



N. (Neil) Tull - 2005/2006

Neil started his cricket career at Ormond Presbyterians in the Under 15's and then moved to Bentlygh C.C. in the Under 16's. Three straight batting average awards in the U 16's, Thirds and Seconds followed and Neil also played senior games at the club. He enjoyed premierships success in the Third Eleven at Bentlygh. A pre-season at South Melbourne C.C. followed, however, Neil moved on to play for Homewood in the Yea district before joining South Croydon in the RDCA.

After Neil joined South Croydon, it took little time for him to make an impact and he was the club's Social Convenor before moving to the Vice President's role. He became President of the club in just his third season, and he was to hold that position for 14 years before standing down, no doubt for a well-earned 'rest'. Neil played in all senior grades (captaining some) and Veterans at South Croydon and captained a club Third Eleven premierships team in 1983/84. Neil has also represented the cricket club on the Cheong Park Committee of Management for many years and is a past President of that Committee. Neil was deservedly awarded Life Membership of South Croydon Cricket Club in 1990/91.

Besides club 'duties', Neil has offered long service to the Association after joining the Executive in September 1989. For a number of years, Neil, along with fellow Life Member David Beatty, represented the RDCA on the (then) Eastern Academy of Cricket committee. He was a member, and for many years, the Chairman of the Match Committee responsible for the selection of the RDCA senior representative and All Star teams. His involvement in this area stretches back to the early 1990's and continued until the 2009/10 season. He also represented the RDCA Veterans team in their first game against Ferntree Gully.

Neil was awarded Life Membership of the Association in 2005/06 as an appropriate recognition for his dedicated service. From the 2010/2011 season, a Senior grade competition has competed for the "Neil Tull Shield". He has also previously been awarded a fifty-year Service Award by Cricket Australia.