



## SA CRICKET UMPIRES & SCORERS ASSOCIATION

### Easter 2025

The bi-annual Easter event and Crockett Shield match is being held in Ballarat between April 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2025.

We have made an effort to make Easter events as affordable as possible by moving to a more flexible, and cost-effective pricing structure to assist members.

We urge all SACUSA members and supporters to seriously consider participating in this great event.

### FAQ's

#### What is Easter all About?

Easter visits between VCAUSA and SACUSA commenced as a means to play a cricket match for the Crockett Shield (between umpires from the two Associations). The first match was played in 1931.

The match was the primary focus in the earlier years, however over time the format has changed somewhat, from travelling by train and being billeted at the homes of host state umpires, to travelling by car and plane and staying in motel/hotel accommodation.

The event has developed into very much more than a match in 1931 when the only event was the cricket match. It is now a weekend full of events and social activities for the enjoyment of all members from both states and their families.

#### What is The Crockett Shield?

The Crockett Shield is named after RM “Bob” Crockett and is the prize trophy held by the winner of the cricket match and hotly contested by both Associations. Umpires who have been around for a while will be aware of the extent of our rivalry with the VCAUSA, and also the importance placed upon winning the match by stalwarts of both Associations.

We current hold the Crockett Shield and the current score line is VCAUSA 21 and SACUSA 19, with one draw. We are “hell bent” on rectifying this imbalance, starting retrieval of the trophy in 2025 under captain Kurt Miegel.



#### Is Easter just for Players?

**NO** There are a host of events over the weekend for all Members and their families. There are plenty of SACUSA members who have not played in the match, yet continue to attend every Easter event.

#### What Happens Other Than the Match?

There are numerous events including; welcome event on Friday evening, a Saturday Presentation Dinner, a Family event incorporating the KC Butler family event on Sunday and a farewell breakfast on Monday morning.

#### Can I Play Cricket for SACUSA in the Crockett Shield Match?

**YES** All SACUSA members can play for our team in the match. If you are interested in playing for SACUSA in the Crockett Shield match (this could be your “once in a lifetime” opportunity to play cricket for South Australia against Victoria!), you would be most welcome, please contact SACUSA Captain for the 2025 match, Kurt Miegel on 0447 166 861.





## **Easter 2025 Details**

### **ACCOMMODATION**

This year the group accommodation is at the Mercure Hotel as detailed below.

#### **Accommodation:**

- Mercure Hotel, Ballarat, 613 Main Road, Golden Point (P: 03 5327 1200, E: [reception@mercureballarat.com.au](mailto:reception@mercureballarat.com.au))
- All room rates include Breakfast.
- Room Configurations
  - Lodge Room – 1 x King Bed (Sleeps 2)
  - Courtyard Room – 1 King Bed + 1 Single Bed (Sleeps 3)
  - Apartment - 2 Story, 2 Bedroom, 1 King Bed + 2 Single Beds (Sleeps 4)
- Double/Twin room rates per night are
  - Lodge Room - \$219/night (2 adults)
  - Lodge Room - \$194/night (1 adult)
  - Courtyard Room - \$229/night (2 Adults)
  - Apartment - \$369/night (2 Adults)
  - Additional Adults (>2) in Courtyard room & Apartments - \$25/night/pp
  - Car Parking - Free.
- **Above room rates available for bookings made before 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**
- **Cancellation Policy:** No Charges for cancellations made before 6:00pm on the day of arrival. Late cancellation fees apply after that time.

#### **Accommodation Bookings**

**Each member must book their own accommodation directly with the hotel (SACUSA cannot make accommodation bookings for members).** Bookings can be made between 9am & 5pm (EST) Monday to Friday, You must notify the hotel that you are part of the following group bookings: **“Umpires Association – 2025”** to get the special group rates.

You will be asked to leave a credit card number at time of booking to confirm your booking (no charges will be applied at time of booking). **It is highly recommended that you book early, to secure your accommodation (room bookings are subject to availability at time of booking).**



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### EVENT COSTS

Event per person costs for all categories of membership are as follows:

- **Friday Welcome Dinner**, (includes 2 Course Meal)
  - \$50.00 – Full & Life Member – **SACUSA Subsidy \$30.**
  - \$65.00 – Associate Member – **SACUSA Subsidy \$15.**
  - \$80.00 – Partners/Non Member.
  - \$25.00 – Children (Children's up to 14 YoA, ordering from children's menu).
- **Saturday Crockett Shield Match**, (includes lunch & soft drinks).
  - \$20.00 – Full & Life Member – **SACUSA Subsidy \$20.00.**
  - \$30.00 – Associate Member – **SACUSA Subsidy \$10.00.**
  - \$40.00 – Partners/Non Member.
  - \$10.00 – Children (under 15 YoA).
- **Saturday Night Presentation Dinner**, (includes 3 course meal, 1 drink voucher for 1<sup>st</sup> drink)
  - \$60.00 – Full & Life Member – **SACUSA Subsidy \$40.**
  - \$80.00 – Associate Member – **SACUSA Subsidy \$20.**
  - \$100.00 – Partners/Non Member.
  - \$25.00 – Children (Children's up to 14 YoA, ordering from children's menu).
- **Sunday Family Fun Day/KC Butler**, (includes lunch and drink).
  - \$30.00 – Full & Life Member – **SACUSA Subsidy \$20.00.**
  - \$40.00 – Associate Member – **SACUSA Subsidy \$10.00.**
  - \$50.00 – Partners/Non Member.
  - \$10.00 – Children, (under 15 YoA).
- **Monday Farewell Breakfast**, (includes cooked and continental breakfast)
  - \$25.00 – Members and Non-Members, Not staying at Mercure
  - \$13.00 – Children, under 16 YoA, Not staying at Mercure

### SUBSIDIES

Notes on subsidies:

- Only financial members in 24/25 Membership year and Life Members are eligible for subsidies.
- Subsidies only apply to members attending (not partners) to ensure fairness to members without partners or families.

### EARLY PAYMENTS – For Events Only

To assist members with budgeting, SACUSA are happy to take part payment/instalment toward Easter events (we cannot take advanced accommodation payment as these payments are direct to the hotel). There is no minimum payment amount and you can commence advance payments at any time, right now if you choose. The account details for EFT payments are BSB: 035-044, Account: 810195 or get in touch with me to make Credit Card payments.

## Registration of Interest to Attend Easter 2025

To assist us with planning, please complete the online RoI form using the following link: [RoI Form for Easter 2025](#). The RoI is to assist with our planning and is not a final event booking. Final bookings will be confirmed closer to the event.