



UNSW
CRICKET CLUB

University of NSW Cricket Club Life Member Profile

Andrew Jones



Player



President

Roles and Honours

President	2009-13, 2020-23
Senior Vice President	2008-09
Honorary Secretary	1996-97
Team Captain	7th Grade 1994-95, 6th Grade 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98, 2005-06, 2006-07, 5th Grade 2007-08, 2008-09
UNSW Sports Recognition Award	2013
Barr-Turn Trophy	2011-12
Peter D Richardson Clubman of the Year	1996-97

Individual Profile

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

Born in the old Sydney Women's Hospital, Paddington, in December 1972.

Mum had only been in Australia for a couple of weeks, emigrating from Ireland via the Cape as Nasser had closed the Suez. So, I was nearly born on the ship. And since babies born at sea take the nationality of the ship, I was nearly Panamanian! Grew up in the Inner West, between Homebush West and Stanmore.

Where did you play your junior/local cricket or become interested in cricket?

My Dad, Clayton Jones, was a cricket nut, as was his father (also Clayton Jones). They both played for Leinster CC, in Dublin (as later did I). So, it was ingrained from birth. The major religious figure in our household was Garfield Sobers, whom Dad routinely referred to as "God".

When and why did you become involved with UNSWCC?

Dad came to Australia in September 1972 to teach for a couple of years and play Grade cricket. He came out earlier than Mum to find a place to live and catch the start of the season. Dad was assigned to Miller High, near Liverpool, so set up house (via Villawood Migrant Hostel) in Cabramatta. Bankstown was the nearest club at that time, so he played 3 years there. The net bowlers for his try-out were Pascoe and Thommo! Dad moved to UNSWCC in 1975-76 and played 17 seasons for the Bees while teaching at Newington then SCECGS Redlands. So, I pretty much grew up at David Phillips and the VG. I learned my cricket there, at Leichhardt Rovers, and at Newington.

What did you like about UNSW Cricket?

As a kid knocking around the old Sam Cracknell pavilion, and the even older demountables at DP, I always had a lower-grader who was happy to chat and/or bowl some balls to me. Asoka Wijeratne was always very nice to me as were legends like Dave Meagher, Henry and club leading wicket-takers Greig Robinson and (Dad's former pupil) Rob Stark. So, I was part of the furniture from a young age. A UNSWCC tour to South America post-HSC in 1990 introduced me to Matt Sanders and Mike Gregg, re-introduced me to Harold Holt and was an absolute blast. When I enrolled in UNSW Law School in 1992 the deal was sealed.

What is your Club nickname (Explain who gave it to you and why – if not obvious **Jonesy. Not much to it!**)

The Table above outlines some of your Club achievements, roles, and honours. Can you give us an insight into how you saw your contribution to UNSW Cricket, which do you consider the most important?

The two contributions of which I'm most proud are writing the club's submission to the NSWCA in 1997 making the case for our retention in Grade Cricket. I was only a couple of months into my first job, at McKinsey & Company, and life was pretty intense. But I channeled 5 years of Law School and a few weeks of Business Analysis into a detailed, punchy and fact-based submission that played a small part (along with advocacy by much bigger hitters such as Chappo and Freehills' Keith Steele) in our survival for another quarter-century at least.

The other is being the guy making all the phone calls on a Thursday night to fill the bottom team (7s then 6s) after pull-outs in some or all the upper grades. This was pre-email and mobile phones, so it resembled a telethon. I had a list of about 20 names and numbers each week of varying degrees of skill and commitment. I never dropped anybody before Friday afternoon because I was always a chance to need them!

I was a very ordinary cricketer until late in my career when I got some technical advice from Murray Creed and Warren Smith then started practising. But I like to think the teams I captained were enjoyable to play in: consistent with the Uni ethos we were always trying to win, and to do it with a sense of humour.

What did it mean to you to be awarded life membership?

It was special at the time (I think 2013) and it is even more special now. I have literally spent my lifetime in and around the club so would have felt connected to it anyway. But life membership really cements that.

I also feel connected for the life to the people with whom I've played and/or served: guys like Paul Serov, Matt Sanders, David Jebb, Mike Gregg, Henry and Darren Sue. Life is about relationships as much as achievements, and I have nothing but love and respect for these and other legends of the club for the time they've put in and the results they've delivered. I am in awe of their contributions.

What is your greatest memory or memories of UNSW Cricket?

Cricket was always recreation for me, as my very poor stats confirm, with studies by far my comparative advantage! So, the on-field highlights were more about the premiership or two we won in the Moore Park comp and/or Metro Cup, and, very late in my career making my first and then second Grade hundred. Off-field highlights include a lot of annual dinners and aftermaths, and that South American tour. But my greatest memories actually aren't memories: it is the sense of richness I feel in the relationships with all the Bees I've known over the years and who remain such a big part of life.

In what profession or area of work are/were you mainly involved? What are your main interests outside cricket?

I studied law but was more interested in making the mess than cleaning it up so went into management consulting. That led me to a McKinsey strategy project for Cricket Australia in 2004 which suggested (among other things) that a T20 comp might be a good idea. Shortly afterwards I made the decision to orient my career towards the strategy and business of sport. I ended up running Cricket NSW 16 years after suggesting they not kick us and Sydney Uni out of the comp, which was very enjoyable and very satisfying. As well as cricket I've consulted in rugby league, golf, netball, and racing. My main interests are business strategy, sport, music, investing and media so my career scratches most of those itches. I salute UNSWCC sport business pioneers (two of whom were my predecessors as President), Super League fixer Jacky Jourdain, his protege David "Morgs" Gallop, and Stadium Australia builder and financier Chris Chapman.

Where are you now?

In Melbourne serving as CEO of Racing Victoria.

Anything else you would like to add

I started at UNSWCC because of Dad, but I stayed because I wanted to. It's a privilege to have been part of the club for 45+ years. UNSW has treated the club very poorly in recent years, but the club has always treated me very well. I am a very proud Life Member.

Playing Record

Andrew Jones									
Years Played			Grade			1991-2014			
			Shires			N/A			
BATTING									
Grade	Games	Inn.	NO	Total	Ave.	Highest	Caught	50's	100's
5	28	31	2	510	17.6	104*	7	1	1
6	95	100	3	1476	15.2	100	8	4	1
7	20	20	1	803	42.3	82		3	
Totals	143	151	6	2789	19.2	104*	15	8	2
BOWLING									
Grade	Games	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average	5WI	Best	
5	28	3	0	0	14				
6	95	78	5	12	369	30.8		3 for 18	
7	20	17	1	2	99	49.5		1 for 35	
Totals		98	6	14	482	34.4			



6th Grade Semi-Final Team v Penrith at David Phillips North

Back Row: Steve Halikas, Mark Lucas, Suresh Kalagara, Michael Roucek, Jonathan Tan, Matt Garland, Hugh Sangster (12th Man).

Front Row: Paul Serov, Mayur Kulkarni, Andrew Jones, Nivan Weerakkody, Ben Tate.