC Reserve for designated marquee games, particularly on those occasions where the public area has sold out in advance of the match day.

After lengthy consideration, the following changes have been made to the seating plan in the MCC Reserve for the upcoming AFL Season.

- The number of reserved seats available in the MCC Reserve has increased.
- The additional reserved seats that have been made available are all on Level 4. If demand warrants it, all seats in this section are available to be reserved.

For those marquee games where public tickets have sold out in advance, the MCC will employ a proactive match day strategy

to ensure the MCC Reserve is filled. This will include actively monitoring the attendance patterns of walk-up members and guests prior to and after gates opening.

If there are indications that the MCC Reserve won't reach capacity, the club may look at the following options.

- Make tickets available for Provisional members to access the Reserve.
- Put visitor tickets back on sale (if they were previously sold out in advance).

After exhausting all existing opportunities to allow members and guests to access the Reserve or purchase tickets, the club may consider releasing a select amount of tickets for the general public to purchase if it is determined that the Reserve will still not reach capacity.

Satisfying the needs of our members will always be our top priority.

The club is very confident that the Members Reserve will reach capacity for marquee AFL fixtures.

However, this strategy exists to avoid an extreme scenario similar to the 2018 Preliminary Final between Richmond and Collingwood, where there were notable vacant sections in Level 4 of the Reserve and public tickets were sold out.

## MOBILE TICKETING

Mobile ticketing is now available when purchasing visitor tickets and reserved seats online through Ticketek.

Please note that members must be in possession of their physical membership card when entering the MCC Reserve using a mobile reserved seat ticket.

## ELECTRONIC INTERNAL CROSSOVERS

Electronic crossover turnstiles are now operational at all crossover points of the MCC Reserve and will replace the old pass out cards used in previous years.

Simply scan your membership card or ticket to move within these areas.

# A REWARDING FIRST YEAR FOR MCC PLUS

Your MCC Plus membership card is the gateway to a more exclusive and affordable match day experience.

Last season's successful rollout saw over 65,000 members activate their new MCC Plus card and open the door to a host of exclusive rebates, competitions and bonus offers. As the program enters its second year, there are even more reasons for members to be excited.

Value is the word on everyone's lips when it comes to purchasing food and drink at the footy.

Whether you're buying a round at the bar, enjoying a meal or purchasing food on the go, members will again benefit from an exclusive five per cent rebate on food and drink purchases inside the Members Reserve, simply by tapping your membership card at the point of sale.

The rebates don't stop there. Our ever popular Extra Time offers will also return for the 2019 AFL season, where members can head to a promoted food outlet, dining room or bar to enjoy a 10 per cent rebate for a limited time at selected matches.

How's that for value?

With your MCC Plus card, you're only one tap away from winning. In 2018, over 60 members who purchased food or drinks using their card were rewarded with a deposit of \$50 on their cards through monthly competitions. This month, one lucky member will take home the yearly prize of \$1000 credit onto their MCC Plus card.

That's a season's membership fees and a few rounds at the bar all taken care of.

Being an MCC member has never been so rewarding. To fully enjoy the benefits of your MCC Plus card, simply log into the MCC Plus portal and load your money on to the card to ensure you're all ready to go ahead of the new footy season.

Further details about the MCC plus program are available at [mcc.org.au/mccplus](http://mcc.org.au/mccplus). Our membership services team is also available to assist on [membership@mcc.org.au](mailto:membership@mcc.org.au) or on **(03) 9657 8888**



## SOMETHING'S BREWING AT THE MCC

Fancy a new option at the bar on match day? There's a new brew coming to the MCG which will be available exclusively to MCC members.

Stay tuned to the MCC website and social media channels throughout March to find out more!





# FROM THE PRESIDENT

## STEVEN SMITH

### Stumps has been drawn on another summer of cricket and congratulations to Virat Kohli and the Indian cricket team on claiming their historic first Test Series win on Australian soil.

India's win in the Boxing Day Test was enjoyed by a crowd of more than 176,000 with 73,516 attending Day 1, which was the highest day one crowd we've achieved for an Australia-India Test match.

At times throughout the international summer it felt like we were in Mumbai and not Melbourne, such was the fantastic support the Indian fans provided their players.

The Boxing Day pitch attracted a lot of media interest in the lead-up and over the course of the match and the official International Cricket Council's rating of the wicket was 'average' and, while that was a significant improvement on last summer, our head curator Matt Page and his team have started work on ensuring we make better pitches next summer and beyond.

There is considerable room for improvement and we are committed to achieving that.

In 2020 the MCG will host both the Women's and Men's Finals of the Twenty20 World Cups, enhancing our reputation as one of the world's premier sporting venues.

Overall, we will host eight matches across both tournaments in February-March (Women's) and October-November (Men's). Tickets are now on sale and I encourage you to get behind our quest to set a new world record for attendance at a women's sporting event when we host the Women's Final on International Women's Day, March 8.

The summer has gone so quickly that it's hard to believe that we're on the eve of another AFL season.

As part of our commitment to improving fan engagement, we agreed in the extension of our AFL Agreement last year that we would allow the return of curtain raisers to be played prior to three AFL matches in 2019, which will be a partial return of the 'good old days' when the reserves used to play before each senior game.

The MCG will host 45 home-and-away matches in 2019 and with all our tenant clubs looking set for big seasons, we are hopeful we can pass last year's aggregate attendance of 2.95 million.

Last year was an outstanding year for our management team and the club in being recognised both nationally and internationally for our award winning projects in event management, environmental sustainability and customer service. Our innovative CARE customer service programme has become the envy of stadiums not just in Australia but around the world.

Our staff have enthusiastically embraced the program over the last three years and the feedback from our members and visitors to the ground show how much this has contributed to the improvement in the customer experience for every person that steps into the venue for a sporting event, a concert, a function, a tour of the ground or to visit the National Sports Museum.

It was a proud moment in late January when the MCG was announced as the winner of a prestigious International Service Excellence Award in the Medium Business category for customer service. This award was not just for sporting facilities but business in general. We are very excited about this as we are only three years into a five year program and there is still much upside to go.

I would like to pay tribute to CEO Stuart Fox and General Manager People & Culture Donna Price for their efforts in leading and directing this program and we will continue to strive to be the benchmark for great customer service both nationally and internationally.

This will be my final message as president as my term leading this extraordinary club is coming to an end. I can't believe the four years have flown past so quickly.

The MCG is the best sporting club in the world with the dual responsibility of servicing a membership of over 130,000 and a waiting list of around 215,000 and managing one of the most iconic sporting stadiums in the world to international best standards.

It has been an honour to serve as president and I would like to thank those of you who have provided support and encouragement to me and the club during my tenure.

I would like to thank Charles Sitch, who is also retiring from the committee, for his contributions as a committee member.

Charles played a critical role on the committee bringing his astute strategic thinking to complex issues and he was a keen supporter of club life. Charles was also the committee representative and one of the key drivers of our highly successful CARE project.

Stuart Fox is entering his third year as CEO and he and his talented management team are coming off an outstanding 2018 and with the ongoing guidance of highly skilled and experienced individuals on our committee, I have complete confidence that they will collectively guide us through an exciting future for both the club and the ground.



# OUTGOING PRESIDENT REFLECTS ON TERM FULL OF ACHIEVEMENTS

From securing hosting rights of the AFL Grand Final until 2057, to international awards, to introducing new categories of membership to help deal with the lengthy waiting list, the last four years have been full of highlights for outgoing MCC president Steven Smith.

First elected to the role in March 2015, and having served on the committee since 1998, Steven is proud of what the club has accomplished in his time as president.

Last year Steven and CEO Stuart Fox led the negotiations with the AFL to extend the agreement for the MCG to host the AFL Grand Final through until 2057. This extended arrangement guarantees the content needed to raise the necessary funds to rebuild the Great Southern Stand in a decade's time and will ensure the MCG remains one of the best sporting stadiums in the world.

As part of this negotiation, an agreement was reached with the MCG Trust to extend the club's lease of the Members Reserve and role as ground manager until 2057.

Last year also saw the club recognised nationally and internationally for many of its customer service, event management and environmental sustainability projects.

The club's innovation CARE programme was one of Steven's key focuses after his election to the presidency. The programme has been enthusiastically embraced by staff. During Steven's tenure the club

has actively pursued its commitment to environmental sustainability to make the MCG one of the 'greenest' stadiums in the world.

As chairman of the Club Sub-committee, Steven introduced the rule change to initiate the new Provisional membership category and oversaw its implementation during his presidency. Approximately 30,000 on the waiting list have taken up the option and helped reduce the overall membership waiting list.

Steven's other highlights include:

- Introducing MCC Plus to replace ageing membership cards and include a debit card facility to assist members with speed of service at bars and food outlets at the ground and data collation;
- Introducing the use of the popular Jim Stynes Grill as an additional dining facility for members;
- Overseeing the Smart Stadium project, which involved a digital upgrade to the stadium;
- Introducing Pavilions in the Park for the Ashes and Indian Boxing Day tests;
- Heading up the sub-committee to appoint the new CEO, Stuart Fox to replace Stephen Gough;
- Overseeing the implementation of international best standard security at the ground.

"It's been an honour to serve as president of this great club for the last four years and I have been incredibly lucky to have had one of the best jobs in the world," Steven said.

"My only regret is I wasn't able to oversee a Demons premiership during my time - but hopefully that isn't too far away now."



Steven Smith (right) with the MCC's oldest current member Trevor Burgess. Trevor turned 102 on Boxing Day last year.



## VALE DR IAN 'DOC' MCDONALD

The Melbourne Cricket Club has lost one of its great characters following the passing of much-loved Dr Ian McDonald at the age of 95.

Affectionately known as 'Doc', he was a member of the MCC for 79 years and awarded life membership of the club in 2000.

'Doc' served on the MCC committee between 1958 and 1968 and was instrumental in the foundation of both the MCC XXIX Club and the MCC Hockey Section.

In 1996 'Doc' was recognised by the club with the Hans Ebeling Award for outstanding service to the sporting sections.

A talented wicketkeeper, 'Doc' represented Melbourne's first XI in 64 matches between 1946 and 1957 and played 40 first-class games for Victoria between 1948 and 1953.

In 1952-53 he was chosen in an Australian XI to take on the touring South Africans.

He became an informative guide for the club and was always happy to share his incredible wealth of knowledge with the thousands of members and visitors who came for a tour of the MCG.

The club extends its deepest condolences to Sue, Jan, Andrew and the McDonald family.

# LIFTING THE CURTAIN



Fans will be the big winners this AFL season with the return of curtain raisers to the home of footy.

The MCC has come to an agreement with the AFL to allow three VFL curtain raisers to be played prior to AFL games this season.

Another two curtain raisers will involve Australia's best under-18 talent.

The AFL Academy will take on the Casey Demons on Saturday April 20 before Melbourne hosts St Kilda later that afternoon.

Essendon and Geelong will meet in the first VFL curtain raiser on Sunday May 5 at 11.40am ahead of an AFL clash between the two clubs that afternoon in the 'Country Game'.

Box Hill Hawks face Richmond on Saturday May 12 at 11.40am ahead of Hawthorn's Round 8 AFL encounter against the GWS Giants.

Saturday June 6 will see Vic Metro take on rivals Vic Country in the AFL Under-18 National Championships as the curtain raiser to the Round 11 Collingwood-Fremantle clash.

Richmond's VFL side returns to the MCG on Sunday August 11 to take on the Northern Blues from 11.40am before the Tigers host Carlton in the AFL clash.

The VFL curtain raisers are subject to change at any notice.



## MCG FOOTBRIDGE CLOSED UNTIL 2023

If you regularly use the footbridge connecting Melbourne Park and the southern end of the MCG Concourse when coming to the ground, you'll need to find alternative routes for the next few years.

The MCG Footbridge will remain closed until 2023 while Stage 3 of the Melbourne Park redevelopment takes place.

Alternative pedestrian routes are in place for fans who normally use the footbridge to access the MCG from south of the Yarra River.

These include using the William Barak Bridge and Edwin Flack Bridge located along Olympic Boulevard.

Disabled car parking is available in Melbourne Park's Eastern Plaza and provides direct access via lift to the Edwin Flack Bridge.

Alternatively, disabled parking will remain open at the northern entrance to Melbourne Park, which can be accessed via Batman Avenue.

The lifts close to Batman Avenue on William Barak Bridge provide safe access to the MCG concourse from the Rod Laver Arena / Melbourne Park tram stop and nearby disabled parking spaces.

Visit **Development Victoria's website** [development.vic.gov.au](http://development.vic.gov.au) for more details about the project.



## SUPPORT YOUR AFL CLUB WITH A DUAL MEMBERSHIP

MCC members can show their support for their AFL team by purchasing a dual membership package for the 2019 AFL season.

Members who support any of the 10 Victorian clubs, along with the Sydney Swans, received correspondence with an option to upgrade to the dual membership category.

Each package offers excellent value and is a great way to show your club colours and boost your team's overall membership numbers.

Dual membership not only provides financial assistance to your footy team, but also affords additional opportunities

to attract sponsors and advertising revenue streams. We encourage members to get behind their club, even if you have already renewed your MCC membership.

If you wish to take up the offer for the new AFL season, log into the MCC website, click through to 'renew my membership' and follow the prompts, or phone 1300 300 107 with your reference number and credit card.

If you did not receive the offer as part of your renewal mailing, or would like more information, please contact our membership services team.

# MCG FAN FAVOURITE AMONG TRIO INDUCTED INTO CRICKET'S HALL OF FAME

Legendary batsman Dean Jones was the MCG's crowd favourite in the 1980s and 1990s.

Not just because he was Victorian, but his aggressive batting style and athletic fielding ensured fans would flock through the turnstiles to watch Jones and his Australian teammates in both the Test and one-day arena.

The decorated career of Jones, a triple premiership player with the Melbourne Cricket Club at Premier Cricket level, has been recognised through his induction into the Australian Cricket Hall of Fame (ACHoF).

Jones was inducted last month at the Australian Cricket Awards alongside fellow MCC Honorary Cricket member Cathryn Fitzpatrick, regarded as the world's fastest women's bowler for most of her illustrious career, and Billy Murdoch, Australia's second ever Test captain.

Apart from his 52 Tests and 164 one-day internationals for Australia between 1984 and 1994, Jones was also part of three Melbourne first XI premiership sides.

MCC committee member and ACHoF selection committee chairman Peter King said Jones revolutionised the art of one-day batting and inspired a generation of young cricketers.

"A game changer, he was renowned as one of the best runners between the wickets and being one of the best outfielders of his generation," King said of the Victorian.

"He was ranked the world's No.1 batsman in one-day cricket four years in a row between 1989 and 1992.

"He was one of the key reasons that Australia claimed the World Cup in 1987 while his heroics with the bat to score a double century in oppressive conditions in the famous Tied Test between Australia and India at Mumbai in 1986 remains legendary in the history of Australian cricket."

Jones was also a critical member of Australia's 1987 World Cup winning side and was named one of the Wisden Cricketers of the Year in 1990.

The Melbourne Cricket Ground will host eight matches – including both the Women's and Men's Finals – of next year's T20 World Cup 2020.

The official fixture has been released by the International Cricket Council (ICC) with the MCG set to host seven matches of the Men's T20 World Cup, being played between 18 October and 15 November 2020.

This includes six Super 12 Stage matches – including a clash between Trans Tasman rivals Australia and New Zealand on Friday 6 November while world cricketing powerhouse India will meet England, runners up in the 2016 T20 World Cup, on Sunday 1 November.

The MCG will also host a clash between reigning T20 world

champions the West Indies and New Zealand on Sunday 25 October.

In addition to his impressive international record, Jones is also the second highest Sheffield Shield run scorer for Victoria, scoring 9622 runs for his state at an average of 54.05. His highest first-class score – an unbeaten 324 – was scored on his beloved MCG while playing for Victoria.

Fitzpatrick was a mainstay in the women's national team for over 15 years and is the second most prolific wicket taker in women's ODI history with 180 scalps at the impressive average of 16.73. She was part of Australia's 1997 and 2005 World Cup winning sides.

The Victorian claimed several awards over the course of her career, including Women's International Cricketer of the Year in 2004.

Following her playing career, Fitzpatrick wasted no time building a successful coaching career, overseeing the Australian Women's Cricket Team in T20 World Cup victories in 2012 and 2014 along with the ODI World Cup in 2013.

The Men's Final is scheduled for Sunday 15 November.

The Women's T20 World Cup begins on Friday 21 February with the MCG hosting the Final on Sunday 8 March.

MCC CEO Stuart Fox is thrilled to be selected to host two showcase events of both competitions.

"It's fitting that the MCG, recently voted by spectators as Australia's best stadium, will host both the Men's and Women's Finals of the ICC T20 World Cups in 2020 as well as six group stage matches of the men's tournament," Mr Fox said.

"There is a huge Indian fan base in Victoria and, as we have

seen during the recent series against Australia, they create a fantastic atmosphere inside the ground.

"Her dedication to the game ensured she regularly bowled at a sharp pace which batters around the world often struggled to handle. She was dangerous right to the end of her career, claiming a six-wicket haul – that included a hat-trick – in her second last match," King said.

Murdoch was born in Bendigo but represented New South Wales after his family moved to New South Wales in the early 1860's.

He was regarded as one of the greatest wicketkeeper-bats of his time and captained Australia in 16 Tests.

"Billy Murdoch is among a select group of cricketers to have played Test cricket for two nations. While he played the majority of his 19 Tests for Australia, he qualified for and represented England in one Test against South Africa at Cape Town in 1892," King said.

"He is also recognised as being the first substitute fieldsman to take a catch in Test cricket, which occurred in 1884."

"We are thrilled to be chosen to host two of India's group stage matches during the Men's T20 World Cup, as well as another chapter in the famous sporting rivalry between Australia and New Zealand.

"We're excited by the prospect of filling the MCG for the Women's T20 Final, which fittingly will be played on International Women's Day, and attempting to set a new world record for attendance at a women's sporting match."

**Visit [www.t20worldcup.com](http://www.t20worldcup.com) to view the complete fixtures and ticket details.**

## EYES OF THE CRICKETING WORLD TO FOCUS ON MCG IN 2020



# WORLD LEADERS

You'll find no better place around the globe when it comes to customer service than the MCG.

Our innovative CARE program was established in late 2015 with the overall aim of improving the customer experience for every visitor to the iconic stadium.

The club's commitment to delivering a memorable and positive customer service experience was rubber stamped when the MCC won the prestigious International Service Excellence Award in the Medium Business category. Late in 2018, the MCC was also awarded the Customer Service Organisation of the Year at the Australian Service Excellence Awards for the CARE program.

These awards are recognised as the world's peak customer service awards with judges citing the club's continued investment and engagement of its people and partners, as well as the sustained growth in customer service satisfaction levels year on year, as a clear strength.

For the club's General Manager, People and Culture Donna Price, earning international recognition was a fantastic accolade for our staff.

Donna has been involved with the project since its infancy.

CARE – an acronym for Courteous, Anticipating, Responding and Efficiency, the key pillars of great customer service – was championed by the president Steven Smith and developed with the input of many staff, members and customers in order to define what great service actually looks like.

Donna said committee member Charles Sitch, former CEO Stephen Gough and his successor Stuart Fox had all been "extremely supportive" of the program to raise the bar on the customer service we deliver all year round. Internally, key people such as Gerard Griffin, GM Venue and Event Services, Josh Eltringham, our Executive Manager Event Operations, Stephen Philp,

Customer Service Manager, Kimelle Smith, our Workforce Planning Manager and the broader team have been critical in shaping the CARE program.

"We wanted people to feel like they're at home and the MCG is such a special place for so many reasons," Donna said.

"Fortunately our people have such a sense of pride and passion about really wanting to showcase the ground at its best.

"We are very conscious of how people feel when they are here and how they feel when they leave, and we wanted to ensure they had an enjoyable day or night and felt good about coming back.

"We genuinely want to create a great experience every time one of our members or customers come into enjoy an event, a function or an MCG tour.

Our members and our customers are centre stage in everything we do."

Donna said the club would not have lifted the customer service to the satisfaction levels recently achieved without the support of our entire MCC staff and our key partners such as Epicure, EventAid, ISS, SecureCorp, Travellers Aid and Playbill.

"Regardless of the colour of your shirt on event day, you're all part of the MCG experience," she declared.

From the beginning of the journey in 2016 to building the momentum in 2017 to lifting our ambition to go from good to great in 2018, Donna said continually raising the bar remains a priority of the club.

"There's some exciting things planned from a customer point of view - and equally for the CARE program - in 2019 and beyond," she said.

"Families will be front and centre for us. The arrival and departure phase will also be a focus for us in terms of which the ease people can arrive and leave comfortably and we are striving to make that as easy as possible.



Pictured Middle: General Manager People and Culture Donna Price; and the lifeblood of the MCG, the customer service team.



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# GOING FOR GOLD

**SHRINE TO AUSTRALIAN SPORT SET FOR  
MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR UPGRADE**







THE MCG IS A VICTORIAN ICON, AND THERE'S NO BETTER PLACE TO HONOUR OUR NATION'S GREATEST SPORTING MOMENTS THAN AT OUR GREATEST SPORTING VENUE ”

-Martin Pakula



The National Sports Museum housed inside the MCG will be given a fresh new-look with the Melbourne Cricket Club announcing plans to spend \$17.1 million on a redevelopment of the tourist attraction.

The upgrade, which includes a \$5 million contribution from the Victorian Government, will see the National Sports Museum embrace the latest technology and create a more interactive experience for visitors.

MCC president Steven Smith was joined by Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula along with Olympic great Shane Gould and AFL legend Kevin Bartlett in making the announcement last month.

As a special treat, renowned singer/songwriter Greg Champion, from the 'Coodabeen Champions' performed one of his iconic hits "I made a 100 in the backyard at mum's".

Champion then presented Steven Smith with the cricket-bat-cum guitar that he used in the film clip for loan in the museum.

Highlights of the redeveloped National Sports Museum will include:

- A full revamp of the interactive 'Game On' gallery;
- A new Australian football section with a more interactive Hall of Fame;
- New characters introduced to the popular "Pepper's Ghost" holograms;
- A new gallery to reflect Australia's sporting culture;
- Upgraded education zone for school groups;
- An increase in the breadth and diversity of sports featured inside the museum, boosting the representation of disability

sports, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander athletes and other under-represented groups;

- An enhanced celebration of Australia's reputation as a sporting nation from grassroots levels through to the elite.

The current museum is 11 years old, having officially opened in March 2008, and houses Australia's largest collection of sporting memorabilia including Don Bradman's baggy green cap, Cathy Freeman's running suit from the Sydney 2000 Olympics and the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games cauldron.

Mr Smith said each year more than 140,000 people from Australia and overseas visit the museum or take an MCG tour and this upgrade would ensure a unique and more meaningful experience for museum patrons.

"If the MCG is the home of Australian sport then the National Sports Museum is the heart of it," Mr Smith said.

"Sport is about who we are as a nation. Everyone has a story and connection to sport and its pivotal role in Australia's social, cultural and national identity. It's part of our fabric.

"This upgrade will ensure a visit to the National Sports Museum is fun, exciting and interactive and offer a shared family experience that will encourage people to come back over and over again.

"The new-look National Sports Museum will be a leading-edge venue in the sporting and cultural landscape and we're thrilled by the support from the State Government to ensure we create a vibrant and unique sporting experience for all visitors."

Minister Pakula said this redevelopment will enhance the National Sports Museum as a "must-see" attraction for any sports fan visiting Melbourne.

"The MCG is a Victorian icon, and there's no better place to honour our nation's greatest sporting moments than at our greatest sporting venue," the Minister said.

"By showcasing the best of Australian sport at the National Sports Museum, we're enhancing Melbourne's reputation as Australia's sporting capital and inspiring the next generation of athletes."

The museum will be closed later this year for the renovation works and is scheduled to reopen in time for the ICC Women's Twenty20 World Cup Final, which is being played at the MCG on March 8 next year.

The ever popular stadium tours of the MCG and the Melbourne Cricket Club Museum will continue to operate during the museum closure period. There are also long-term plans to upgrade the MCC Museum.





## THAT'S A WRAP FOR CINEMA AT THE 'G

You just can't beat a movie on the hallowed turf. Cinema at the 'G, presented by Bank of Melbourne, is done and dusted for 2019 after over 4,000 people flocked to the city's most spectacular open air cinema across two sell-out nights.

There was a distinct singalong theme to this year's movie selections, with Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga stealing the show on opening night in the American musical romantic drama *A Star is Born*.

Then it was Freddy Mercury's turn to rock the 'G in *Bohemian Rhapsody* on night two, which saw actor Rami Malek take home the award of Best Actor at the Oscars for his starring performance as the Queen front man.

All proceeds from the event went to the Bank of Melbourne's Neighbourhood Fund, which supports small Victorian charities across a number of different areas.

A spectacular setting, award winning flicks and a good cause. It doesn't get any better than that.

## SOLAR LIGHTS THE WAY AT YARRA PARK



New solar-powered lights have been installed along a section of Yarra Park thanks to a partnership between the club and EnergyAustralia.

The new lights – of which there are 12 in total – have been installed between Gates 2 and 3 leading up towards Jolimont Station. They're also been fitted with CCTV cameras which MCC CEO Stuart Fox said would improve safety for Yarra Park users.

"Improving safety in Yarra Park is very important to us and we're pleased to work with EnergyAustralia on this energy-themed initiative to help deliver a safer environment for local residents, MCG fans and other park users," Mr Fox said.

"The lighting produced is 100 per cent sustainable.

"LED street lights are becoming increasingly popular because, not only do they have a long life, but they reduce carbon emissions.

"This initiative also builds on our long-term commitment to be recognised as a leading contributor to the community in environmental sustainability."

EnergyAustralia Managing Director Catherine Tanna said Yarra Park was part of Melbourne's fabric, hosting runs, family outings and pre-footy picnics as well as providing a great vantage point for New Year's Eve fireworks.

"Yarra Park is a great public asset and we hope that this lighting project will make it that much more accessible for all Australians, no matter the season or the time of day," Ms Tanna said.

EnergyAustralia estimates the new solar-powered lighting in Yarra Park will save 1.3 tonnes of carbon per annum, equal to that generated by powering an average Victorian home for four months.

The Yarra Park lighting project follows EnergyAustralia helping the MCG to offset all the emissions from venue operations during September, the ground's busiest period of the year.

# DRIVEN DEAD DRUNKEN REBORN

Records were broken when the MCG hosted concerts from rock icon Bon Jovi and rapper Eminem over the summer.

On a warm Sunday night of the final weekend of summer, 80,708 fans filled the MCG to watch Eminem perform his iconic songs such as Stan, My Name Is, The Real Slim Shady, Without Me and Lose Yourself.

It's the biggest crowd to watch a concert at the MCG – and the stadium has hosted some of the world's biggest acts in the past.

The previous biggest concert attendance was 80,518 for the Sound Relief charity event back in 2009.

The 46-year hip hop artist was amazed by what he witnessed when he arrived on stage.

"This is the most people I've ever seen in one place in my ... life," he said.

The concert coincided with the 20th anniversary of Eminem releasing his breakthrough album The Slim Shady LP.

The first weekend of the summer back in December saw Bon Jovi open their Australian This House is not for Sale Tour in front of more than 60,000 fans – many who had travelled from overseas for the show.

On a balmy Saturday night, Bon Jovi belted out a mix of songs from their new albums as well as classic hits.

Among the 21-song set were the favorites such as You Give Love A Bad Name, It's My Life, Keep The Faith, Bad Medicine, Wanted Dead Or Alive and Livin' On A Prayer that had the crowd up and signing all night.

The two concerts followed the WWE Super Show-Down event back in October that drew a crowd of more than 70,000.





# SUMMER

More than 400,000 fans flocked through the MCG's gates and witnessed some exciting action from this summer's domestic and international cricket calendar.



It was a historic summer down under for India's cricketers with the MCG playing a prominent role in its triumphant tour.

More than six decades since first visiting our shores, India achieved its first ever Test Series win on Australian soil with a 2-1 victory to retain the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

More than 400,000 fans flocked through the gates of the MCG to watch Australia and India do battle over seven days of international cricket.

India's 137-run over Australia in the Boxing Day Test was also India's 150th victory in Test cricket.

India's victory was spearheaded by a first innings century from opener Cheteshwar Pujara (106) while paceman Jasprit Bumrah ripped through the Australians on his way to match figures of 9-86, including 6-33 in the first innings.

Australian Pat Cummins had a match to remember, claiming 6-27 in India's second innings while also top-scoring with 63 in Australia's second knock at the wicket.

The Boxing Day Test attracted an overall crowd of just over 176,500 with the Boxing Day attendance of 73,516 the biggest day one crowd for an Australia-India Test at the MCG.

India also wrapped up the three-match one-day series at the MCG in mid-January with a seven-wicket win in front of 53,603 thanks to an unbeaten 87 by MS Dhoni, giving the visitors a 2-1 triumph.

Spinner Yuzvendra Chahal's man-of-the-match figures of 6-42 equalled the record for the best one-day bowling performance by an Indian in Australia.

Coincidentally, that was also achieved at the MCG by paceman Ajit Agarkar back in January 2004.

The only dampener on the summer was that November's T20 International was washed out with only 19 overs of the Australian innings played. However, that game still attracted a crowd of almost 65,000.

The Big Bash League continues to be popular with more than 136,000 fans coming to watch the five Melbourne Stars home games hosted at the MCG. That included 46,418 for the first Melbourne Derby played between the Stars and Renegades on New Year's Day.

The Stars qualified for the semi finals for the seventh time in eight seasons of the BBL but, ultimately, lost to the Renegades in the Grand Final on the other side of Melbourne at Marvel Stadium.

# SCHOOL'S IN FOR BEAUMARIS CO-TENANTS



The Melbourne Cricket Club has recently come to agreements with two local sporting clubs to share use of the state-of-the-art facilities at Beaumaris Secondary College.

Beaumaris Soccer Club and the Beaumaris Football Club will share the facility with the MCC's cricket sides, lacrosse teams and women's football, which plays in the VAFA.

"The MCC has a proud history of promoting sport in local communities through the MCC Foundation and we're extremely proud of this unique opportunity we have helped to establish at Beaumaris Secondary College through the help of the State Government, Bayside City Council and the school community," MCC CEO Stuart Fox said.

"Promoting grassroots sport has always been a key pillar of the MCC's existence and we believe these arrangements will provide young and aspiring athletes in the community with first-class facilities to develop.

"I can't praise enough the collaboration the club has enjoyed with Beaumaris Secondary College as it has transitioned its operations on to the site, in particular principal Debby Chaves and the school council.

"We look forward to strengthening our relationships with both the school and local sporting clubs in the community for generations to come."

The school opened last year with the sporting facilities first used by the MCC teams mid-way through 2018.

The facilities at Beaumaris include two ovals – the north Oval is similar in dimensions to the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) – and also an artificial multi-purpose pitch.

(L-R) pictured Aiden McCarthy & Josh Benson (cricket), Alice Tedstone & Lucy Allison (soccer), Amy Pearce & Anna Harris (AFL) and Alex Neilson (lacrosse). Picture courtesy News Limited.

# OUR DEMONS ON VFLW RADAR

The MCC Football Club is only a season old but already its players have come onto the radar of VFLW club Casey Demons.

Holly Bailey, Anna Harris and Jamie Bond have been training with the Demons over the summer looking to secure a spot on the list for the 2019 season.

Bailey, who won the Victorian Amateur Football Association women's Division 3 best and fairest award last year, said it's fantastic to see a pathway developing for young girls keen to develop their football.

"It's been great to see some of our MCC girls on the Demons radar this year and it's really exciting that I get to share this experience with them," Bailey said.

"What I also love is that we've demonstrated a clear pathway for other girls and women who have aspirations of playing at a higher level."

Bailey made five appearances for Casey late last season and said, while initially nervous about stepping up from the VAFA to VFLW, she "loved every minute" of her experience.

"It all happened quite quickly so I did my best to take in everything I could from the experience," Bailey said.

"Everything was so professional. From the skill level and intensity of the sessions, the instruction and support from the coaching group

and the facilities and resources provided to the players - it was a whole new world.

"The club as a whole have been incredibly supportive. Since my very first training session last year, (coach) `Lachy' (Lachlan Worthy) and `Robbo' (Russell Robertson) made it really clear that they would do everything they could to support the aspirations of anyone in our group and, as a result, they've created such a supportive and inclusive culture at MCC."

Bailey said there was a lot of excitement among the MCC Women's squad heading into the 2019 campaign and urged any female keen on playing women's footy to come down and give it a try.

Amazing to think that after only one season at MCC we've built such a strong foundation," Bailey said.

"You might be brand new to footy or you might have some experience under your belt. Whoever you are, if you've got a great attitude then you're welcome at MCC and we'd love to have you.

"Get down for just one session - you'll love it."

If you are interested in playing or assisting with the MCC football team next season, or know someone who is, please email [melbcricketclubfc@gmail.com](mailto:melbcricketclubfc@gmail.com) or contact us on 9657 8888.





The club continues to enhance its reputation as a breeding ground for first-class cricketers...

# FIRST CLASS

While it's been a frustrating summer for some of the MCC's cricket teams, the club continues to enhance its reputation as a breeding ground for first-class cricketers.

Two of the club's Women's Premier Firsts players Elly Donald and Amy Vine, were both handed Victorian debuts during the 2018-19 Women's National Cricket League (WNCL).

Amy and Elly are expected to play key role in their team's one-day finals campaign after they finished in second spot on the ladder to earn a semi-final berth.

Teammate Amy Yates continued on her fine early season form. She ended the home and away round as the competition's leading wicket taker with 32 scalps at the impressive average of 9.03, combining it with 481 runs scored at an average of 40.08.

At the time of publication, the club's Women's Seconds had qualified for the Grand Final of their one-day competition and were facing Box Hill – the club which defeated it to claim the Twenty20 crown in late January.

Some great bowling by Olivia Downes (2-9) and Clementine Ryan-Fuller (2-20) saw Melbourne restrict Box Hill to 7-116 from its 20 overs at Harry Trott Oval. However, despite an unbeaten 37 by Anney Homberg, the Demons could only manage 8-109 in reply.

Parry Jenkins helped to power the Women's Seconds into the finals with her maiden century for the club, scoring 116 from 114 balls in their final round win over Dandenong.

The men's First XI saw its hopes of a finals berth fade in the final few rounds of the season, losing three high-scoring matches against leading sides Carlton, Essendon and Camberwell Magpies.

Three batsmen posted centuries pre and post-Christmas. Matthew Brown scored an unbeaten 157 in a rain-affected match against Dandenong, Blake Thomson hit 148 against Essendon while Meyrick Buchanan's unbeaten 121 in a nine-wicket victory over Northcote was his second ton of the season.

Meyrick and Will Pucovski shared an unbroken 195-run second wicket partnership to guide the Demons to victory over the Dragons at the Albert Ground.

At the time of writing, the Second XI will also miss the final eight while the Third and Fourth XI's look set for finals action with one round remaining.

The club also congratulates Sam Harper, Cameron White and Chris Tremain on their roles in helping the Melbourne Renegades win the 2018-19 Big Bash League title.

Sam was a late call-up to the Renegades squad as a replacement player. He went on to play every game and was the Renegades leading run scorer with 341 at an average of 22.73 and a strike rate just under 140.



# MCC CLUB XI SIDES HOST VISITING INDIAN TEAM

In mid-January three MCC Club XI sides, Old Wesley College, Old Scotch College and a combined MCC XI, hosted a touring side from India's Mayo College, Old Boys.

The tour was scheduled to coincide with the Indian Test and one-day tour of Australia.

Mayo College is one of the most prestigious schools in India and it's hoped this visit will represent the start of a long term relationship between Wesley, Scotch, the MCC and Mayo.

Old Wesley and Old Mayo played for the Thakur R.R. Singh & Bruce R. Gregory Trophy honouring two giants in alumni relations and cricket at the two schools. Bruce Gregory served as an MCC tour guide for many years.

With the assistance of committee man James Bennett and former vice-president David Crow, the visit culminated with a dinner in the MCC Committee Room attended by over 60 guests.

Past MCC president Paul Sheahan AM was guest speaker, who delighted the audience with his memories of playing Test cricket in India.



Left: Ritche Savage (MCC) and Vikram (Mayo College) toss the coin

# NETBALL KICKS OFF 2019 IN A NEW SPLASH OF RED, WHITE AND BLUE!

The season is well and truly underway for the MCC Netball teams.

Pre-season training for the five senior women's teams began in January under head coach Robyne Dawson with players put through fitness sessions by Pam Strong, a coach in the Victorian Netball league who is also a personal trainer.

Players also attended a physiotherapy session with Julia Allen, a former physio for Australian Netball League side Victoria Fury, to learn the importance of body management to minimise the risk of injury.

Players are also sporting a new look with the committee deciding last year to invest in new training tops for its teams showcasing the club's famous red, white and blue colours.

"There are thousands of people who will automatically think of the MCC when they see the colours together," MCC Netball Chair Shelley White said.

Congratulations to MCC 1 goal attack and two-time Parkville MVP winner Alex Ball, who will also play with Boroondara Express in the upcoming Victorian Netball League season.

Netball is also looking to be part of the Hong Kong CC Multi-sport Tour in April. Opportunities to tour are all part of this vibrant sporting section.

MCC Netball plays its matches in the Parkville competition at the State Netball and Hockey Centre on Monday and Tuesday nights and is always looking for members to join.

**Email [mccnetball@gmail.com](mailto:mccnetball@gmail.com) to register your interest.**





# WILL FINDS A WAY

The coveted baggy green cap appears within reach of talented young Melbourne batsman Will Pucovski.

The 21-year-old was given a taste of life within the Australian squad during last month's two-Test series against Sri Lanka – but wasn't named in the final XI for either game – and is well and truly in the mix to be part of this year's Ashes tour.

His national selection came after playing just eight first-class matches for Victoria since his debut in February 2017.

He was also recognised by his peers as the 2018-19 Bradman Young Cricketer of the Year at last month's Australian Cricket Awards.

Pucovski, who joined the Melbourne Cricket Club in 2012-13 via Brighton Grammar School, Hampton United and Caulfield cricket clubs, has clearly been earmarked by Australian selectors as player of the future.

"Will Pucovski is an exciting young player who is making his mark in the Sheffield Shield," National Selector Trevor Hohns said when Pucovski was first selected in the Australian squad.

"He is another player with a track record of making centuries."

Pucovski is averaging over 100 for Melbourne in Premier Cricket this summer with four half-centuries from five innings. He also scored a half-century in one of his three Vic Super Slam appearances.

In October last year Pucovski became the first Australian batsman to score a double century before his 21st birthday since Ricky Ponting, when he made 243 against Western Australia in Perth.

This year's Ashes series will be played in England in August-September.

“**HE IS ANOTHER PLAYER WITH A TRACK RECORD OF MAKING CENTURIES**”  
-Trevor Hohns



## MCG ONTO GOOD WICKET



Work is underway to regenerate the MCG's centre wicket square ahead of the 2019-2020 cricket season.

Following another busy summer of cricket internationally and domestically, the drop-in pitches were removed and transported back to their Yarra Park nursery.

An important piece of work in this regeneration project saw the concrete slab which houses the wickets over the summer – and had been in place for almost two decades – removed and replaced with the same gravel and sand profile as the MCG outfield.

At the end of the 2019 AFL season a modern new system -

that's been used successfully in other Test match venues around Australia - will be installed to complete the project.

"The new base for the drop-in wickets will be similar to the system used by the Adelaide Oval and Perth Stadium," said Peter Wearne, the MCC's General Manager Facilities.

"The existing impervious solid concrete slab base will be replaced by a new, modern concrete rail base that will allow for natural drainage and growing conditions which, in-turn, should provide more variation and deterioration of a wicket throughout a match.

"We are also trialling new wickets in the practice wicket

area and are working towards a full refurbishment of our wicket nursery in Yarra Park."

The pitch from last December's Boxing Day Test against India received an "average" rating by the International Cricket Council (ICC), following India's 137-run mid-way through the fifth and final day of the match.

Head curator Matt Page is overseeing the club's long-term plan over the next five years for a complete overhaul and rejuvenation of the MCG's cricket pitches, including their soil composition with a focus on improving their growing conditions.

# THE SUMMER OF FUNCTIONS

The function season was again in full swing at the MCC as our members and their guests were treated to a number of high class events and activities this summer.

On November 1 and 2, the club hosted the annual gathering of its 50-year members in the Members Dining Room. The combined attendance was more than 560 members out of approximately 3000 people on the 50-year-list.

Among those present were former VFL players Ron Barrassi, Hassa Mann, Frank Adams, Brian Dixon, John Lord, Clyde Laidlaw, Noel McMahan and John Westacott, along with tennis stars John and Neale Fraser.

A few days later the club celebrated the latest inductees into the 50-year-members club at a special luncheon in the Long Room. Joining the illustrious list this year was former Melbourne 'skipper' Frank Davis.

Over 800 members and guests were 'livin' on a prayer' on December 1, as the Jim Stynes Grill,

Frank Grey Smith Bar and Long Room hosted an exclusive stand up functions before global rock icons Bon Jovi rocked the 'G for the Australian leg of their world tour.

Cricket was the flavour of December as the festive season and the Boxing Day Test fast approached. At the top of the order was former Australia and Victorian batsman Dean Jones, who put on a star performance by responding to the toast to cricket at the Members' Dinner on December 11. Hosted by Tim Lane, the dinner first heard from former Victorian Commissioner for Children and Young People, Bernie Geary OAM, who proposed the toast in the Members Dining Room.

The festive spirit was well and truly in the air come Christmas time as the club held its annual Christmas Day luncheon. Over 600 members and guests were treated to a delicious lunch with all the trimmings, including a spectacular buffet dessert courtesy of Epicure's finest chefs.





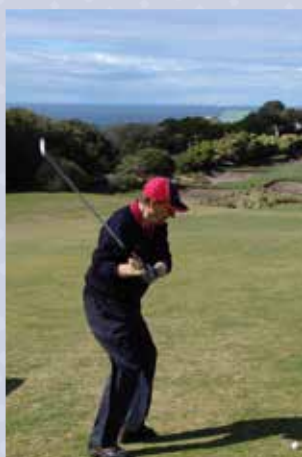
The attention quickly turned to Boxing Day as Damien Fleming opened the bowling as host of the Boxing Day Breakfast. Former Australian cricketers Kim Hughes and Rodney Hogg provided their predictions on the upcoming day's play, while members were treated to a series of side-splitting celebrity impressions from comedian Ben Price.

The following day, more than 360 members and guests opened Day 2 of the Test in the Members Dining Room at the Women in Cricket Test Breakfast. Joining MC Angela Pippas on stage throughout the breakfast was former Australian captain and ICC Hall of Fame inductee Belinda Clark, current Australian women's star Erin Osborne and former Australian men's head coach Darren Lehmann.



A month later, the annual Australia Day Luncheon was held for the 14th consecutive year, this time featuring Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Sally Capp, as guest speaker. The Lord Mayor spoke in great detail about the importance of embracing Melbourne's incredibly diverse cultures as members and guests celebrated our national day in the Long Room.

To round out the summer, members and guests enjoyed some pre-concert 'Stan choy bao' in the Jim Stynes Grill before global Rap sensation Eminem lit up the 'G in front of a record breaking crowd.



## GOLFERS ENJOY A DAY OUT

It was another splendid afternoon of President's Cup action at the illustrious Kingston Heath Golf Course as members Daniel Considine and Sue Macmillan took out this year's men's and women's major honours respectively.

Considine recorded a spectacular 41 Stableford points to claim his first President's Cup trophy, while Macmillan took home the Women's Stableford Individual title with an impressive score of 38.

With a full field of eager competitors, members enjoyed a light lunch prior

to taking on the challenging Kingston Heath course and maintained hydrated with a range of on-course refreshments throughout the afternoon.

At the end of the day, members moved into the dining room to enjoy a delicious sit-down dinner, cold beverages and to review their day's achievements and challenges.

Prizes were awarded throughout the dinner for individual and team events, longest drive and nearest the pin with some fabulous prizes on offer.

# YOUR FUNCTIONS CALENDAR

There's a broad range of entertaining functions to cater for members and guests over the next six months. Please mark your diaries and keep an eye on the club website, email newsletters and social media for updates during the year.

## COMEDY AT THE 'G

Collingwood vs West Coast Eagles  
Hans Ebeling Room  
Saturday April 6

**BOOK NOW**



## MCC/MFC GAME DAY FUNCTION

Richmond vs Melbourne  
Hans Ebeling Room  
Wednesday April 24

**BOOK MARCH 19**



## YOUNG MEMBERS ANZAC BALL

Members Dining Room  
Saturday April 27

**BOOK NOW**

## MCC/VRC MEMBERS FOOTBALL FUNCTION

Richmond vs Hawthorn  
Hans Ebeling Room  
Sunday May 19

**COMING SOON**

## NORM SMITH ORATION

Members Dining Room  
Date: TBC

**COMING SOON**



## MCC/MFC GAME DAY FUNCTION

Collingwood vs Melbourne  
Hans Ebeling  
Monday June 10

**BOOK APRIL 30**



## COMEDY AT THE 'G

Collingwood vs Richmond  
Hans Ebeling Room  
Friday July 26

**BOOK JUNE 18**

## MCC/MFC GAME DAY FUNCTION

Melbourne vs Sydney  
Committee Room  
Friday August 16

**JULY 2**



## FUNCTION DELIGHT FOR MELBOURNE FANS

In addition to playing a part in the club's future success, dual MFC/MCC membership provides the opportunity to access a range of functions during the footy season.

The first function for the 2019 season will be held in the Hans Ebeling Room during the Round 6 match against Richmond on Anzac eve Wednesday April 24.

Enjoy a two-course meal, half-time supper, pre-game beverages and entertainment with MFC special guests. A reserved seat on Level 2 of the Members Reserve to watch the match is also included. A cash bar will operate during the game.

Bookings will be taken from 9.00am on Tuesday March 19 on a first-in, first-served basis. Full and Restricted members may bring up to four guests each, while the limit for provisional members is two.

Guests will require a visitor ticket to access the ground, so members should ensure they pre-purchase their visitor tickets early.

Other functions will be held at the Queen's Birthday match against Collingwood on June 10 (bookings open April 30) and on August 16 against Sydney (bookings open July 2), so please mark your diaries.



## ANZAC BALL FOR YOUNG MEMBERS

It's back for another year! The club's most popular event for young members, the Anzac Ball, returns to the Members Dining Room on Saturday April 27.

The evening includes pre-dinner drinks and canapes in the Long Room, a three course dinner with beverages, followed by a night of entertainment and dancing.

Full and restricted members, and their guests, aged 18-40 are eligible to attend. The cost is \$120 for members and \$135 for guests. Dress is lounge suit for men (tie required) and equivalent standard for women, so make sure you dress to impress.

Bookings open on Tuesday March 6 and are expected to sell fast, so move quickly to ensure you don't miss out.



## SLEEP AT THE 'G

It's so much more than a sleepover. Our annual Sleep At The 'G event returns on Thursday 16 May and is a unique opportunity to get your friends together.

Join more than 1,800 other compassionate people in the conversation about homelessness.

On the night you'll learn more about the issues facing young people, hear first-hand from youth who've experienced homelessness and meet an incredible team of youth workers, who will provide a powerful insight on the fight to end youth homelessness.

Best of all, it's an unforgettably great night to share with friends and colleagues. There's games, hot pies and a range of speakers and entertainers to choose from, all under the roof of the mighty MCG.

Bring your own fun too – games, instruments, costumes and your fabulous PJs or onesies are all welcome.

Early bird registrations are now open and cost just \$55 for MCC members, which covers entry into the MCG, a cardboard box to sleep on, dinner (soup), coffee, tea and a basic breakfast as well as all of the above.

**Visit [sleepattheg.com.au](http://sleepattheg.com.au) and register your team today.**



## STADIUM STOMP

If you're looking for something different to your average fun run or obstacle race, look no further than Stadium Stomp Stadium for your next fitness challenge.

Climb your way up, down and around the MCG bays in this epic stair challenge. There will be rest stops, drink stations and music playing to keep you focused and pumped.

There are plenty of options available for people of all fitness levels. Put yourself to the ultimate test on the full course (7,600 steps) or speed stomp your way through the short course (2,200 steps). Or if you're looking for a day of family fun, the Junior Stomp (1,900) is the perfect course for the kids.

The Early Bird Sale is now on and runs until May 5. Prices start from \$24.99 for juniors and \$39.95 for adults.

Have a charity you'd like to fundraise for? You can stomp for a cause close to your heart by selecting the charity of your choice during the registration process.

**Visit [stadiumstomp.com](http://stadiumstomp.com) and register today.**

# AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

More than 50 MCC members have been recognised for their contribution to the community in the 2019 Australia Day Awards.

Among our members who received an honour were Supreme Court of Victoria Judge Clive Croft, La Trobe University Vice Chancellor Richard Larkins, former Melbourne Football Club director Karen Hayes, and founder and director of Seven Women, Stephanie Woollard.

With the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games approaching, Australia's Chef

de Mission Ian Chesterman was also honoured along with former Olympian Kitty Chiller, who became Australia's first female Chef de Mission at the 2016 Summer Games in Rio Di Janiero.

We congratulate all our members on their recognition in this year's honours list.



## Companion in the (AC) General Division

Emeritus Professor Richard Graeme LARKINS AO

## Officer (AO) in the General Division

Emeritus Professor John Edward MURTAGH AM

Mr Robert Bain THOMAS AM

Mr Michael James ULLMER

## Member (AM) in the General Division

Ms Deborah Anne BEALE

Dr Julie-Ann BERNHARDT

Dr David Collis BURKE

Mr Jeffrey Robert CHAPMAN

Mr Ian Andrew CHESTERMAN

Ms Kitty CHILLER

Mr Peter Louis COHEN OAM

The Honourable John Allen COLDREY QC

The Honourable Justice Clyde Elliott CROFT

Dr Michael Joseph DAVIES

Mr John Bernard DERUM

Mr Dennis John GOLDNER

Mrs Karen HAYES

Dr Margaret Elena HELLARD

Mr Anthony John HOWARD QC

Mr David Gordon INGLIS

Dr William Roy JOHNSON

Mr Luke Frederick SAYERS

Ms Vicki Lorraine STANDISH

Professor Sarah Elizabeth STRASSER

Mr Thomas Dorrien WILMOT

The Honourable Peter Charles YOUNG QC

Medal (OAM) in the General Division

Mr Peter Atholwood ALLEN

Mr Brian Herbert BAILEY

Mr Gavin Iain BLUE

Mr Michael Kevin BROSAN

Mr Richard Alexander BURMAN

Dr Alexander John CAMPBELL

Professor Peter Laurence DWYER

Ms Marie Therese FARRELL

Dr Craig Stephen HASSED

Mr Christopher Neil HAZELMAN

Dr Nigel Warren HOCKING

Mr Brian Francis HOPKINS

Mr Andrew Frank JESSOP

Mr Raymond Henry LUSCOMBE

Mr Robert Bruce McIVOR

Mr Stanley Walter MIDDLETON

Mr Peter Vincent QUINN

Mr Geoffrey Bruce ROBERTS

Mr Peter Hassal ROSS

Mr Brian Russell SAMUEL

Mr Clive Julian SMITH

Mr Michael Douglas WHALLEY

Mr Graeme Henry WILLIAMS

Mr Terence Sidney WILLS COOKE

Ms Stephanie Bridget WOOLLARD

## Public Service Medal

Mr David John MARTINE

## Australian Police Medal

Superintendent Peter Geoffrey LARDNER

## Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)

Lieutenant General John James FREWEN AM

## Distinguished Service Medal (DSC)

Captain James George RENWICK SC RANR

## LONGEST-SERVING MEMBERS

Name	Join Date
Anthony Street	29/10/1932
Ronald Quin	18/12/1933
Maurice Smith	17/12/1934
John Gahan	18/12/1936
Arthur Morris	18/12/1936
William Melville	18/12/1936
Sidney Akhurst	18/12/1936
Richard Gardner	18/12/1936
Evan Nutting	18/12/1936
William Rudd	17/12/1937

## OLDEST MEMBERS

Name	Age
Trevor Burgess	102
Arthur Atkins	101
William Rudd	101
Sidney Akhurst	100
Vernon Gibson	100 (Mar 12)
Arthur Charlwood	99
Arthur Morris	99
James Allard	99
Edward McKee	98
William Charles	98

# CLUB-BY-CLUB AT THE 'G

## 2019 AFL FIXTURE

### ADELAIDE CROWS



RD	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
19	Sat, July 27	Carlton	2.10pm

### BRISBANE LIONS



4	Sat, April 13	Essendon	2.10pm
23	TBC	Richmond	TBC

### CARLTON BLUES



1	Thu, March 21	Richmond	7.20pm
8	Sat, May 11	Collingwood	1.45pm
11	Sun, June 2	Essendon	3.20pm
16	Sun, July 7	Melbourne	1.10pm
19	Sat, July 27	Adelaide	2.10pm
21	Sun, August 11	Richmond	3.20pm
22	Sat, August 17	St Kilda	1.45pm

### COLLINGWOOD MAGPIES



1	Fri, March 22	Geelong	7.50pm
2	Thur, March 28	Richmond	7.20pm
3	Sat, April 6	West Coast	7.25pm
4	Fri, April 12	Bulldogs	7.50pm
6	Thu, April 25	Essendon	3.20pm
8	Sat, May 11	Carlton	1.45pm
9	Sat, May 18	St Kilda	1.45pm
11	Sat, June 1	Fremantle	1.45pm
12	Mon, June 10	Melbourne	3.20pm
16	Fri, July 5	Hawthorn	7.50pm
19	Fri, July 26	Richmond	7.50pm
20	Sun, August 4	Gold Coast	1.10pm
21	Sat, August 10	Melbourne	1.45pm
23	TBC	Essendon	TBC

### ESSENDON BOMBERS



3	Fri, April 5	Melbourne	7.50pm
4	Sat, April 13	Brisbane	2.10pm
6	Thu, April 25	Collingwood	3.20pm
7	Sun, May 5	Geelong	3.20pm
10	Sat, May 25	Richmond	7.25pm
11	Sun, June 2	Carlton	3.20pm
16	Sat, July 6	Sydney	1.45pm
23	TBC	Collingwood	TBC

### FREMANTLE DOCKERS



11	Sat, June 1	Collingwood	1.45pm
14	Sat, June 22	Melbourne	1.45pm

### GEELONG CATS



1	Fri, March 22	Collingwood	7.50pm
5	Mon, April 22	Hawthorn	3.20pm
7	Sun, May 5	Essendon	3.20pm
12	Fri, June 7	Richmond	7.50pm
18	Sun, July 21	Hawthorn	1.10pm

### GOLD COAST SUNS



20	Sun, August 4	Collingwood	1.10pm
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### GWS GIANTS



8	Sun, May 12	Hawthorn	3.20pm
10	Sun, May 26	Melbourne	1.10pm
17	Sun, July 14	Richmond	1.10pm

### HAWTHORN HAWKS



2	Sun, March 31	Bulldogs	3.20pm
3	Sun, April 7	Nth Melb	3.20pm
5	Mon, April 22	Geelong	3.20pm
7	Sat, May 4	Melbourne	1.45pm
8	Sun, May 12	GWS Giants	3.20pm
9	Sun, May 19	Richmond	3.20pm
15	Sat, June 29	West Coast	1.45pm
16	Fri, July 5	Collingwood	7.50pm
18	Sun, July 21	Geelong	1.10pm

### MELBOURNE DEMONS



1	Sat, March 23	Port Adelaide	1.45pm
3	Fri, April 5	Essendon	7.50pm
5	Sat, April 20	St Kilda	4.35pm
6	Wed, April 24	Richmond	7.35pm
7	Sat, May 4	Hawthorn	1.45pm
10	Sun, May 26	GWS Giants	1.10pm
12	Mon, June 10	Collingwood	3.20pm
14	Sat, June 22	Fremantle	1.45pm
16	Sun, July 7	Carlton	1.10pm
20	Sat, August 3	Richmond	7.25pm
21	Sat, August 10	Collingwood	1.45pm
22	Fri, August 16	Sydney	7.50pm

### NORTH MELBOURNE KANGAROOS



3	Sun, April 7	Hawthorn	3.20pm
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### PORT ADELAIDE POWER



1	Sat, March 23	Melbourne	1.45pm
18	Sat, July 20	Richmond	1.45pm

### RICHMOND TIGERS



1	Thu, March 21	Carlton	7.20pm
2	Thu, March 28	Collingwood	7.20pm
6	Wed, April 24	Melbourne	7.35pm
9	Sun, May 19	Hawthorn	3.20pm
10	Sat, May 25	Essendon	7.25pm
12	Fri, June 7	Geelong	7.50pm
17	Sun, July 14	GWS Giants	1.10pm
18	Sat, July 20	Port Adelaide	1.45pm
19	Fri, July 26	Collingwood	7.50pm
20	Sat, August 3	Melbourne	7.25pm
21	Sun, August 11	Carlton	3.20pm
22	Sun, August 18	West Coast	1.10pm
23	TBC	Brisbane	TBC

### ST KILDA SAINTS



5	Sat, April 20	Melbourne	4.35pm
9	Sat, May 18	Collingwood	1.45pm
22	Sat, August 17	Carlton	1.45pm

### SYDNEY SWANS



16	Sat, July 6	Essendon	1.45pm
22	Fri, August 16	Melbourne	7.50pm

### WEST COAST EAGLES



3	Sat, April 6	Collingwood	7.25pm
15	Sat, June 29	Hawthorn	1.45pm
22	Sun, August 18	Richmond	1.10pm

### WESTERN BULLDOGS



2	Sun, March 31	Hawthorn	3.20pm
4	Fri, April 12	Collingwood	7.50pm