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“READY TO EXPLODE!”

EARLY 2008 TESTIMONIALS

“I ran out Pearson as I was distracted thinking about it already” **J.Smith**

“I sold many copies in the ‘joint’ to avoid serious harm” **P.Adamson**

“A real vision – by 2020 it will be the most widely read publication in Australasia”
Anonymous (but just quietly we reckon it was Blanchett, she’s so hot for us!)

“I read the Growl and therefore I Am” **Brett Hume**

THE PREZ SAYS...

There is certainly a buzz around the air as the Tigers' 2008 campaign begins and as the dragonflies start to descend upon us on training nights. I wish to extend a massive thanks to **Supercoach Jason Bremner** for such a sterling effort in coordinating the pre-season campaign, which has put the whole Club in good stead for upcoming battles and to our Curator '**Rosco**' **Motley**, who is also back on board in 2008.

A big thank you to our Club Sponsors for 2008, including new and returning sponsors – If you have a choice in product, then I urge you to go with and strongly support all our sponsors, **Nightcliff Sports Club, Nightcliff Shopping Centre, O'Brien Glass, NT Fastners, JR Communications & Cabling and All Financial Services**. Thank you also to **Trans Territory Foods (TTF)** and **Brumbys Bakery** for their continuing assistance with running our Club.

We have seen many new and enthusiastic faces at Tigerland this year, which is bl*ody fantastic, with the final pieces of the puzzle due to arrive in the next week or so, with our two Papua New Guinea Internationals **Jacob Mado** and **Vani Vadi Morea** and '*the Sergeant*' **Matt Pepper** all due very soon. 'The Sergeant' will join the Tigers' new 'Batman & Robin' **James Needham** and **Robin Corrigan**, and **Mark 'Tara' Reid**, who have also traveled across from the Land of the Long White Cloud.

We are playing cricket in interesting times at Tigerland in 2008! Congratulations to **Greg Mosel** on his A-Grade debut last weekend, which he capped off with 3 wkts and bowled well. Greg is but one of many of promising juniors we will look to nurture and develop over the next decade, to ensure Nightcliff remains fiercely competitive in the NTCA comp. Finally, a massive welcome and welcome back to all players at Tigerland in 2008! If there is anything that the Committee can assist you with or you wish to discuss, feel absolutely free to approach myself or any other member of the Committee.

We are also compiling a **blockbuster Social Calendar** in 2008 following the very successful **Players' Auction** (thanks to all who assisted and **Pearson** for coordinating it), including a **Magical Mystery Bus Tour**, a massive Quiz night, other sporting and other extravaganzas including lawn bowls (chess with balls!) and a wine & cheese night. We will also be looking to get back to the **Nightcliff Sports Club** each Saturday evenings for our presentation of team awards and a recap on the day's play.

On a personal note, congratulations to my good mate and seriously passionate Tigers Clubman **Brad-man Hatton** as he plays his **200th A-Grade Game this Saturday at Nightcliff Oval**. Come on down and see the Great Man strut his stuff as he is also **2 wickets away from 400 A-Grade wickets**, which has never been achieved by anyone in the history of NT Cricket. Seriously, this man is the **Glenn McGrath** of Darwin! I have also been able to wield my vast Presidential Powers to persuade *the Growl* to run BJ featurettes in **every Edition of the Growl**, including pics, tales, dark secrets and all kinds of funky stuff, so watch this space! **So stick with us guys, as 2008 at Tigerland promises to be an absolute...**



Alex Krepapas - NCC President



CONGRATULATIONS BRADLEY HATTON ON REACHING YOUR 200TH A-GRADE GAME!!

Bradley James Hatton

DOB: 22/04/1975

Sire: Stephen Hatton

Dam: Debbie Hatton (*nee Humphries*)

A-Grade Starts: 199

A-Grade wickets: 398

A-Grade runs: 3,117

All wickets taken in NT cricket: absolutely sh*tloads



All the very best of luck to you this Saturday Brad from *the Growl* as well as from all past & present Tigers players, fans, members, life members, enthusiasts and associates (shady or otherwise).

You are truly an ornament to this proud Club and we hope that you have enjoyed playing for and being involved with the Nightcliff CC half as much as the Club has benefited from your tremendous talent, leadership, passion, guidance and hard work.



UPCOMING DRAW & DATES – APRIL/MAY 2008

A GRADE:

Saturday, 26 April 2008: vs **TAH-TAHS** at NIGHTCLIFF
 Saturday, 3 May 2008: vs **CHARLES DARWIN** at NIGHTCLIFF
 Saturday, 10 May 2008: vs **TV DINNERS** at the DEATH STAR

B GRADE:

Saturday, 26 April 2008: vs **TAH-TAHS** at GARDENS OF EDEN
 Saturday, 3 May 2008: vs **CHARLES DARWIN** at CAR-LYNN
 Saturday, 10 May 2008: vs **TV DINNERS** at NIGHTCLIFF

C GRADE:

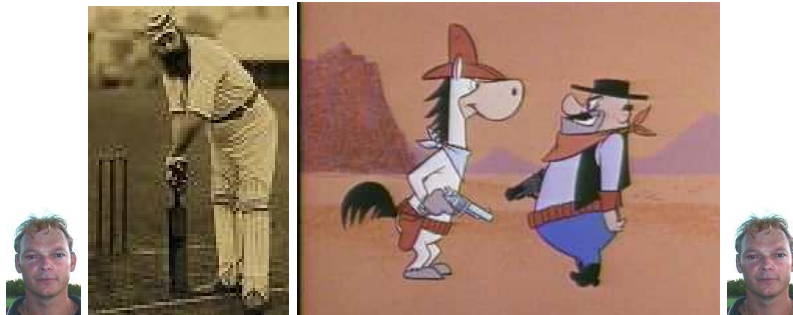
Saturday, 26 April 2008: vs **TAH-TAHS** on THE WINDY PLAINS OF WANGURI
 Saturday, 3 May 2008: vs **DARWIN** at BENNY MITCHELL OVAL (**KORMILDA**)
 Saturday, 10 May 2008: vs **TV DINNERS** at BENNY MITCHELL OVAL

D GRADE:

Sunday, 27 April 2008: vs **SOUTHERN COMFORTS** at LITTLE MUMBAI
 Sunday, 4 May 2008: vs **WEEK OFF – FESTIVAL OF THE WORKER**
 Sunday, 11 May 2008: vs **DARWINIA** at MARRARA #1

(WOOHOO WE HAVE AN) E GRADE:

Sunday, 27 April 2008: vs **SOUTHERN COMFORTS** at FREDERICK'S PASS
 Sunday, 4 May 2008: vs **WEEK OFF – FESTIVAL OF THE WORKER**
 Sunday, 11 May 2008: vs **DARWINIA** at LITTLE MUMBAI
 Sunday, 18 May 2008: vs **UNI-CYCLES** at DEAD MAN'S CREEK (**UNIVERSITY**)



1. **Friday 9 May 2008 – MILO CLINIC** from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. The MILO Clinic will run **each Friday thereafter** at the same time at Nightcliff Oval until it breaks for the June/July School holidays. All welcome, kiosk and bar (for parents) facilities open.
2. **Saturday 5 July 2008** from about 7.00pm – Social Event to be confirmed – **NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB MAGICAL MYSTERY BUS TOUR.**

MATCH REPORTS

*With the new abomination of a 'results' recording system on the NT Cricket website and an unwillingness to rely on **any** information disseminated by the NT News (hey, just ask **Brad Hatton**, who lost 104 A-Grade wickets in one week!), we will instead be providing a general overview of matches in 2008. This will also still provide the opportunity to actually make up some statistical information, which is always fun.*

A-GRADE

Showing the benefits of having completed a masterfully crafted pre-season under the watchful eye of **Supercoach Bremner** and with a number of players making their A-Grade debuts, the As came out snarling like **Cruella de Vil** before her morning coffee. After decimating the Balmy Palmy outfit early, reducing them to about 7-90, the Parmagianas recovered to post a respectable yet very attainable 175. However the Tigers' top order imploded like an Italian Parliament sitting on a hot day and it was always the task for the rest of the line-up to keep up with the Jones', eventually falling a tad short of the target. See, we couldn't use exact terminology like "tad" if we had to quote actual scores!

Hundreds of single mums partied long into the night south of the Berrimah line as the Tigers were left to lament what could have been. The side was galvanized however in knowing they had given a pretty good sight and that a few handy foot-soldiers were returning to the fray next week, including Club legend **Brad-man Hatton** coming back in to play his 200th A-Grade game at his beloved Nightcliff Oval, two wickets short of his 400th A-Grade scalp (not 6 short of 300 as reported by *NT News*' **Gray V. Boat**). New Skipper **Mark Hatton** led his side admirably with a couple of wickets and top score of 30-odd and young star Greg '**Cheap Wine**' **Mosel** celebrated his A-Grade debut with three sterling wickets.

B-GRADE

The B-52s shot a score of about 135 riding on the crest of a ball-busting 50 off about 8 balls from skipper **Sean Kenny**. The lads (and in particular **Wade "Jennifer" Hawkins**, licensed to spill) then tore through the Palmolives in quick time and at one stage looked capable of doing the dishes, but ultimately sank like Geordie Ferguson at bath time in the final over, as the enemy finally pulled the plug. Close, but no White House Intern or cigar.

C-GRADE

Tatie's Talismen made it two from two to catapult the C-Sections to the top of the ladder after reaming Palmerston at home on Little Mumbai on Saturday. Crime scene tape was erected around the centre wicket immediately after the game such was the merciless brutality of this bout.

As soon as the final wicket fell the opposition piled into two already-running cars and left their scorebook and pride behind as they fled the scene, after Player's Mug winner **Warner Bros** and the **Crazy Canine (Byrne)** had dismantled the opposition like a BMW parked outside Gray Primary School. Premiership opener **Brion Foley** burgled a few late wickets after pads were ultimately strapped to small children, a cleaner and a local itinerant who was woken up and sent out to the wicket to finish off the innings.

The week before the C-Minors rode the **Unicycles** into the Dead Man's Creek of Defeat on the back of another solid all-round bowling effort and a bizarre Jimmy Barnes impersonation by **Nathan Byrne** who bludgeoned about 25 runs in less time it takes to cook an egg before stumbling off the ground and falling into a deep, deep sleep in a puddle of his own drool.

D-GRADE

The D-Generation started off their 2008 Premiership defence in true form, downing PINTS at the cricket (just for something different!). PINTS of lager were rolled like a joint at a Jamaican school dance and scoring the necessary 33 runs with minimum fuss.

The second week saw the lads crash to Earth like a Home-brand space shuttle as their 2007 Grand Final Jana Novotna whipping boys **Tah-Tahs** took their own turn to kick the sands of second best cricket into our lads' faces bowling them out for about 80, which they chased down in quick time. The **Mulholland** fellah showed something with the bat remaining unconquered with about 18 runs, as batsmen around him went missing like witnesses at a Mafia murder trial.

E-GRADE

In their maiden voyage since Nightcliff's previous E-Grade flashnikoved off to the **Tracy Village Evildoers** (*recently voted the NT Community Sporting Club most likely to build a Death Star...*), the E's were crunched like a polystyrene cup under a semi-trailer convoy. Returning NCC athlete and Player's Award Mug winner **Kym "You Keep Me Hangin' On" Wyles** and Life Member **Christopher "Hitman" Wicks** provided batting highlights, whilst the return of life members (and wicket-takers) Wicks and **'Slim' Currington** has been an earnest talking point around the traps all week.

Great to see a functioning E-Grade kitted out with Life Members out on the plains of battle, even though the scorecard itself has now been handed over to new NCC solicitors **Clayton Utz** for "document management"...


PINTS AWAY!

After all the controversial hoo-hah surrounding the gratuitous facelift given to the sacred Marrara cricket pitch the weekend before the 2007 NTCA Grand Final that they did not *quite* make, the **PINTS of Beer** lads decided to just get away and relax and treat themselves to a team-bonding end-of-season trip to BrisVegas...

Here's a picture of their Hotel taken half an hour after they'd left...



“THEY SAID IT” - QUOTABLE QUOTES

<p><i>“O’ you who know what we suffer here, do not forget us in your prayers.”</i></p>	<p>Either an inscription from the sci-fi novel “Dune” by Frank Herbert regarding the desert/spice planet Arrakis, or a sign visible at the Adelaide Airport Departure lounge...</p>
<p><i>“I am finding that the more I train, the less I want to actually play.”</i></p>	<p>Club legend Brad-man Hatton possibly discovering that his D-Grade playing career might be closer than he realises...</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p><i>“I may have burnt him but he’s the most flammable man at the Club.”</i></p>	<p>A reflective Joshua Smith contemplating the Pearson run-out back at the Sports Club after the A’s loss. Not sure if he was talking about Big Red’s new match-day lycra bodysuit.</p>
<p><i>“Down, down, down, down...”</i></p>	<p>Waratah’s new recruit Gregory Aldam doing his very best B52s “Rock Lobster” impersonation as he tries to seriously talk down Tah-Tahs 2008 cricket season prospects. Master of Subterfuge or Oracle of Doom?</p> <p>It may well be the former, after the Tah-Tahs pre-season featured more poaching than the Atrium Hotel breakfast bar – but the club has reportedly had to sell off a few bigger pieces of furniture, a large roller and a few juniors to an undisclosed Sheik to attempt to balance the ledgers.</p>



THE GROWL 2008 LIMERICK COMPETITION!

Alrighty then! In this new ‘interactive’ era of media, this is **your chance** to give something back to the Nightcliff cricketing community. **All you have to do** is write a limerick, submit it and we’ll publish it if it won’t make people under the age of 18 cry. Cricket relevance is perhaps preferred, but is certainly not required. Here’s two we prepared earlier to kick us off!

*There once was a cricketer named Sean,
Loved ABBA, his fave was Bjorn,
Cleaned up last year’s Awards,
Like Beachley on the boards,
Batting like Haydos and spinning ‘em like Warne!*

*The Tigers are ready to roar,
In ‘08 we’re looking to soar,
Like a falcon in flight,
We’ll give a great sight,
At a sweet premierships Flag or four!*

Have you always wondered where exactly a fly flies during its lifetime? Or where a duck ducks to? Hey, if we had private funding here at the Growl, there's nothing we'd love more than to run with an interesting biological study or two, but in the meantime and with current budgetary constraints, coupled with the advancement of the Internet and relaxation of privacy laws in these modern terrorising times, we have instead opted for...

BRITNEY WATCH!

(Don't rest too easily now Posh Spice, YOU could be next!)



She's been voted the ugliest, the most beautiful, the sexiest, the most bizarre, the fattest, the skinniest, the least interesting, the woman most likely to have her children taken from her by Government authorities, the celebrity most resembling an eggplant and the woman most likely to be abducted by aliens...and then immediately returned.

Say what you like about this bizarre pop princess cum self-imposed Queen of Quirk, but she has certainly captured the imagination of the paparazzi, health authorities and the uncommon man and woman on the street. Basically we felt that as a global community we should perhaps keep an eye on her for now, if only to see whether we can learn just a little bit more about ourselves...

2007 was indeed a busy, busy year for the Brit, so let's kick off with a quick recap of some of the highlights of her year that was...well who really cares seriously, she **LOST A CUSTODY BATTLE TO KEVIN FEDERLINE**, for Hird's sake! That is an awful, *awful* year in anyone's language (even in Palmerston-speak!), given that the **Fed's parents** reportedly do not even allow him anywhere near their pot plants let alone any other member of their family.

Coming out soon, hopefully in time for the Darwin Show – **we also have the "BRIT KIT"**, fitted with special 3D glasses, a variety of wigs and other special disguises for public outings (byo undies), 12-month subscription to "**No Idea**", a free parenting course, Paris Hilton's private number, a weekend for two at a Detox facility near you and some unidentified tablets from Shane Warne's mum...

FUTURE PROJECTIONS

Speaking of Posh...using our trusty scientific R-Rated calculator (*hours of fun!*) and with the assistance of one of *the Growl's* own supermodels, we have been able to predict the estimated long-term mammary projection for Victoria's principals over the next few years...



RECIPE FOR A TIGER ON THE GO – “POTATO CHIPS”

Ingredients	Mobile number for Trans Territory Foods (TTF), NCC Premiership Treasurer and athlete Brion Foley roaming the streets in his groovy choc-wagon, with Fidel Krepapas manning the phones.
Method	If you have to ask about either the ingredients or the method, you possibly cannot afford to be eating these, but good friend of the NCC TTF has kindly supplied and at times provided NCC with a culinary kaleidoscope of choice of chippy flavours. Probably enough flavours for a round of golf, with a different taste sensation for each hole...

WIRED FOR SOUND

During the off season our people have been keeping an ear to the ground just to keep up with what type of groovy music people in this great northern land have been listening to...

Peter Adamson - “I Want to Break Free”

John Howard - “Yesterday”

Elton John - “Let’s Hear it for the Boy(s)”

Stuart Johnstone - “We Don’t Need Another Hero”

Brad Hatton - “Howzat!”

Jessica Alba - “I touch myself”

Michael Pearson - “I touch myself”

Michael Pearson & Geordie Ferguson - “Born to run (naked)”

ON THE REX HUNT

Littorio in the AJC Derby (Sat at Randwick) - \$4.00 (fixed price) the win

On a pretty tough weekend of AFL punting, with many short-priced favorites greeting the starter's gun and many unknowns in a few other games, *the Grawl* has decided instead to head off to the races! Leg your good selves aboard **Littorio** in the **AJC Derby (2400m)** at Randwick (Sydney) this Saturday straight-out for the win. This fellow ran massively in the Victoria Derby last November for 2nd and along with the Derby winner **Kibbutz**, should be a major player in the Melbourne spring. He's adaptable in the wet and stays like a fart in an elevator. Ran on like a Giraffe on Acid in the Randwick Guineas (2000m) for third a fortnight ago and should be leaving all other horses and jockeys with long faces this weekend. Well the horses anyway.

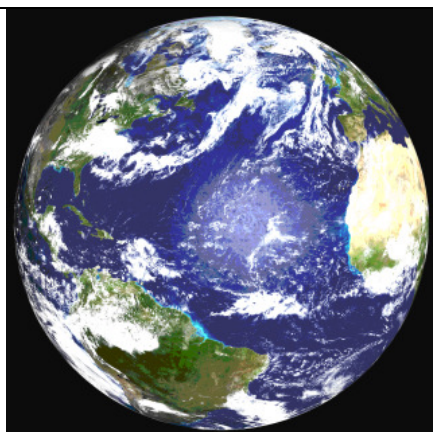
ODD SOCKS

THE NCC COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIP OF THE WEEK

Never lend your mobile phone to anyone reasonably suspected of being a terrorist.

ASTRONOMY 101 –

CLASSES COMMENCING SOON AT A DONGA NEAR YOU!



A PLANET

The **2006 definition of a "planet"** by the International Astronomical Union (IAU) states that in the solar system a planet is a celestial body that is:

- 1/ *in orbit around the Sun,*
- 2/ *has "cleared the neighborhood" around it's own orbit; and*
- 3/ *has sufficient mass so it assumes a hydrostatic equilibrium (nearly round) shape.*

A non-satellite body fulfilling only the first and one of the other two of these criteria is classified as a "dwarf planet", whilst a non-satellite body fulfilling only the first criterion is termed a "small solar system body" (SSSB). The definition was a controversial one, and has drawn both support and criticism from different astronomers, including various Nightcliff cricketers.



A 'DWARF PLANET'

Example as *pictured* is the planet Pluto, as re-classified in 2006, after first being discovered in 1930 and declared a 'planet' as one of nine planets within our solar system. **Pluto falls foul of #2 above** as other objects float within its orbit during its trip around the Sun.

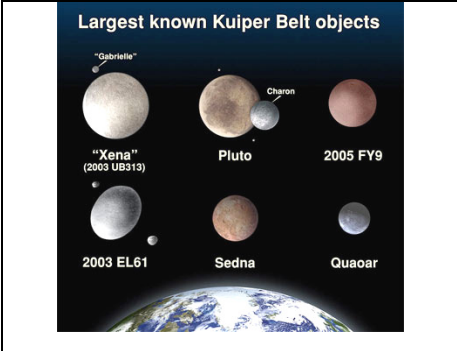
Pluto and a few of the boulders floating around in the **Kupier Belt** (mainly between Saturn and Jupiter) were reclassified as Dwarf planets in 2006.



A COMET.

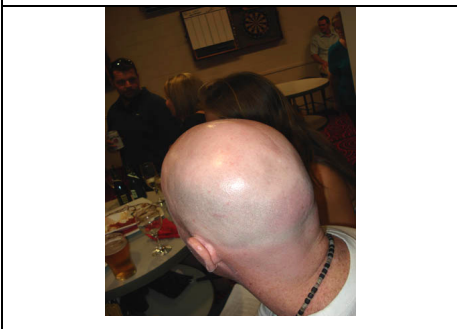
Not a planet. Not a 'dwarf planet'. No. Just a comet. Like Haley's Comet. Defined as a celestial body, observed only in that part of its orbit that is relatively close to the sun, having a head consisting of a solid nucleus surrounded by a nebulous coma up to 2.4 million kilometers (1.5 million miles) in diameter and an elongated curved vapor tail arising from the coma when sufficiently close to the sun

Not to be confused with Bill Haley & the Comets (below).



ASTEROIDS.

The most commonly known asteroids within the Milky Way orbit the sun within the **Kupier Belt**, an asteroid belt found between Jupiter and Saturn. Any of numerous small celestial bodies that revolve around the sun, with orbits lying chiefly between Mars and Jupiter and characteristic diameters between a few and several hundred kilometers. Also called *minor planet*, *planetoid*. As a comparative note, **Pluto**, which orbits within a similar region to the Kupier Belt in its course, has a diameter of roughly **2290kms**.



A SUPERCOACH.

Distinguishable from a planet, as all entities within the presence of his aura revolve around him!

Before we move on, Supercoach also wishes to send out a special cheerio to his good mate **Mr Sheen**.



FARK, YOU TELL US??

Are they comets? Apart from the sighting of the odd vapor trail from each of them last weekend, we'd have to say no.

Are they Planets? Let's have a look at the definition as per the above...each of them *does* orbit the Sun ✓ And each of them has cleared a path around their orbit – hey, would *you* get in their way? ✓ But the third question of mass and spherical presentation? Whilst these are large kiddies, they *have* participated in the Supercoach's pre-season, including some extra fitness work last Saturday night and thus they do not quite meet the definition!

Super Sam Says...

supersamsays@gmail.com

On-field fashions and the Modern cricketer

Isn't technology a marvellous creature? And the Internet is such an amazing by-product of **Alexander Bell's** quirky belief he simply HAD to be able to talk to his friend down the road without leaving the comfort of his moldy, dank, rat infested abode.

The upshot of the Bell-boy's invention is that technology has advanced to the stage that when in doubt, any C Grader and his Tamagotchi can now log on and contact someone more streetwise, sassy and seasoned than himself for answers. Who? **Me; Super Sam** (pronounced *Thuper Tham*). That's right kiddies; when life's getting you down, when you don't know who to turn to or you're just lonely at night and need someone to cuddle, bang out an email – salvation is only a few (key)strokes away!

One lad who I've had correspondence with over the off-season is another **Alexander - of the Tate variety**. Close correspondence. Very close. Smells like pork. And Alexander's fashion quandary was this:

Dear Super Sam,

I've been single for quite sometime now and don't like it. Don't like it one bit. I was thinking about not playing cricket this season to allow me more time to hang around Mitchell Street, mainly outside the backpacker joints... anyway, sanity returned and I'm playing, but this season instead of just making up the numbers, I want to make up the numbers and look good while doing it; PLEASE HELP!

Alex T

Alexander my good man!

Standing out in the field all day, surrounded by beer-gutted, unwashed, cheap-aftershave-wearing Neanderthals, it can be hard to feel glamorous; but it can be done! I managed it throughout my Test playing days, taught **Warwick Todd** all he knows about it and have published 8 books on the topic. Follow my advice and the Swedish backpackers will be flocking to The Donger for after-match rub downs and to drink the sweat from your jock-strap. Here's a few more early season tips for you...

Sunscreen and zinc

Andrew Symonds (aka Coco the Chimp) is a stand-out in this category with his choice of cream protection. Sadly though, Andy looks like he's been servicing his captain to guarantee he gets a bowl, but left the evidence lingering on his bottom lip like a scene from *There's Something About Mary...* you know, the last **Ben Stiller** movie worth watching. There's cream and then there's cream!

Super Sam Says: Aloe Vera is the way to go on this one my son. Find something that smells less offensive than Pearson's armpit and you're in luck. Aloe Vera based sun screen is less oily, less sticky, less corrosive and doubles as a great lubricant for the after match showers. Apply evenly to all exposed skin before and during the match and then steal your mates Aloe Vera 'After Sun' skin care spray to cool off the bits you missed covering with sunscreen because you were more interested in having that one last smoke before kick-off than following my advice. Silly boy.

Whites

It's obvious everyone wants to show their individuality with their on-field 'look'. Young guys don't want to look like the old codgers, bowlers don't want to look like batsmen and masculine tops don't want to look like feminine bottoms; but we're restricted in cricket to white, white, cream and white. And sometimes bone. So to those young punks who feel it trendy to wear your pants around your knees and show off your blue undies, **Super Sam Says** TOW THE LINE LADS! Pull your head in and conform. *Warney* tried bucking the system a few years back with flared bell-bottom pants. The result? Cricket Australia paid big dollars to have someone pose as his mum and plant a diuretic in his Coco Pops one morning. Good bye flared whites!

Super Sam Says: Just wear the white trousers boys. If you want colour, rub the ball up and down your leg a few times, the benefits of which are too numerous to list here. Plus, this is another art lost on anyone under the age of 25 it seems.

Anyway peeps, that's enough from me this week. If you're in need of help, a shoulder to cry on or have a pimple in a hard to reach spot that needs to be popped, send me an email to SuperSamSays@gmail.com and I'll do my bit to save your bits.

Super Sam



LEST WE FORGET...



*...Those brave service men and women who fought for our country to ensure it remained the great Nation we freely enjoy today. Take a quiet moment on **Anzac Day** to think about what that means to you, your family and loved ones.*

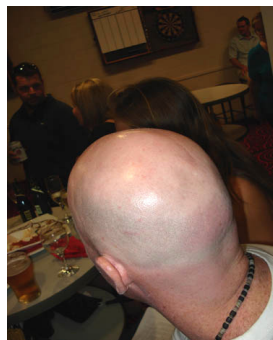
*They went with songs to the battle, they were young.
Straight of limb, true of eyes, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

LOOK-ALIKES

Can you spot the difference?



* Above courtesy of Joshua 'the Tree' Smith



THE END. SIX LEGITIMATE DELIVERIES (OVER).