



President's Report AGM 22/06/2025

Welcome everyone, and I acknowledge our Life Members here today and thank you all for coming and showing your support for our club. The 2024/25 season was another busy and challenging season full of events, fundraising, and social activities. Preseason we had visits from Australian cricketer Xavier Bartlett and Qld Bulls player Jack Wildermuth, the Come & try day was a huge success.

We had another Bunnings sausage sizzle, Social barefoot bowls day at Toowoomba Bowls club, we continue to hold the ever-popular Friday night raffles right here at the Royal and the club hosted a 3-day Qld country carnival between Sth Qld and Nth Qld.

We welcomed Pommie Jake Tarling to our shores, Jake performed quite well and taking away the Prestigious Father Graham Best & Fairest award for the TCI, Jake was also runner up in the A grade player of the year voting.

Also joining the club from Brisbane were Tom & Ben Brandt, and a young fella from Warwick Rory Farrell.

Our women's team won the inaugural premiership.

We fielded teams in all senior grades from A to D grade, 3 Divisions in the T 20 competition, the women's competition and over 130 junior cricketers enjoying their cricket from little Blasters to Stage 3.

I would like to thank our sponsors who came on board this season – Heritage Community Branch – Royal Hotel – High Country Dental – Westside Timbers – Stockman Sheds – Rae Electrical – Provincial Distributors – CNW Electrical – Highfields Gourmet Meats – Colliers Liam Hopkins – Paradise Pet Retreat – Plumbing and Gas – Brumbys – The Fishbone – Dorroughby Stockfeeds – Highfields Chiropractic – HQ Hire – Toowoomba Cruise & Travel – Paragon Homes – Darling Downs Audiology – High Country Herald and Whack Sports.

Thank you to each one of you as you all play a huge role in sustaining our club so we can continue to grow in the future.

HDRCC wouldn't and couldn't function without our hard-working executive & committee, a massive thank you to Senior VP Tony Anderson, Junior VP Dane Little, Secretary Annika Ehrlich, Treasurer Alan Donges and Recent interim Treasurer Alex Taylor. Committee: Patron Brett Nielsen, Sponsorship Co Ordinator Tim Ehrlich, Canteen Co Ordinator Anita Honan, Dylan Harvey, Struan & Libby McNaughton, Justin Edwards, Brad Siddans, Pat Turner, Jenny Anderson, Robbie Glover, Ben Anderson, Julie Gordon & Sandra Morrish.

To the captains, thank you for your commitment, Ben Anderson A grade, Justin Edwards Reserve grade, Rob Kruger/Brett Lyons B/C grade, Adrian Burgess C/D grade and Kayleen Beer/Julie Gordon Women's team.

Special mention to our ever-growing volunteers in particular coach/mentor/covers specialist Tim Connolly and wife Kerrie who also opened their home and fridge for Pommie Jake, special shout out to Les Hollist for lending his car to the Pom.

Thanks to Jeremy Cotter for his behind-the-scenes work and guidance throughout the season and beyond.

Thank you to Brett Lyons for all the work you do for the club and to Justin Edwards for your help in gaining valuable Woolworths vouchers and donations.

Thanks to John Lee, our head curator, for continuing to produce the best wickets in the region and thanks to Stuart Wilson for taking on the curating of Glover oval for the first time.

Thanks to our junior coaches who gave of their time to bring along our next crop of stars.

Thank you to those who helped out with running the canteen.

On a sad note, we did lose Life Member Bob Harding this season but not before A grade claimed the Student Bulldog Shield in a close fought match vs Uni. RIP Bobby.

Across the board we didn't quite get the results on the paddock but there were positives with our juniors showing promise & developing nicely, Burgos D grade men reaching the Semis, Div 1 T 20 also reaching the Semis and as mentioned previously our Women's team created history winning the inaugural premiership, this is an exciting time for our women's game and I'm looking forward to watching the girls game grow.

REPRESENTATIVE HONORS. Congratulations to Jack Hollist Qld ID team, Jake Tarling, Rory Farrell, Belinda Sipple, Justine Bateman & Ethan Lyons for Toowoomba selection and Myles Ehrlich DDSWQ.

At the recent TCI awards presentation our club was announced as the winner of the Norm Jenner Spirit of cricket award, which is voted by other clubs and umpires. This is a credit to everyone concerned. Congratulations

A great turnout was seen at our junior break-up/awards afternoon on a wet and cold day at HSP, where everyone pitched in to help the day run smoothly.

The Senior banquet/awards night was very well attended with a special announcement on the night with a well-deserved Life Membership being presented to Peter Spence.

The George Bousen Memorial Award for Best Club members was awarded to Les Hollist and Julie Gordon.

Andy Bichel was also a great addition as the guest speaker.

I believe our club is in a position right now to really cement our place in the cricket community based on the ever-growing & developing region of Highfields & Districts with new families moving into the area. It is an exciting time for our club.

Looking back over the past 4 years of being President & my attachment to our club, I am so proud & thankful to have been provided the opportunity to give everything possible to our club and I'm very confident that we will continue to thrive & prosper into the future.

Thank you all for your support and especially Sandra and my family.

Your President

Tony Morrish