



Hall of Fame Inductees 2017



Len Batchelder

Len Batchelder was a brilliant leg spin bowler with Bendigo United Cricket Club (BUCC) between 1922/23 and 1946/57 who played 136 1st XI games.

He took 430 wickets at the incredible average of 11.35 and his 1st XI wicket tally sits him second on the all-time BUCC list. His 1st XI wicket tally would stand as a Club record for more than 30 years after his retirement.

His best figures were achieved in the 1939/40 season when he took 8/18. On thirty three occasions he took 5 wickets in an innings which to this day remains a BUCC record, and on four occasions he took ten wickets in a match – also a Club record. He won the club bowling average nine times, including seven in a row between the 1933/34 and 1939/40 seasons.

In 1937/38 Len was a member of the BUCC 1st XI premiership side that defeated Harcourt.

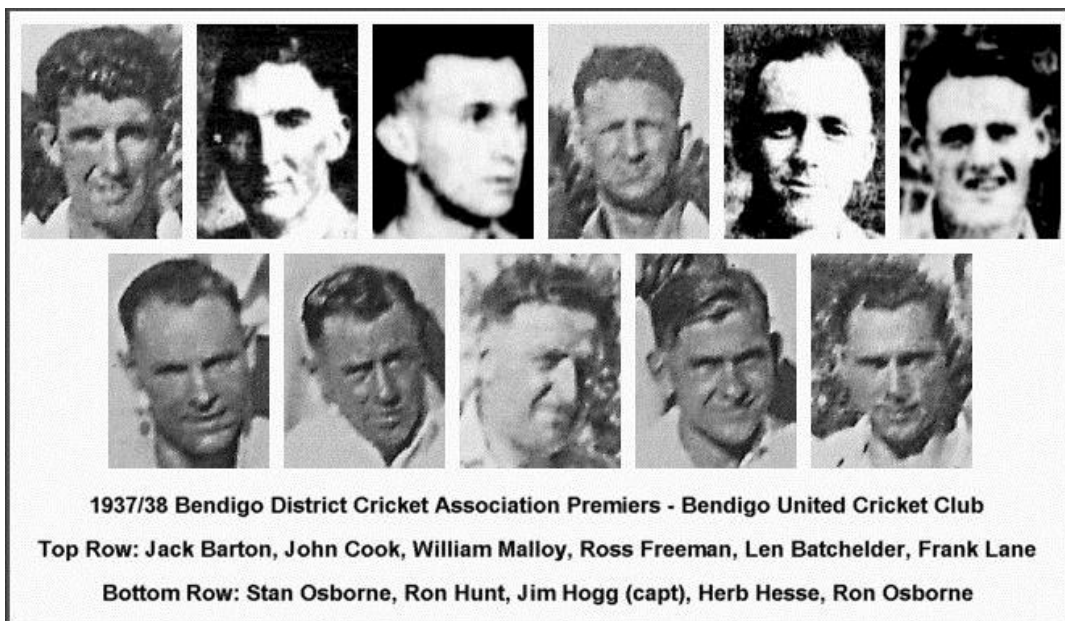
He was twice 1st XI captain (1935/36, 36/37) and a permanent fixture on the Club’s committee for over twenty years between the 1932/33 and 1953/54 seasons.

Batchelder’s overall association with BUCC spanned more than 30 years and in 1950, his service was recognised with life membership.

In 2000 Len took his place among the BUCC elite with selection in the Club Team of the Century.

(Credit: Darren Rodda)

1937/38 BUCC 1st XI Premiers



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Leo Shanahan

Leo Shanahan joined Bendigo United Cricket Club (BUCC) at the commencement of the 1962/63 season. Eventually Leo joined the BUCC Committee, and played in the 1st and 2nd XI's. He went on to assume the role of 2nd XI captain, holding the position until his retirement from cricket at the end of the 1968/69 season. A career highlight was the century he scored for BUCC in the 2nd XI in 1968 against Kangaroo Flat.

It was off the ground where Leo made his greatest mark with BUCC. After stints as Vice President, Leo assumed the role of Club President in 1983/84, and again from 1986/87 through to 1987/88. He served on the BUCC Committee for over 20 years, and was also the curator for 5 seasons.

In addition, Leo was instrumental in forming the BUCC juniors in 1974/75 and was involved with the junior teams up until 1985/1986. Leo was responsible for the coaching and organisation of over 50 BUCC junior teams throughout his time, and it is of note that BUCC was the first Bendigo District Cricket Association Club to join the old Bendigo Junior Cricket Association (BJCA). Leo was also the Treasurer for the BJCA, and is regarded as a driving force in commencing the old Primary cricket competition. He was also awarded a Life Membership of the BJCA.

After retiring from the BUCC Committee at the end of the 1985/86 season, Leo undertook the role of Authorised Bingo Officer. Each Monday night Leo ran Bingo at the Community Bingo Centre, with the revenue raised going towards the construction of new nets at the Neale Street end of Harry Trott Oval, and other facilities at the ground.

In 1991 a Clubroom was built at Harry Trott Oval and was named the *Leo Shanahan Room* in recognition of Leo's contribution to BUCC.

(Credit: Robyn Powell)

Leo Shanahan with David Pinniger at the opening of the Leo Shanahan Rooms 1991





Will Turner

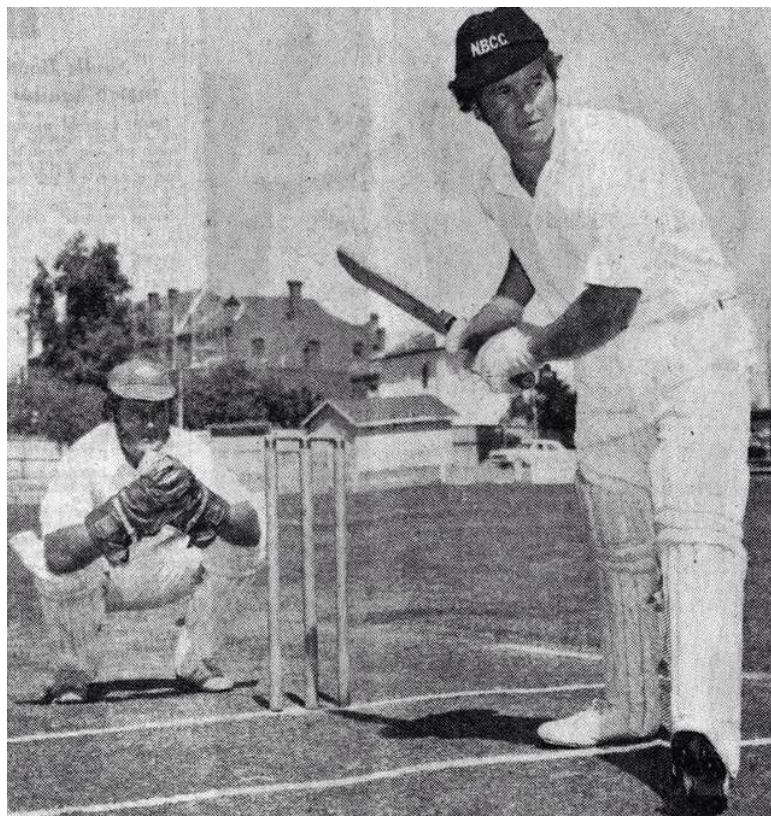
Will Turner played 136 1st XI games for Bendigo United Cricket Club (BUCC) between 1961/62 and 1975/76. He was one of the leading wicket keepers of his time in Bendigo cricket, particularly up to the stumps to the leg spin of Leon Grose. He snared 198 dismissals with 123 catches and 75 stumpings, the fourth most stumpings in Bendigo District Cricket Association history by a wicketkeeper. As a batsman, Will scored 2065 1st XI runs with a highest score of 86.

Will was also the 1st XI captain for two seasons between 1967/68 and 68/69.

Off the field Will served on the BUCC Committee for over ten years, and served two seasons as President between 1981/82 and 1982/83.

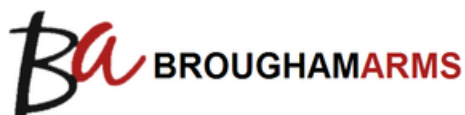
(Credit: Darren Rodda)

Will Turner in action at the QEO



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