



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

3 July 2014

Dear former AFL Umpire/Official

Ian Huntington

As you would most probably be aware, Melbourne Cricket Club stalwart and Hans Ebeling Award recipient, Ian Huntington, was rendered paraplegic as a result of a freak accident while playing golf at his beloved Kew Golf Club late last year.

This accident has placed enormous physical, emotional and financial strain on "Hunto" and his wife, Marie, particularly considering the vibrant, busy and active life he was accustomed to prior to this devastating accident.

Amazingly, but perhaps not surprisingly, he has adjusted to his major change of lifestyle with great energy and enthusiasm. Only months after the accident he was back attending club functions and has recently returned to his position as a volunteer in the National Sports Museum.

Soon after the accident, Ian received outstanding support from his colleagues at Kew GC and significant funds were raised to assist Ian and Marie with immediate financial needs for things such as housing refurbishment, medical expenses and mobility aids.

Given Hunto's significant contribution and deeds at the Melbourne Cricket Club and beyond, the MCC Committee is keen to mobilise the MCC family and other sporting organisations Hunto was associated with to give them the opportunity to provide Ian and Marie with some moral and financial support to assist them in their ongoing needs.

Accordingly, the MCC will host a cocktail party in the Long Room on Wednesday July 16.

Hunto has always had a great passion for organising reunions and uniting former colleagues and teams and this will be a tremendous opportunity for team mates (MCC, Melb Uni CC, Victoria plus MCC Baseball, Tennis and Hockey & AFLUA), opponents, friends and colleagues alike from all of Hunto's fields of endeavour to show their support for Ian and Marie and catch up with many old friends.

While the club will ensure a significant portion of the function entry fee goes to Hunto, you are most welcome to make a donation on top of the entry fee should you wish. Husbands, wives, partners etc. are also welcome to attend.

An application form is enclosed. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation, please complete the donation component of the form and return it to the club.

What: Cocktail party to support Ian Huntington

When: Wednesday July 16, 2014

Time: 6.00pm to 9.00pm

Where: MCC Long Room

Dress: Jacket and tie (equivalent standard for ladies)

Cost: \$80.00 per head

RSVP: By Thursday July 10, 2014

We hope you make it to support a wonderful man who has made such a significant contribution to sport and the community in this state.

Yours sincerely,

PAUL SHEAHAN AM
President

