



**UNSW
CRICKET CLUB**

University of NSW Cricket Club Life Member Profiles.

David Carson



2004

Roles and Honours

Senior Vice President	2009-13
Chairman of Selectors	2007-08
UNSW Sports Association Delegate	1996-99, 2011-12
Team Captain	PG 1996-97, 1997-98, 1st Grade 2001-02, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07
Premiership Teams	1st Grade 1 Day 2004-05
UNSW Sporting Blue	1999
Ted Davis Player of the Year	2000-01
Barr-Turn Trophy	2006-07

Individual Profile

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born in Dubbo Base Hospital and lived in Dubbo until the end of high school, when I moved to campus at UNSW

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

I played junior cricket at Newton Dubbo Cricket Club

When and why did you become involved with UNSWCC?

My first major interaction with UNSWCC was the night I received my higher school certificate marks. This also coincided with the yearly UNSWCC country cricket tour which stopped in Dubbo.

That night I attended a school leavers' pub crawl with my school mates, which was 'complicated' as I was not yet 18 years old. After 'workshopping' with some mates, we had the good idea to borrow a mates ID to gain entry to the pubs. My mate Jack was happy to oblige. We brushed aside the lack of resemblance (Jack was a 6 foot 2 aboriginal lad) and headed off to the pubs to give it a crack.

Not surprisingly, the plan failed dismally, and it wasn't long before I was out on my ear sitting on the footpath adjacent to the beer garden feeling sorry for myself. To my surprise, a couple of the UNSWCC lads came over and had a yarn to me, passing beers through the beer garden fence until the pub crawl moved to a venue more open to underaged entries. This simple interaction from a couple of blokes I didn't know struck a chord with me.

After this night out, I made the decision to join the Bees.

What did you like about UNSW Cricket?

One aspect of the culture that was present when I played resonated with me - Theorising. The club fostered and valued the development of, and expression of, contrasting views - nowadays referred to as “diversity of thought”.

Avid discussions were encouraged from everyone throughout the club and occurred most vociferously on pub crawls where everyone got together and spun a few yarns. Eccentric behaviours and characters were encouraged to be themselves and as a result this provided an enjoyable, stimulating environment with all sorts of theories flying around the place.

What is your Club nickname (Explain who gave it to you and why – if not obvious

Worm – Danl Christian gave this to me when working nightshifts on the cross city tunnel, spending most of my time underground in the dark.

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?

All roles within a non for profit organisation are important, for without them the organisation does not exist.

At the time I did not have any view on my off-field contribution to the club or of what it should comprise, I simply enjoyed spending time in and around ‘the hive’ and with the people involved there.

A great strength of the club has always been the quality of people within it; in particular the office bearers and people who keep the organisation running smoothly.

Invariably, I gravitated towards these people who I viewed as role models. An extension of this involved helping out when I saw assistance was required.

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

UNSWCC has so many successful, inspirational, interesting and accomplished human beings who also happen to be great people and great company. Being awarded life membership at UNSWCC is the one thing I most cherish from my cricketing days.

What is your greatest memory or memories of UNSW Cricket?

The memories - so many and so varied; from reading Fingers Gregg and then Porn's Saturday Sledge, talking rubbish with teammates after being nicked off early, celebrating wins and commiserating losses at 'the hive' after the game, the many and varied club functions (harbour cruises, cricket Olympics, stumps games, talent quests, pub crawls), country tours, 2000 UK tour, Snake Rooter Cup to winning the one day competition.

It remains a great joy to catch up with my mates from UNSWCC days, renew the friendships and take a trip down memory lane over a few jars.

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

Along with 2 other guys I own and operate a geotechnical engineering consultancy, based in Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast. Our business is also a social enterprise, which distributes 50% of its profits to provide opportunities and support disadvantaged youth in the community.

Where are you now?

Living in Brisbane with my wife and 3 daughters

Anything else you would like to add

One element I would communicate to current players; enjoy the experience of playing, participating and most importantly contributing to the club.

In 20 years time, don't be surprised if you look back on it as the time of your life and reflect on the many friendships that you formed as a result of this time.

Playing Record

David Carson									
Years Played			Grade			1994-2012			
			Shires			N/A			
BATTING									
Grade	Games	Inn.	NO	Total	Ave.	Highest	Caught	50's	100's
1	156	180	24	4544	29.1	173	57	20	6
1LO	64	62	7	1518	27.6	99*	18	10	
2	29	27	3	945	39.4	158	4	2	4
3	3	3	0	86	28.7	48	1		
4	3	3	0	69	23.0	61	2	1	
PG	17	17	0	404	23.8	62	5	2	
State Cup	1	1	0	19	19.0	19			
Totals	273	293	34	7585	29.3	173	87	35	10
BOWLING									
Grade	Games	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average	5WI	Best	
1	156	357.7	55	39	1192	30.6		4 for 69	
1LO	64	120.9	7	22	596	27.1		3 for 17	
2	29	93.5	20	9	285	31.7		3 for 40	
4	3	12	2	3	52	17.3		1 for 6	
PG	17	69	7	7	283	40.4		2 for 17	
State Cup	1	3	0	0	16			0 for 16	
Totals		656.1	91	80	2424	30.3			



Before the Toss at Dharamshala stadium on the UNSWCC India Tour 2005



1st Grade Limited-Overs Premiers 2004/05

Back. W Smith, P Richardson, A Neilan, E Zehner, J Day, M Elliott, J Webb (13th man), T Cox
Kneeling: D Christian, M O'Connor. Sitting: M Creed, I Salisbury, D Carson, T Lang, C Brown.