



UNSW
CRICKET CLUB

University of NSW Cricket Club Life Member Profiles.

Julie Lawson



Heywood, England 1979

Roles and Honours

Peter D Richardson Clubman of the Year	2014-15
Co-ordinator Café VG and Café DP	1979-2019 (on and off)

Individual Profile

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born in Moree and grew up on a farm 25 miles north of Narrabri and 10 miles west of Edgeroi.

Where did you play your junior/local cricket or become interested in cricket?

My interest in cricket began at an early age. My father used to play cricket. He was a fast bowler and apparently a very good one. Unfortunately, I never saw him play.

On weekends and holidays, I used to watch the Shield and Tests on the ABC so I could write down the scores and how the batsmen got out. This was so that I could tell dad when he came in off the tractor and he didn't have to wait for the news.

I have only played in one cricket match and that was Henry's benefit game at Heywood in the Lancashire League in 1979 (photo attached)

When and why did you become involved with UNSWCC?

In 1978 I was flatting with Steve Campbell (Klinger) and he asked me if I would like to go and watch a game of cricket at Hurstville Oval. He was playing in the game and I liked cricket so as a supportive flat mate I said yes. Henry was playing for Uni in that game and he gave me a lift home along with other team mates in his two-tone pink EK Holden. And I have been going to cricket matches ever since.

What did you like about UNSW Cricket?

I knew nothing about Uni Cricket. But I have grown to love the Club, the players and the way it plays its cricket.

What is your Club nickname (Explain who gave it to you and why – if not obvious
I don't have one unless it is Jules. Maybe I have one that I don't know about!!!!

The Table above outlines some of your Club achievements, roles, and honours. Can you give us an insight into how you saw your contribution to UNSW Cricket, which do you consider the most important?

I never thought of what I did as a contribution to the Club. It was just something that I did to support my husband and the Club that he loves. It got me out of the house and I got to meet some wonderful people.

None were more important than others. Anything that is done to help a club (big or small) is done for the whole. It is a team effort.

What did it mean to you to be awarded life membership?

To be honest I didn't realise how big an award it is. But I am very proud to be the first female life member. I have also come to know how big a deal it is because of the reverence with which people congratulate me.

What is your greatest memory or memories of UNSW Cricket?
Where do I begin.

- **Drinks in the Cracknell with the opposition after a game. Win. Lose or Draw.**
- **80/81 Premiership winning game.**
- **1st Grade BBQ's and pool/spa parties at 63 Mount St.**
- **The Village Green.**
- **Long lasting friendships.**

In what profession or area of work are/were you mainly involved? What are your main interests outside cricket?

I have always worked as a secretary or administrative assistant - for a Japanese Mining Company, a Stockbroker, the Super League, a Mortgage Company and lastly The Brien Holden Vision Institute on campus.

My main interests now are the Lawson Finances. Our son Ben and his girlfriend Billie. Knitting. Sewing. Playing croquet. I am a member of the Coogee Croquet Club and I love it.

Where are you now?

Still living at 63 Mount St. Been here for 36 years. Semi retired.

Anything else you would like to add

No



Jebby here presenting Life Membership to the clubs newest inductee, **Julie Lawson**. After 43 years of service to the club to say Julie is worthy of this award would be an understatement... (Photo: John Lupton)



BBQ at 63 Mount Street – L to R – David Jebb, Emma Salisbury, Geoff Lawson, Julie Lawson, Ben Lawson, Ian Salisbury, Jim Dixon