



# NORTHERN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

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LORDS TEST 28<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

### NATHAN LYON – 100<sup>TH</sup> TEST STRAIGHT



And then this – A devastating calf injury::



Nathan Lyon says his calf injury has left him low, but nothing would stop him helping further Australia's Ashes cause in whatever way he could, with a courageous batting effort on day four. Nursing a badly injured calf, Nathan walked out to bat at No.11 in Australia's second innings, to add an extra 15 runs with Mitchell Starc, much to the delight of the Lord's crowd. Forever a hero. All the best Nath for a speedy return!

['Shattered' Lyon determined to 'do anything' to help Aussies \(cricket.com.au\)](http://cricket.com.au)

### LORDS – The English Mark Taylor Oval!

Whether it be on the sacred turf or off it, you didn't have to walk far at Lords before running into a member of the NDCC! Besides the heavy artillery above, there were plenty of soldiers on the ground.



President Jerry Hook also arranged a dinner on the evening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> day to gather the ND's flock who had made the trip to the Old Dart. This also included some of the English cricketers that have played with the club. "PomND Old Boys" include: Nick Knight, Alan Richardson, Jon Webb, Chris Wright, Chris Peplow, Josh Poysden, Scott Borthwick, Louie Shaw, Will Buttleman.



Jerry with Peter & Julie Taylor



Old Boys Rowan McGregor & Ross Toohy



Jerry with Ross & Therese Webb



John Hook, Ross Turner & Craig Hambleton



Jack, Ann & Chris Shelley



Scott Borthwick & Dave Ball





Jim Robson, Rowan McGregor & others



Ross Turner & Steve Liggins



Mark Taylor & Rowan McGregor



Ross Turner & Sachin Bajaj



Rowan with Ian & Louise MacCue



Dave Ball, Jerry Hook, John Webb





Ben Eastwood, Ross Toohey, Steve Liggins, Dave Ball, Louis Shaw, John Webb, Josh Poysden, Scott Borthwick

### CONGRATULATIONS ELYSA OLIVERI



ND's player, Elysa Oliveri is heavily involved in volunteering:

- Coaching young children within Blowfly Cricket
- The project management of a school fundraiser event for the Blind Cricket team
- The McGrath Foundation
- And the official opening of the Pennant Hills High School cricket nets.
- Elysa's coaching at Thornleigh Cricket Club has had an immediate impact with the team, in particular the young girls in the team.

- Her involvement with Blowfly Cricket initiated her proposal to run programs through public schools. This resulted in the introduction of a 4 week pilot program that was successfully run at Asquith Primary School.

**Elysa (Gatorade Australia Young Leader of the Year) was also a winner at Cricket Australia's annual community awards in May.**

**Cricket NSW CEO, Lee Germon, paid tribute to award recipients.**

*"Elysa and Amanda exemplify all that is great amongst cricket's many wonderful volunteers and the fact they continue to be recognised for their tireless effort is well deserved....The contributions of all the winners, from all the sports, showcases why community sport volunteers are the lifeblood of our communities."*

**Congrats Elysa from everyone at NDs**

## NDCC WOMENS CRICKET

**Come and Try  
NDCC Womens  
Cricket!**

**Saturday 29th July @ Mark  
Taylor Oval 12pm - 3pm**

**Open to current, former and new players!**

**RAMS**

**MARKETPLACE.FINANCE**

**Trish** Multiple Sclerosis  
Research Foundation

Come and Try NDCC Women's Cricket! Our Women's squads will be commencing pre-season on Saturday the 29th of July at Mark Taylor Oval. This session is open to all current, former and new players!

## NDCC AGM – Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**NDCC  
AGM**

**Dear NDs Players (Past and Present), Supporters and Friends:**

You are hereby cordially invited to attend the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Northern Districts Cricket Club Inc., to be held in the Acacia Room at Hornsby RSL, (4 High St) on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023 commencing 6.30pm.

**Highlight:** New Life Member announced! ... Come and celebrate at the Hornsby RSL 27<sup>th</sup> July.

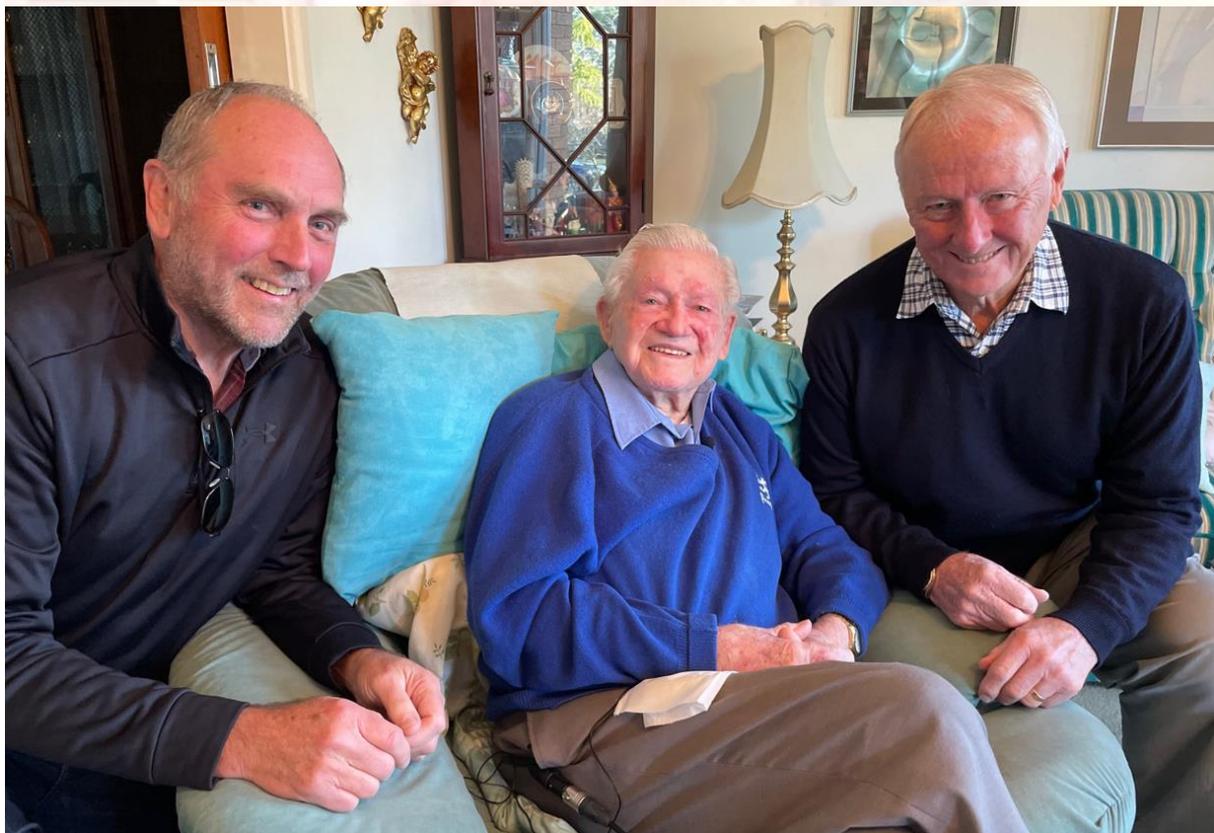
THE STORY OF 4 MEN & AN ALLEN KEY ... WHAT COULD GO WRONG!



Jack Moran, Austy Morey, Josh Miller & myself lived to tell the story of how it took 6 weeks to erect a bowling machine. It takes 4 brave men, 48 cups of coffee, a defibrillator, a nurse and an allen key. Austy had just come from a double hip replacement. Jack had a couple of stents. Drifter had a bad back, Gozza had a sudden appointment and Josh had a smile on his face ... eventually.



*Rangers Alumni*



Mike Langford, Neil Harvey & Interviewer, David Sincock

Thanks go to Dave Sincock for providing to the Club a unique opportunity to interview Australian cricket legend and last remaining “Invincible” ... Neil Harvey.

Thanks also to Simon Trowell for organising the professional services of photographer Theo Clark. And last thanks to Neil’s daughter, Ann, and her husband Thomas.



Neil Harvey in action

Photographer Theo Clark

What a pleasure and a privilege to sit beside a cricketing icon and listen to his stories about memories at NDs, his 4 tours to England by boat, this greatest moments in cricket and life in general. Neil might be 94 (bd 6-10-28) but can still remember who was bowling at him in the 50s & 60s.

He remembers well when he captained the NDs 1<sup>st</sup> grade to a premiership back in 1966/67. In his recollection, he modestly never mentioned the fact that he scored 136! Valuable footage for another time.

### Sutherland 1st Innings

Batsman			Runs		
R Neill		b GK Doherty	45		
B Dawson	c GR Southwell	b H Anderson	21		
C Dodd	c MG Hope	b WJ Jocelyn	0		
R Every	c H Anderson	b WJ Jocelyn	0		
EK Cotton*	c WJ Jocelyn	b H Anderson	5		
R Erickson		b JR Phillips	6		
J Philip	c GK Doherty	b JR Phillips	0		
R Bain+	c RN Harvey	b JR Phillips	3	<b>Bowler</b>	
G Shrubsole	c CF Hughes	b JR Phillips	25	WJ Jocelyn	30 2
R Wade	not out		7	H Anderson	32 2
M Black		b JR Phillips	2	GK Doherty	22 1
extras			5	JR Phillips	29 5
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>119</b>	JAL Blazey	1 0

### Northern District 1st Innings

Batsman			Runs
LA Marks	c R Bain	b EK Cotton	31
GR Southwell	c R Erickson	b EK Cotton	24
RN Harvey*		b J Philip	136
NG Marks	c J Philip	b G Shrubsole	125
MG Hope		b R Wade	43
JR Phillips	c R Bain	b G Shrubsole	4
CF Hughes+		b R Wade	1
JAL Blazey	not out		5
WJ Jocelyn	dnb		
H Anderson	dnb		
GK Doherty	dnb		
extras			15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7 wickets (declared) for</b>		<b>384</b>

Bowler	Runs	Wkts
M Black	69	0
R Wade	38	2
EK Cotton	62	2
G Shrubsole	105	2
R Every	41	0
J Philip	54	1

### Sutherland 2nd Innings

Batsman			Runs
R Neill		b WJ Jocelyn	7
B Dawson	c H Anderson	b WJ Jocelyn	14
C Dodd	c CF Hughes	b H Anderson	5
R Every		b WJ Jocelyn	0
EK Cotton*	lbw	b H Anderson	13
G Shrubsole		b JR Phillips	58
R Erickson	c LA Marks	b JR Phillips	28
J Philip	c RN Harvey	b JR Phillips	22
R Bain+	c RN Harvey	b JR Phillips	28
R Wade	c CF Hughes	b GK Doherty	13
M Black	not out		1
extras			14
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>203</b>

Bowler	Runs	Wkts
WJ Jocelyn	40	3
H Anderson	26	2
JR Phillips	63	4
JAL Blazey	27	0
GK Doherty	33	1

### CONGRATS TO THE JOHNSON FAMILY



**Matt Johnson** (MJ) has a bad habit of running full marathons! Bad because it puts the rest of us to shame!

And fantastic because he raises money for a group called "Challenge" supporting kids with cancer. And also free support to families of kids with cancer.

MJ's wife Vicky and the 3 kids (Henry, George & Sophie) completed the 5k run as well!

**Donations can still be made on the following link:**

<https://goldcoastmarathon23grassrootz.com>



**Hornsby Sports Physiotherapy**  
and Orthopaedic Centre

**PRESS – An article where the last line must be difficult for Nathan to read.**

Men's Ashes 2023

## 'A proper stat': Lyon's unbroken century sets Test benchmark

Nathan Lyon is set to play his 100th successive Test match at Lord's – the same venue where he was last omitted back in 2013 – and become the first specialist bowler to achieve the feat



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Nathan Lyon next week returns to the scene of one of the few low points in his quite extraordinary Test journey with a couple of milestones firmly within grasp, and one of them will set him apart from every other specialist bowler to have played the game.

Lyon's eight wickets in Australia's stunning win at Edgbaston last Tuesday – where his unbeaten 55-run ninth-wicket stand with skipper Pat Cummins carried his team across the line – means he needs five more at Lord's to become the eighth men's player to reach 500 Test wickets.

But in Lyon's eyes, and as confirmed by cricket's statistical records stretching back more than 146 years, the more noteworthy achievement is that the second Test starting next Wednesday will be his 100th consecutive appearance in the Baggy Green Cap he so cherishes.

It will earn him admission to an even more exclusive cohort, with only five others to have managed 100 or more Tests in a row, all of whom spent the bulk of their careers as top-order batters.

That brief honour roll shows England opener Alastair Cook (159 consecutive Tests), Australia pair Allan Border and Mark Waugh (153 and 107 respectively), India's Sunil Gavaskar (106) and New Zealand keeper-turned-opener and now England men's team coach Brendon McCullum (101).

What makes Lyon's impending achievement so remarkable is the nearest any specialist bowler, either pace or spin, has come to reaching his record is India's Anil Kumble who managed 60 on the bounce between October 1992 and May 2000.

And while a few bowling allrounders feature prominently in that list – West Indies legend Garfield Sobers (85), India's Kapil Dev and England's Ian Botham (both 65) – the attritional nature of bowling at Test level means practitioners of the gruelling craft rarely attain such longevity.

Prior to Lyon's so-far unbroken streak that began almost a decade ago at Old Trafford during the 2013 Ashes campaign in the UK, Australia's most enduring bowler had been Glenn McGrath who strung together 54 Tests from October 1998 to December 2002.

and by way of comparison, the current Australia teammates who were also in the line-up at Manchester in 2013 have since added a total of 89 (Steve Smith), 86 (David Warner), 68 (Mitchell Starc) and 55 (Usman Khawaja) Tests to their respective career totals.

"That's something I'm really proud of," Lyon told [cricket.com.au](http://cricket.com.au) in the lead-up to his 100th Test in a row, and 122nd of his 12-year career to date.

"To be able to tick off 100 consecutive Test matches, that's a proper stat in my head.

"That's a lot of Test cricket, a lot of ups and downs.

"No wonder I've got no hair."



Lyon is not superstitious per se, but he is a firm believer in the vicissitudes visited by the 'cricket gods' and was therefore wary about foreshadowing his unprecedented achievement until he had safely negotiated Edgbaston, lest he invite a jinx.

But with the celebrations of that famous win done, including a rowdy and rousing rendition of the men's team victory song of which Lyon is choirmaster, he sets his sights on Lord's where his playing career hung in the balance ten years ago.

Having arrived as Australia's long-sought spin successor to Shane Warne in 2011 when he claimed the wicket of the world's then-top-ranked Test batter Kumar Sangakkara with his inaugural delivery in international cricket, Lyon found himself suddenly on the outer two years later.

Left-arm orthodox allrounder Ashton Agar was preferred for the opening match of the 2013 series and delivered a similarly memorable debut performance scoring 98 at No.11 in Australia's 14-run loss.

But in his next outing at Lord's, Agar failed to make an impact with his primary skill returning 0-142 from 32 overs and Lyon, who had feared his time as Australia's first-choice spinner might have passed, was reinstated for the next match.

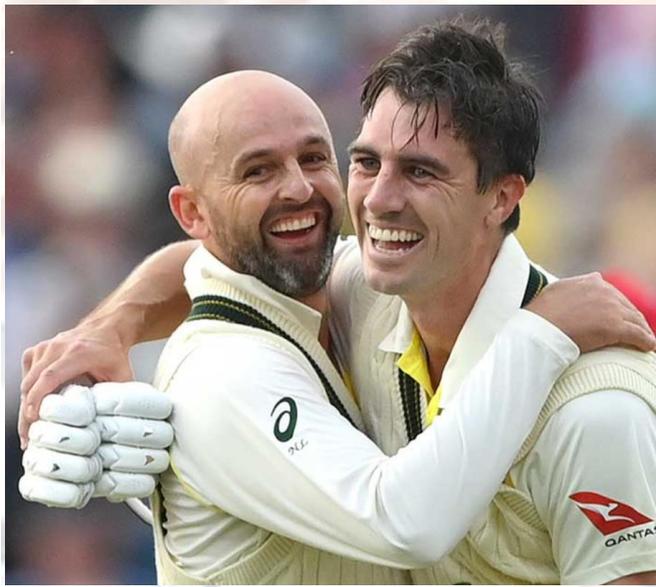
And he's been there for every Test Australia have played since.

While that run speaks volumes for the place the 35-year-old has come to occupy in the set-up of an outfit that earlier this month was crowned World Test Champions, it says even more about his phenomenal physical resilience.

Bowling spin is a decidedly less demanding job than that undertaken by fast bowlers, but it is not without the debilitating wear and tear such an unnatural action repeated more than 100 times across a regular day of Test cricket imparts.

The perils for spinners have been highlighted by England's woes of recent weeks, with their first-choice tweaker Jack Leach ruled out for the summer having succumbed to stress fractures in his back and his replacement, Moeen Ali, hobbled during the Edgbaston Test due to the painful blister that developed on his spinning finger.

As former Australia fast bowler Jason Gillespie understands, after a decade-long international career



regularly interrupted by injuries that reduced his output to 71 from a possible 123 Tests, staying on the park is a constant battle for any specialist bowler.

"It's pretty phenomenal, and while it's spin bowling compared to seam bowling it's still taxing on the body," Gillespie told [cricket.com.au](http://cricket.com.au) this week.

"You still have to look after yourself to make sure you're fit and robust enough to be able to handle the workload.

"And Nathan's got a high workload, he's got an unbelievable work ethic and he's constantly working on ways to improve his craft and be better all the time.

"There's things like back complaints, you see (former New Zealand spinner now Australia bowling coach) Daniel Vettori and Jack Leach with back issues because there's lot of twisting and turning, and spinners bowl a lot more overs than seam bowlers.

"Nathan bowls a lot of balls, and maybe there's something in that because your body gets used to the stresses and the workloads."

Even allowing for the resilience Lyon has shown in avoiding stress fractures and soft-tissue injuries, there's always the risk of unforeseen impact or pure rotten luck, the sort that saw Shane Warne miss an entire Australia summer due to a serious finger fracture suffered when he misjudged a skied catch at first slip.

Warne also underwent shoulder surgery to repair damage caused by wear and tear from bowling so many deliveries in international and domestic cricket, more than 40,000 of them in Tests which was significantly more than Lyon's current career tally of 31,344 (5,224 overs).

Yet, while Lyon won't discuss it for fear of inciting those fickle 'cricket gods', his capacity to bowl endless overs, hurl himself around the outfield and get targeted by regular bouts of short-pitched bowling when called upon to bat without getting hurt can't only be explained by good fortune.

The most serious injury he's sustained in cricket thus far was a fractured eye socket when he failed to grasp a stinging return catch when bowling for ACT at the national under-19 championships at Adelaide in 2006, although he's had his share of near-misses since then.

Even as recently as this week's first Ashes Test at Edgbaston, Lyon was seen gingerly rubbing his right shoulder after seemingly hyper-extending his arm in making a diving save on the backward point boundary.

And he copped a stinging blow to his bowling hand amid a bouncer barrage from Stuart Broad in last Tuesday's engrossing final session, as England tried everything to break the match-winning union Lyon forged with Cummins.

But in addition to the hours he spent honing his skills prior to that series opener – including a nets session in which Australia's auxiliary batters Matthew Renshaw and Josh Inglis were instructed to slog him as preparation for the expected 'Bazball' onslaught – Lyon also put his body through its paces.

Two days out from the Test, as his team's major pre-game training run was winding down, Lyon cut a solitary figure on the Edgbaston outfield as he undertook a series of 100m runs at high intensity, timing each one as he walked back to the starting mark to take off again.

It's why he cites former New South Wales Waratahs rugby representative and Australia women's rugby sevens' head of athletic performance Tom Carter as being as pivotal to his extraordinary on-field staying power as his personal network of family and friends.

"For any athlete to be successful over a long period of time, you've got to have really good people around you, and I'm not talking within the Australian cricket team," Lyon said.

"I feel like my family has been absolutely amazing, with their support and love and care.

"Then there is Tom Carter, who is arguably one of my best mates but also my PT (personal trainer) who I do a lot of work with behind the scenes.

"It's probably five days a week when we're at home, and he's a psychologist as well as a fitness trainer because I'm able to vent to him and there's no judgement.

"We have really good conversations, so it's probably having those really good people around you and I dare say a lot athletes would feel the same, being able to do it for a long period of time."

It was during his previous visit to Lord's four years ago that Warne forecast Lyon might potentially threaten the late spin great's own record of 708 Test wickets, the most by any Australia bowler and second to Sri Lanka off-spinner Muthiah Muralidaran (800) in the game's history.

"If he plays another 85 or 90 Tests, and takes four wickets per game, that's 360 wickets – so he'll get me," Warne told cricket.com.au at the time.

Since then, Lyon has played 33 Tests for 140 wickets – more than any other bowler in that four-year window – at an average of 28.24 runs apiece and 4.24 per match.



Shane Warne works with Nathan Lyon on the 2014 tour of South Africa // Getty

At that rate of return, he would need to play another 50 Tests to overtake Warne which – with 36 Tests scheduled for Australia under the current iteration of the ICC's Future Tours Program that stretches until mid-2027 – would require another Ashes sojourn in 2027, aged 39.

Lyon laughs off any suggestion he might threaten Warne's benchmark, but England's evergreen seamer Jimmy Anderson had a similar response years ago when it was suggested he might keep playing past 40 and he'll turn 41 on the penultimate day of the current series.

But barring a freakish occurrence, that will only reinforce Lyon's belief the 'cricket gods' take a dim view of those who tempt fate, he seems certain to reach 500 Test wickets with a very real chance that milestone will arrive in his 100th consecutive outing. "It's an amazing achievement," Gillespie said. "And there's going to be some wonderful potential symmetry – 100th Test in a row, 5 wickets to get 500.

"To get on the honour board at Lord's (with a five-wicket haul) and get his 500th wicket in his 100th consecutive Test ... the stars are aligning for the Goat."

ATTEMPTED HUMOUR:

