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## IFCR President's Message

Greetings to all,

Many of our members are about to depart for the Fifth International Cricket Festival in Colombo, Sri Lanka. In fact it is very pleasing to see that Australia is sending not just one team but three. It is a real feather in the Australian IFCR's cap that we have a team from Western Australia. Only months ago we did not have a team of IFCR members in the west, and now we have a touring team. Well done fellows. Our other two teams are a northern team and a southern team. I can not refrain from expressing my joy that we have six playing members plus two wives from the Bundaberg Sunrise Club touring!

About three months ago the Fellowship of Flying Rotarians flew into Bundaberg for a weekend. Local Rotarians organised a Dinner Meeting for them. It was a very enjoyable night when Alison & I could not help but feel the similarity between this night and the countless Cricket Fellowship nights we have come to thoroughly enjoy. When we asked them what were the positives about their Fellowship, the immediate answer was "Rotary Fellowship and fellowship with members with a similar interest". To me that is exactly the answer I have heard from so many IFCR members. If you as an IFCR member have not participated in IFCR cricket matches either locally, at Australian Festivals, or as a touring member, then you will reap great pleasure and many long lasting memories by doing so at the next opportunity.

Talking of touring, Roy Powell co-ordinated a team to the North Island of New Zealand last March. After arriving in Auckland our Kiwi friends led by Mike & Lyn Lucas and John & Rachael Dean organised our nine day tour with four matches. There is a good chance we will be invited to tour once again next year in early March. Check your calendars and make yourself available.

In May, David Breusch and Richard Groom did the spade work to bring a team together from the east with our partners to travel to Perth for a week's tour. To constitute a team of 11, we were joined by three Kiwi cricketers, Geoff Atkinson, Bryce Dunn and Brian & Val Morgan. Brian is battling with his health so it was great he could play most of the time. Brian and Val were members of the first Australasian IFCR tour to England in 1994. Since then Brian has been instrumental in forming New Zealand IFCR of which he is President. We were once again spoilt by the generosity and good will of our Western Australian IFCR members. As a touring group we were indebted to David & Jan Horsley for their outstanding organisation, and to our long standing IFCR members, David & Wanda Johns and Clive Craddon, for their considerable support and assistance.

Now a tour for everybody to mark on their calendars, if you have not already done so, is next year's Australian IFCR Festival in Bundaberg. The date to log in is Sunday 12th to Thursday 16th October 2008. We can handle 16 teams at a central complex! See you there!

Yours in Rotary Fellowship

*Ian Petherick*  
*Australian President*

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## Vale Peter Daly

IFCR lost a very special friend in Peter Daly who passed away on 18 March 2007 after a short illness. Peter was much loved by his family and many friends throughout many parts of Australia and other parts of the World.

The many people who attended his funeral in Cessnock on the 23 March reflected the influence and friendship Peter had over his 60 years.

IFCR was well represented amongst the many mourners as were Family, Business Associates, Rotarians from many clubs, sporting friends from around Australia, school friends plus many other friends from many walks of life.

Many tributes flowed at the service and by absent friends, unable to be at the service. Also many wonderful stories and memories were swapped at the wake after the service. Some of the many tributes received are re-printed below.

### Kate Daly – wife

“ Peter was foremost a family man, he was “my first husband” and I was his “Mrs Savage” and when he was ill “ his witch doctor”, his laughter filled our lives.

He was Dad to his “lovely boys”, Pete to his daughters-in-law and later “Pop” to their children.

He was brother, uncle, cousin and friend.

The love and support of our many friends has been overwhelming and I thank each and every one of you.

I know you all have a special memory of Pete, so please join us at Potter’s Brewery, Wine Country Drive and we’ll share them all.

He wasn’t a saint- but oh how we loved him!”

### Ian Petherick – IFCR Australia-President

“Sad news. At 6.00 pm to-night Peter Daly lost his fight against the cancer he has manfully fought for the past 12 months.

Peter was a friend to the international IFCR body and respected by member fellowships. He will always be remembered for his special brand of humor and his ability to make people feel welcome. Peter had exceptional organisational skills as demonstrated at the Hunter Valley International IFCR Festival. He loved his cricket and performed at a high level in Sydney Grade

cricket until he and Kate moved to Cessnock. Peter & Kate were integral members of the inaugural Australian IFCR tour to England in 1994. It was the forerunner of others to the UK, but more importantly, it set the tone and high standards that have come to be associated with IFCR tours. Peter played a large part in establishing those standards. He was our 1997 skipper to the UK and helped then President Gordon Fenwick to co-ordinate another happy and successful tour there. Peter toured with IFCR to India, South Africa and New Zealand along with attending all Australian festivals and many inter-district matches, with some matches raising funds for a Rotary cause. Peter became President of the Australian IFCR after Gordon and was fittingly made a Paul Harris Fellow on the final night at Cessnock. Life Membership of the Australian IFCR was bestowed on him at the Benalla Festival last October. Both awards reflect the valuable contribution Peter made to IFCR and the esteem with which he is regarded by its members and their partners.

At this difficult time we will remember Peter for the great fellowship we have had with him, both on and off the cricket field. Our thoughts are with Kate and their loving and supportive family. IFCR has lost a friend, a colleague and a player, but his inspiration will be ongoing.”

### Michael Jackson, World Chairman, IFCR.

“ On behalf of all in IFCR I would like to express our sincere condolences to Kate and her family. Peter was an integral part of IFCR and our organisation is the poorer for his passing. I first met Peter at the MCG in October 1998. His first words to me were not complimentary. But I quickly realized that this was part of his endearing quality. I constantly reminded him of these first words and always got that same chuckle which implied that he would repeat them if I didn’t buy the next drink.

We became good friends and even though we lived many thousands of miles apart I always felt he was next door. When we met up again the conversation just carried on without a break. This is a strong part of IFCR and Peter was a key part of building that spirit.

Apart from all the work Peter did for IFCR Australia the majority will remember him for his work in organising the World Festival in the

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Hunter Valley in November 2004. Despite having the weather against him he worked tirelessly to provide us with a memorable week. I know we will miss his presence in Sri Lanka in August.”

## Our Mate Peter Daly – Bob Aitken

“Our mate Peter Daly was a superb cricketer and leader who loved life.

His philosophy on the field and in life was always to turn singles into two.

His broad grin, infectious chuckle and mischievous ways have been an integral part of Rotary Cricket for the past 13 years. We will all miss him more than we realize at this time.

The Australian IFCR Board of Management wisely moved to honor Peter with Life Membership at the time of the national festival in Benalla last October. Pete was delighted to be acknowledged by his peers in such a manner, and everyone applauded the timely recognition.

His IFCR record of service is second to none:

- Inaugural President of IFCR Australia.
- Member, inaugural Australian IFCR Touring team to UK, 1994.
- Captain, Australian IFCR Southern UK Touring team 1997.
- Organiser/captain, Australian IFCR NZ Touring team 2000.
- Chairman, IFCR Hunter Valley World Festival Organising Committee, 2004.
- Continuous service as Australian delegate on the IFCR World Board.
- Member of touring teams to NZ, 2002, India and South Africa 2004.
- Ongoing organiser/player in various IFCR inward tours, special games and events.

Those of us involved with the organisation of the IFCR Festival in the Hunter Valley in 2004 witnessed first hand Peter’s meticulous organising skills and strength in leadership. He never allowed a small inconvenience like rain to dampen his enthusiasm and determination to make the event a major success.

With staunch support from his wonderful Rotary colleagues in the Hunter Valley, the event was an outstanding success and featured such outstanding highlights as the first appearance of our Pakistani and South African Fellowship friends, a memorable night of entertainment involving some of the greatest living legends of Australian cricket and injection of a positive Rotary message at every after match function.

After “Mrs Savage” (wife Kate), his three fine sons Patrick, Sean and Matthew, and their equally fine families, cricket was the great love of Peter’s life.

He had 14 seasons with the Lindfield Cricket Club in the Sydney Shires competition and all were marked with significant achievements. Last year he was honoured with yet another special award when named as a “Legend of Sydney Shires Cricket”.

Like so many good cricketers, Peter learnt his considerable all round skills in the bush (Tamworth) and played much representative cricket in his halcyon days. He was a wily spin bowler who deceived many confident batsmen with subtle variations to flight and spin. His tenacious batting won numerous tight matches and he was respected everywhere he played. So great was his determination and technique that he scored his final century in Cessnock club cricket about a year before his passing, - as a fill in player to help a group of young friends field a team.

Peter and I often discussed “spreading the gospel” of the International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians to every possible cricket playing nation in the world. We nurtured the idea of IFCR branches in the West Indies and Fiji.

Late last year, such was his indomitable spirit, he was urging me not to “write him off yet” and that he was still keen to make the trip to Fiji and launch our latest Fellowship at the 9920 Conference in Nandi.

Another former IFCR Australian President David Breusch is working quietly behind the scenes to ensure that some lasting testimony to Peter’s service to Rotary cricket is put in place. Details of this project will be announced as soon as possible.

We all have some wonderful Peter Daly stories to share, and they will ensure that his memory lives with us for many years to come.

One thing we can be certain, he is currently doing the rounds with the great curator upstairs and we can look forward to the very best IFCR home ground and facilities when we tread the path to glory in years to come!”

## John Dean, New Zealand IFCR

“Peter Daly – The Little Nudger

Walk through that pavilion Daly  
with one last green raise of the cap

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tip it to those on the boundary  
standing to a smiling great knock.  
Recall many a spinning spell  
runs hit well from middle to edge.  
Now wine flows to a deeper well  
and it's us left out on the ledge.  
Leprechauns are at the wicket  
Daly saunters through the pickets  
a last dig this St Patrick's day.  
His Kiwi cousins have their say –  
G'day great Aussie nudger:  
keep the ball up, now forever  
and run soft hands and short singles  
like there is no tomorrow, sans Kate.  
The gear bag's packed and now well stored  
his cap one last time is folded;  
so mates look out, were on our way  
on tour, with St Peter, daily.”

## Membership

We welcome the following new members to our ranks:

Gary Klippel, Clark Potter, Cathy Roth, John Roth, Andrew Jensen, Russell McGibbon, Ric Marr, Gavin Gilmore, Trevor Andrews and Jeff Stephenson.

Some of these members are taking part in the 5th World Rotary Cricket Festival in Sri Lanka and we look forward to meeting up with all new members soon.

We are always looking out for new members and seek your co-operation in introducing potential members.

Membership is available at \$10/ year, \$50/5 years or a one of \$100 for Life Time Membership. Application Brochures are available from the Secretary or by using the Membership Application form that is available by downloading from the website at [www.rotarycricket.org](http://www.rotarycricket.org) under the Australian section and “Application Form”

We still have some unfinancial members and recently Account Rendered invoices were sent out to these people. If you have overlooked or forgotten to renew your subscription it is not too late to do so.

If you have changed your address, phone numbers, email address etc. recently don't forget to notify the Secretary of the new details so we can keep track of you and don't loses contact.

## Website

Our web site address has recently changed. Please make note of the new address. It is [www.rotarycricket.org](http://www.rotarycricket.org) so take a look at it on a regular basis to keep up to date with the latest developments. Our web master, Richard Groom is always looking for stories and photographs so please contact him on 03-98884099 or [rgroom@iinet.net.au](mailto:rgroom@iinet.net.au)

## Coming Events

The 5th World Rotary Cricket Festival is due to commence on the 12 August and will conclude on the 18 August.

Arrangements are falling into place and it is expected that there will be at least 14 team participating. This will include India (6), Australia (3), Sri Lanka (2), Pakistan (1), England (1) and Pakistan (1). Some South African's will be there, but not a full team. This could mean over 300 people will be attending and makes for a great week of Cricket, Fun and Fellowship. The organisers have arranged an interesting cricket program and have alternate programs for the partners, who may want to try some local shopping or sightseeing around Colombo.

The 3 teams from Australia are: Western Redbacks from WA and captained by David Horsley, Northern Australian Jackaroos to be captained by Ian Petherick and the Southern Australian Bushrangers captained by Patrick O'Shea.

All up there will be 60 people from Australia attending, a great effort.

Interestingly there are players from every Australian mainland state, from Mission Beach (Qld) through to Perth (WA).

David Horsley has done very well in arranging the Western Redback team from WA and it has many new members to IFCR Australia. From all reports they are looking forward to the tour. The Northern Jackaroos contains 6 members from the Rotary Club of Bundaberg Sunrise, a great effort by Ian Petherick and his club. They have all been practising very hard for the Festival in the lovely Queensland winter.

Meantime the Southern Bushrangers have been restricted by the severe winter conditions and have been unable to get in any serious practice.

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However skipper, Patrick O'Shea reckons that his team of finely tuned athletes can rise to the occasion on a limited preparation.

A lot of members are taking the opportunity to do post Festival tours through Sri Lanka and other destinations.

For more information on the Festival please check out the blog site [www.ifcr-srilank-ablogspot.com](http://www.ifcr-srilank-ablogspot.com)

## Australian festival

President Ian has mentioned in his message that the next Australian Festival is to be held in Bundaberg from Sunday 12 to Thursday 16 October 2008. Please put the date in your diary now as it will be a great occasion. The organising committee is already busy arranging the program and have promised a wonderful Rotary Cricket and Fellowship event.

It is envisaged that the opening night will be on Sunday night the 12 October with games being played on the Monday, Tuesday and Thursday followed by the Final function on Thursday night. All games will be on 4 adjoining grounds with a central Club House for Fellowship and other activities.

It will be a great occasion and it would be wonderful to see a big crowd flocking to sunny Bundaberg.

## Charity Game Back

After an absence of 2 years, the Charity Cricket Match at the delightful Hume and Hovell Cricket Ground is back this year. Our hosts Don and Anne McQueen are looking forward to hosting us again and can guarantee it will be a special Rotary Cricket experience. The game is scheduled for Sunday 11 November 2007, so put this date in your diary now. Full details will be advised after the World

Festival. So stay tuned and keep your eye on the web site.

## Past Events

Once again there have been many IFCR events since our Australian Festival last October. These have included inter and intra District games, Interstate tours and a tour to New Zealand.

## New Zealand

A short tour to the North Island of New Zealand took place from the 3 to 11 March.

The tour was the brainchild of Roy Powell, who put it together with John Dean and Rachel Barton of NZ IFCR. A total of 12 members and 7 partners met in Auckland on the Saturday 3 March and were home hosted by Rotarians from the Auckland area.

Mike Lucas and Murray Allison did a great job in planning the whole stay in Auckland.

The 1st game on Sunday was held at Coatesville Cricket Ground and was a very special occasion. It was the very 1st game on this new ground that local Rotarian and IFCR member Derrick Evennett and family had painstakingly built over several years.

Despite the dry conditions the pitch played very well although the outfield was a bit hard due to the dry conditions.

Derrick had the honor of bowling the 1st ball and then retired to enjoy the rest of the game and to help prepare the after match festivities.

On a very fast ground NZ IFCR made 244 of their 40 overs. Australia managed to pass this score with a couple of overs to spare.

The lunch and BBQ after match were highlights and many thanks are due to all the ladies who helped organise this.

Derrick and his family are to be congratulated on their new ground and no doubt it will be the venue for many more IFCR activities.

Host families arranged sightseeing and more fellowship on the Monday before the party made its way to Tauranga/ Mt Maunganu for 2 nights in serviced apartments right on the beach.

The next game was played against the Tauranga Golden Oldies at the MCG (Matapihi CC). This ground is another private ground in a delightful setting and is owned by local Businessman Neil Craig. The Golden Oldies were to good and passed our score of 149 in the 34th over. Once again the luncheon and the after match were highlights and a good opportunity to catch up with our opponents in a convivial atmosphere. Taupo was the next destination for one night, with motel overlooking Lake Taupo and a few of the party took the opportunity for a spot of trout fishing prior to the Fellowship dinner in the evening.

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Friday saw the party travel over the mountains and into Napier to meet up with our hosts from the Rotary Club of Napier. After lunch on route, the teams met at the Napier Boys High School to prepare for the test Match against NZ IFCR, with the Brian Morgan Trophy up for grabs. Our game coincided with the Annual North/South game and Fellowship weekend. It was great to catch up with Brian and Val Morgan and despite Brian's illness he was able to make an appearance during the game. The game was a very tight affair with the Aussies managing to secure a good win and thus retained the Brian Morgan trophy.

Saturday was a rest day and sightseeing was arranged around Napier and the Hawkes Bay region. A wonderful Fellowship dinner was held at a local winery on Saturday night and many tales were swapped.

The final game on Sunday was against the Havelock North Golden Oldies, whilst on the adjacent ground the Kiwi's held their annual North v South game. The Havelock boys were a bit too strong, so it helped get to the after match quicker and to enjoy more fellowship with the hosts families, our NZ IFCR friends and the Golden Oldie boys.

Once again the organising, home hosting and fellowship was superb and full credit to the organisers, host families and the players and families. Special thanks are due to John Dean and Rachael Barton who helped organise and co-ordinated the whole week. They even travelled around with the touring party.

Lets hope this type of tour can become a regular feature on the IFCR Australia calendar.

## D 9700 Games.

The annual game between the DG XL and the Rotary clubs of Wagga Wagga was held on the 18 March at Wallendbeen, between Young and Cootamundra. Captains for the day were John Hamblin (DG XL) and David Cannon (Wagga Wagga). The game was very evenly matched and whilst rain fell towards the end of the game it did not cause the players to leave the field. The DG XL won the game and Skipper John Hamblin accepted the trophy after the game and is looking forward to holding it next year.

A more detailed report is available on our web site [www.rotarycricket.org](http://www.rotarycricket.org)

## 2007 DG Challenge Shield

The annual D9700 and 9790 game was held at Wallendbeen on the 22 April 2007. There were 14 players and families who ventured to Young on the night before for home hosting and great Fellowship.

Prior to the game the teams held a minutes silence to mark the sad loss of Peter Daly. Peter had played cricket for 3 years at Wallendbeen whilst living in Cootamundra and it was a fitting recognition to a great man.

Bruce Pooley was captain of D9790 and John Gray of 9700.

During lunch IFCR member and past Governor Nevin Hughes and Verona joined the teams for lunch.

In a very even and close game, D 9790 managed to win and regain the shield.

A detailed report is available on the web site at [www.rotarycricket.org](http://www.rotarycricket.org)

## Western Australia

After years of travelling East for Festivals and other IFCR activities, the tables were turned recently.

The Sandgroppers, under the guidance of David Horsley, were hosts to a team from the Eastern States in April this year.

The tour was a fitting reward for the great support the Westerners have given IFCR Australia and the long distances they have travelled over many years. It was also a unique tour as the team was complimented by the presence of 3 IFCR NZ members. It was great to see Brian and Val Morgan, plus Bryce Dunn and Geoff Atkinson join the tour. It was especially pleasing to see Brian Morgan participating as he has not enjoyed the best of health recently.

The party consisted of 12 players and 8 partners and they were treated to some fantastic fellowship and visited many interesting places. This included a tour of the WACA in Perth and some delicious wine tasting at Ashbrook Winery courtesy of Rotarian Tony Devitt.

The tour started in Perth and then travelled south to Bussleton and Bunbury and surrounding areas, a truly beautiful part of the West. Games were played in Perth (2) and 1 each in Bussleton and Bunbury.

The visit created a lot of interest in the West and has resulted in quite a number of new members and helped create interest in organising the Western Redback's team for the World Festival in Sri Lanka.

All up the short tour was a great success and a credit to the organisers. A detailed report is posted on the web site at [www.rotarycricket.org](http://www.rotarycricket.org)



## Warrnambool

A first occurred in Warrnambool on Sunday the 1st April.

A cricket game was organised by IFCR amongst Warrnambool and District clubs. Mike Boyd from RC Warrnambool attended the Australian Festival in Benalla in October last year. It was his 1st IFCR function and he was enthused to return home and arrange a game locally. Bernie Waixel from RC Port Fairy and Howard Barclay from RC Portland played and help spread the word about IFCR. From reports the day was a great success both on and of the ground and it sounds like IFCR may be able to capitalise on this opportunity for future expansion. Well done to Mike Boyd in getting things going.





## Fiji - newest IFCR recruit

For some years now IFCR Australia member and Managing Editor of Rotary Down Under Bob Aitken has had an ambition to establish IFCR in Fiji. This became a reality on Anzac day this year. Then Governor Warwick Pleass held his D 9920 Conference in Nandi, Fiji this year and invited representatives of IFCR to organise a conference cricket event to launch the Fiji branch of the Fellowship. The game, played on Anzac Day, was a great success and attracted male and female Rotarians from New Zealand, Australia, India, England, Samoa and Fiji. Amongst the IFCR members attending were World Chairman, Michael Jackson (England), Kittu Krishnaswami (India), plus Australians David Breusch,

Charles Townsing, Bob Aitken, John and Cathy Roth. During the course of the Conference several opportunities for assisting local groups were identified and a donation of \$500 was made to assist a local orphanage, Happy Home, purchase some cricket equipment. Other projects are being assessed and further proposals are expected soon. Bob Aitken gives more details of the visit in his column in the June Edition of Rotary Down Under.

