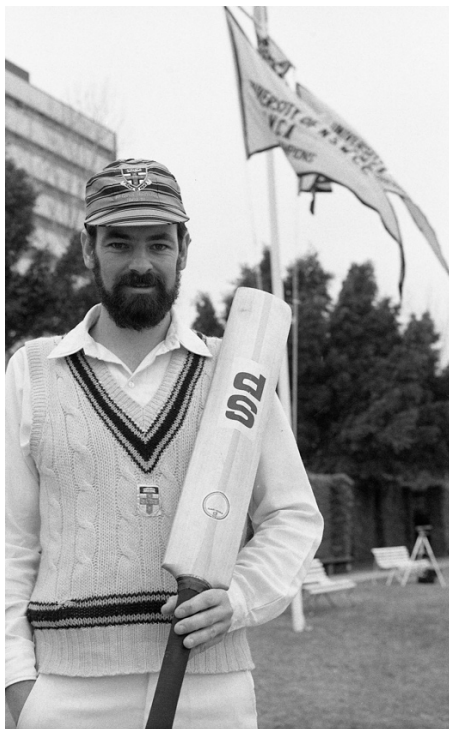




**UNSW
CRICKET CLUB**

University of NSW Cricket Club Life Member Profile

Mark Ray



1980

Roles and Honours

First Class Representative	NSW 1981-82, Tasmania 1982-86
Team Captain	PG 1973-74, 1st Grade 1980-81, 1981-82
Premiership Teams	1st Grade 1976-77, 1980-81
Sydney Grade Cricket player of the year	1976-77, runner up 1980-81
UNSW Sporting Blue	1976
Ted Davis Player of the Year	1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76, 1978-79, 1980-81

Individual Profile

<p>Where were you born and where did you grow up?</p> <p>Born at Crown St Hospital, Surry Hills and grew up in Caringbah.</p>	
<p>Where did you play your junior/local cricket or become interested in cricket?</p> <p>I started in the U10s in the Sutherland Shire comp. I played all my boys cricket for my school, Caringbah De La Salle. Played a few seasons in the boys in the morning then with the school's men's team with a few teacher brothers and my Dad in the arvo.</p>	
<p>When and why did you become involved with UNSWCC?</p> <p>After Green Shield for Sutherland, I got to thirds but lost interest. Went back to the mats for a season with my Dad. I used to open the batting with my HSC maths teacher. Were still in touch. Then an old Sutherland Shire opponent ran into me at UNSW where I'd started Arts/Law. He said he was going to give the Uni Cricket Club a go, saying it was the best club in Shires. He suggested I come with him, which I did. Played most of that season, 72-73, in twos then played a few matches, including finals, in ones.</p>	
<p>What did you like about UNSW Cricket?</p> <p>Friendly people, strong culture of playing quality cricket while enjoying each other's company. And there was a broad range of people. The history and pride in achievements in Shires was very strong.</p>	
<p>What is your Club nickname (Explain who gave it to you and why – if not obvious)</p> <p>I arrived with a school nickname of Brutus or Brute and that got picked up at the Cracknell. Some people called me Marcus and when I made the NSW squad, I think it was Steve Rixon who started calling me X. So I get all three now at UNSW, which suits me fine.</p>	

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?

It's hard to beat a Life Membership, especially because it goes to all sorts of Club members. I was lucky to be in the Club's inaugural first grade team, which is special. And to play in the 76-77 and 80-81 premierships teams was brilliant. I was on the committee one season and was pretty useless so I suppose my main contribution was on the field – and in whatever pub was sponsoring us.

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

It's a huge honour. I'm grateful that I'm on that list with so many fine contributors to the club.

What is your greatest memory or memories of UNSW Cricket?

The main thing is how well we all got on. As Henry has said, players from all grades were treated equally as people and we had so much fun playing and socialising together. The 76-77 final at Petersham was the best game of cricket I ever played. And I'll never forget during that last over – first, looking at the scoreboard, realising Petes needed 10 to win and my knees buckling and second, when the last shot looped out to deep mid-wicket and I saw Chappo racing in from deep square-leg and thinking we were going to win the comp. I knew he'd catch it.

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

I got into newspapers as a photographer then became a cricket writer in Launceston and later covered international cricket for various newspapers, taking photos on the side. Outside cricket, I still take photographs but spend more time organising and archiving all my old photos. I still read what many people would call 'high-brow' literature. I'm an unashamed snob in that regard. Through work, I travelled a fair bit and loved that. Otherwise, I enjoy any time I have with my wife and our 4 children and 2 grandchildren.

Where are you now?

I live in Ashfield, next door to Pratten Park.

Anything else you would like to add

Being a UNSWCC person was one of the best things to happen to me. It helped me get a career and has left with me with dozens and dozens of great friends. And whenever we get together that old buzz is still there.

Playing Record

Mark Ray									
Years Played			Grade			1973-1982			
			Shires			1972-1973			
BATTING									
Grade	Games	Inn.	NO	Total	Ave.	Highest	Caught	50's	100's
1	143	182	7	4242	24.2	105	100	23	1
PG	9	9	0	145	16.1	39			
Shires	12	15	1	343	24.5	61	5	2	
Totals	164	206	8	4730	23.9	105	105	25	1
BOWLING									
Grade	Games	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average	5WI	Best	
1	143	2146	587	319	5616	17.6	16	8 for 46	
PG	9			16	190	11.9			
Shires	12	139.5	10	34	496	14.6	2	6 for 41	
Totals	164	2285.5	597	369	6302	17.1	18	8 for 46	



1980-81 Premiers, Mark captain





Premiers 1980-81

Back: Asoka Wijeratne, Nigel Perger, Neville Jansson, Bruce Handley, Geoff Lawson, Steve Campbell, Terry Buddin, Peter Tout, David Lemon

Front: Greg Livingstone, Chris Chapman, Mark Ray (c), Jim Robson, Chris Hanger, Jim Dixon