



Patron's Message

**Delivered at the BNJCA Trophy Presentation Night
28th May 2009**

We are here tonight for a very special occasion in our cricketing year and that is to recognise some outstanding performances by players who have been successful in the 2008-09 season.

Brisbane North has once more enjoyed a very successful season. It is quite evident at this time of year that we are a long way ahead of other zones.

This is in large part due to an astute President, Ian Reeves who is backed by an equally competent General Committee. To put over 250 teams on the paddock every Saturday is an enormous effort. Your contribution- and those of all people who perform at club level- make it possible for young boys of all ages to engage in this wonderful game. Congratulations to all concerned.

Young cricketers, the likes of whom we have with us this evening, are constantly in need of advice. It is obvious from the quality of the cricket played in all age groups that they are receiving this vital support and guidance.

You no doubt realize this game is not a smooth ride. You are certain to have lean periods along with your successes. In my day we accepted this as the "slump you had to have".

If you face this with determination and persistence, it causes you to develop an approach to the game and to life that will long outlast the statistics on your score sheet.

However, tonight, many of you will be rewarded with a trophy to acknowledge your successes this season. Congratulations to all of you.

I would also like to recognize the efforts of all parents and family members who see that their boys turn up each Saturday ready to play. Without this effort the competition would not be possible.

Finally, a couple of tips for the boys:

1. Accept disappointment and frustration as part of life and learn how to overcome it
2. Be tolerant of differences in others and learn to work with everyone as a team

Super Fourteen Cricket (Anstey/La Frantz) is still flourishing and is one reason why Brisbane North is Number One where Junior Cricket is concerned.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Patron. I am very proud of this role.

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