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It has been another historic year of sport at The Gabba.

The 2011/2012 Test against New Zealand marks 80 years since the first Test match was played on our patch of hallowed turf. With Tests moved from the Exhibition Grounds at Bowen Hills to The Gabba in the summer of 1931 (27 November – 3 December), the Australians, led by Don Bradman, comprehensively defeated South Africa.

A Bradman double ton (226) and 9/89 to left arm medium pacer Bert Ironmonger helped the Aussies to an impressive win by an innings and 163 runs.

Bradman's 226 remained the highest Test score by a player at The Gabba until Alastair Cook's 235 during the 2010/11 Ashes.

Impressively, Bradman notched up 223 against the West Indies in 1930 at the Ekka the year before.

In 2011, Members saw the Gold Coast SUNS demolished by a classy Carlton in their first ever AFL match. The Gabba hosted the first ever Q-Clash with the young SUNS shocking the Lions to snatch victory in what should be the first of many memorable encounters. The Lions drew one back on the SUNS for the return match later in the season.

With the domestic cricket season underway, the Bulls sit atop the ladder in the Shield and Ryobi Cup. Cricket fans can dare to dream of a Queensland double as the Bulls strong performances whet the appetite of cricket aficionados in the lead up to the first Test (1 – 5 December).

Our Test Match Breakfast is always popular so get in quick to book your place. This year the guest speaker is cricket legend and Gabba Member, Ian Healy. Heals is never short of a yarn so this promises to be a great way to kick off the summer of cricket.

In another Gabba first, the Brisbane Heat take to The Gabba for the first time on Tuesday 20 December. In an interesting turn of events, this match will see two of Australia's finest cricketers come out of retirement for the smash and bash of the new 20/20 KFC Big Bash.

Seeing Matthew Hayden and Shane Warne locking horns at The Gabba is an early Christmas treat for everyone.

We'll also see Australia take on India in an ODI in January before the first bounce of the AFL begins on Thursday 5 April with the Easter blockbuster between the Lions and Carlton.

There have been a number of enhancements made to the Gabba membership, which are designed to deliver a greater range of benefits to members. Members can now take up to three transferable guest cards and we have introduced a Family membership where all cards are transferable. Absentee Members now have access rights and Members can now take advantage of the optional facility to reserve a seat through Ticketmaster prior to the game.

So for Gabba Members, there is plenty to look forward to and plenty to appreciate from events this year.

Blair Conaghan
Manager, Brisbane Cricket Ground

WIN

**A BRAND NEW
55" LG FLAT
SCREEN
TELEVISION**



This cricket season – refer a new Member to go in the draw to win a brand new **55" LG Flat Screen television valued at \$2800**. This state of the art 139cm 3D LED LCD TV is not only smart, but you can view your favourite shows and sport in High Definition Cinema 3D as well.

Any Member who refers an applicant and they become a Member will go in the draw to win this Smart TV. All the applicant needs to do is download our application form from our website www.thegabba.com.au, fill it in and make sure the referring Member's name and membership number are included on the form. Full terms and condition of the promotion are posted on the website.

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A function you'll never forget!

Did you know that when your favourite teams are not taking to the hallowed turf of The Gabba, the venue is available to host your next party, function, wedding or trade show? And, as a Gabba Member, there is no room hire fee when you hold a function for over 40 people in your Members Dining Room. With five spectacular functions spaces, The Gabba is the perfect place to impress your friends or clients with a function they will never forget.

All of our function rooms feature commanding views across the world famous playing surface, which will add something that no other function venue in Brisbane has to offer.

We've got it covered.



The Champions Room

The Champions Room is one of the most popular function spaces at The Gabba as it divides into three workable areas, lending itself perfectly for a conference with breakout rooms. It also provides an intimate setting for evening functions and features commanding views of the famous Gabba playing surface.



The Legends Room

The Legends Room is exactly that - it's the room where the legends gather before the big events - and it's available to you for hire. With high ceilings, it's perfect for a wide range of events from cocktail parties and banquets to product launches, gala dinners and exhibitions. The room features sweeping panoramic views of the field and is capable of hosting large events of up to 1,400 guests cocktail style.



The Gabba Room

The Gabba Room boasts some of the best views of the iconic playing surface of anywhere around the ground. This unique setting will make your event one to remember and you could even be lucky enough to see the Lions training! The room features two fully functional licenced bars making it perfect for both cocktail parties and formal dining or banquets.



The Members Dining Room

With priceless memorabilia lining the walls, exquisite views of the playing surface and private bar facilities, the Members Dining Room is the perfect option for your next party or function. As an added bonus to Members there is no room hire fee when you host a function for over 40 people.

Transport – Chermside paid parking

Westfield Chermside is now charging for on-site car parking. Customers will be able to park free for the first three hours. Those staying beyond the three hour free parking period will pay \$2 to park for 3 ½ hours; \$3 to park for four hours and \$6 to park for five hours. Customers parking after 6pm will not have to pay. Brisbane Transport provides special bus services from Chermside to The Gabba on event days, with many patrons utilising car parking at the centre. Patrons not wishing to pay for car parking should be aware of the alternative options available. These options include legal on-street parking, catching Brisbane Transports regular timetable services or special shuttle services from designated City Express stops, or Queensland Rail services to The Gabba. For more information about public transport options to The Gabba, visit the Translink website www.translink.com.au or call 13 12 30.



Congratulations to Chris Harris who was the lucky winner of our previous Member referral competition. Chris took home a five burner professional BBQ from Barbeques Galore.

Member fun with friends

It has been an eventful few months at the Members Reserve. In July we had the AFL Members Sportsman's Luncheon. Luncheon guests were treated to an exclusive tour of the ground led by guest speaker and fellow Member – Alastair Lynch. With the Brisbane Lions v Geelong Cats playing on in the background, this was an exciting day to remember.

Our 2011 Members Golf Invitational was held at the Brisbane Golf Club on 28 October. Followed by lunch and prize presentation for the winning teams back at the Members Reserve. To make sure the day was complete, our golfers enjoyed a game of cricket on the hallowed turf of The Gabba.



We Welcome two new 50 Year Members!

Two Gabba Members have joined the exclusive 50 Year Members club this year Mr Robert Crouch and Mr Greg Vickery. Greg, who joined on 1 September 1961, recalls some of his favourite memories during the past 50 years...

"I have so many wonderful Gabba memories, including Clem Jones mopping up the pitch after rain; the resounding defeat of Australia by "the World" in a one day game, which finished before lunch after a Garth Le Roux demolition; the fearful bowling of Wes Hall and Thommo; the stodgy batting of Trevor Bailey; and then in contrast some exhilarating batting by Graham Pollock, Gary Sobers, Viv Richards and our own Peter Burge.

"After some reflection of my most special Gabba memory, it comes down to two big games. The first was the famous tied Test in December 1960. I started high school at Churchie that year and my dad joined me up as a junior BCG member, so I could go on my own to Sheffield Shield games after school, often with my own score book, and always with the transistor radio. The West Indies Test was in school holidays, so I could attend the whole game. In fact I saw all but the final session of that game, as I had to leave at tea time on the last day to attend a big family party at my Aunt's place at Camp Hill. So like thousands of other Queenslanders, I heard the famous last over on radio 4QR, as it was so excitedly reported by a Coorparoo neighbour of ours, Clive Harberg. I had to console myself, that I at least had been there during the day, and I had seen all the rest of this wonderful game, which was the start of such an entertaining Test series.

"My second significant memory was in 1995, when we finally got "the monkey off our back" and won the Sheffield Shield for the first time. My late father Phil Vickery accompanied me to this game (with my cricket mad sons, Philip and Andrew) which we all enjoyed so much. However being there with my dad was very special, as his father Walter had taken him as a ten year old to the Exhibition Ground to see Queensland play its first ever Sheffield Shield match against New South Wales, (which we lost by only 8 runs.) Southern relatives used to rib us regularly about our ongoing failure to win the trophy. So this overdue win completed the loop for my cricket fanatical dad, and in fact it was the last game he actually attended, as severe ill health prevented him going to The Gabba again after that. So there it is, these two special games are tied for first place as my most enduring Gabba memories, and that seems to be most appropriate."

Young Bulls on the charge

The Queensland Bulls are off to a flyer this cricket season with early victories in the Ryobi Cup and Bupa Sheffield Shield, while the excitement is building ahead of the Brisbane Heat's first home game against the Melbourne Stars. We sat down with some of the up and coming players to get to know a bit more about them and the teams.



Andrew Robinson

XXXX GOLD Queensland Bulls & Brisbane Heat

Age: 30

Position: Left-handed batsman/wicket-keeper

Which junior club did you play for? Surfers Paradise

Who was your sporting idol growing up? Dean Jones

What's the best thing about playing at The Gabba? The pitch is great to bat on and always provides a genuine contest between bat and ball.

Do you have a pre-match ritual? i.e.

What do you do on game-day? Having a good song in my head before I go out to bat.

What's your favourite food? Italian

What's your favourite band? Or what type of music do you like? Coldplay/Foo Fighters

What's it like to be a QLD Bulls player?

I'm still enjoying every bit of it – after working hard to get here, it is a very rewarding experience to be able to play for my State.

What's your favourite format of Cricket? T20

What are you looking forward to most this season? Winning games, scoring runs, being around the boys.

Which team are you looking forward to playing and why? Would like to play the Vics at the MCG.



Ben Cutting

XXXX GOLD Queensland Bulls & Brisbane Heat

Age: 24

Position: Right-arm fast bowler

Which junior club did you play for? MacGregor CC

Who was your sporting idol growing up? Mark Skaife

What's the best thing about playing at The Gabba? Being able to play a game that I love in front of my family and friends.

Do you have a pre-match ritual? i.e.

What do you do on game-day? I like to listen to a certain piece of music or song while I am on the way to the ground and at the ground that I use to get into rhythm for my bowling.

What's your favourite food? A good pasta dish.

What's your favourite band? Or what type of music do you like? Trance and electronic dance music.

What's it like to be a QLD Bulls player? Great fun – we play at a wonderful venue and have a tight group of players and coaches

What's your favourite format of Cricket? T20

What are you looking forward to most this season? The KFC T20 Big Bash

Which team are you looking forward to playing and why? Looking forward to playing against the Melbourne Stars in the BBL on 20 December, especially against my old skipper Chris Simpson and Warney of course.



Ben Dunk

XXXX GOLD Queensland Bulls & Sydney Thunder

Age: 24

Position: Wicket-keeper/left-handed batsman

Which junior club did you play for? Innisfail

Who was your sporting idol growing up? Michael Slater – I played with a Grey-Nicholls

What's the best thing about playing at The Gabba? Saying g'day to the diehard fans & having a cold XXXX GOLD at the end of a good day's play!

Do you have a pre-match ritual? i.e.

What do you do on game-day? Enjoy the free food and drinks in the dining room because I always get there really early.

What's your favourite food? Lasagna

What's your favourite band? Or what type of music do you like? I listen to the radio a lot (Nova mainly) so just whatever is on.

What's it like to be a QLD Bulls player? It's living the dream . . . the boys are good fun to be around.

What's your favourite format of Cricket? Test cricket will always be the number one.

What are you looking forward to most this season? Hopefully playing in the finals

Which team are you looking forward to playing and why? I'm looking forward to playing WA again!

It's Appy hour!

Show your megafan app at any of the members bars during the Queensland v Western Australia Sheffield Shield match starting on Monday 6 February to receive 20% off your purchase. Gabba Members can stay on top of all the action at The Gabba and other Stadiums Queensland venues by downloading the FREE Queensland Megafan iPhone App. The App has loads of features such as venues maps, live scores and a full and up-to-date events list. Download the Megafan App today.

www.qldmegafan.com.au



Promotional winners announced!

To say thank you for renewing your membership we had a couple of promotions running during the first part of the renewing period.

Our BPay Dining Room promotion was really successful with a large number of our Members renewing their membership via BPay between 1 August and 30 September.

The 10 lucky winners of the Dining Room package for two are: Scott L; Darrell B; Paul H; Anthony C; Peter H; Malcolm C; Jason E; David P; Rohan J and Shane W.

Everyone who renewed their membership from 1st August through to 31st October qualified for the draw to win 1 of 10 Guest cards for a year. The Lucky winners are: Grant E; Ali R; Daniel B; John R; Gavin G; Scott R; Terry N; Anthony T; Phil S and Christopher P.

Congratulations to all of our winning Members.

New Family Membership is here!

We have now introduced a new category of Family membership with all the cards being fully transferable. The Family membership consists of a minimum of two and a maximum of eight cards. This is a great opportunity to bring your family into the exclusive Members Reserve and will give you the flexibility to transfer cards to other friends. For full terms and conditions check out www.thegabba.com.au.

Not so Absentee Members

Absentee Members can now gain access to up to three AFL or Cricket matches during the membership year. This will enable Members living at least 400km away to continue their association with the Brisbane Cricket Ground and still see their favourite teams play from the best seats in the house.

Test Match Breakfast

This year's highly anticipated Test Match breakfast will be held in the Members Dining Room, on Day One of the Australia v New Zealand Test Match on Thursday 1 December. The Guest speaker will be our own Gabba Hero Ian Healy.

Gates open at 7:00am and breakfast will run from at 7:30 am - 9:00am.

Make sure you reserve your spot for this popular event. For bookings, phone Michael O'Brien Catering on 07 3249 2000 or visit our website: www.thegabba.com.au

Reserved seating a success

The BCG Members Reserve will again be offering the reserved seating service for premium events during the 2011/2012 membership year. This year sections 48 (licenced) and 45 (unlicenced) will be available to reserve at events such as the Test Match and blockbuster AFL matches. Those Members who wish to reserve a seat can do so via www.ticketmaster.com.au

Key dates

Cricket at the Brisbane Cricket Ground 2011/12										
Date	Match	Teams	Adult	Children U15	Concession	Members Dining Room	Members Dining Room Bookings Open	Guest Tickets on sale	Start/End of Play	Gates
Sun 9 Oct	One Day Domestic Queensland v Victoria	QLD Bulls v Victoria	\$12	Free	\$6	Café	N/A	Match Day Only	1.15-8.45pm	12.15pm
Tues 11 - Fri 14 Oct	Sheffield Shield Queensland v Victoria	QLD Bulls v Victoria	Free	Free	Free	Closed	N/A	N/A	10am-5pm	9.30am
Tues 25 - Fri 28 Oct	Sheffield Shield Queensland v Tasmania	QLD Bulls v Tasmania	Free	Free	Free	Closed	N/A	N/A	10am-5pm	9.30am
Tues 15 - Fri 18 Nov	Sheffield Shield Queensland v New South Wales	QLD Bulls v New South Wales	Free	Free	Free	Closed	N/A	N/A	10am-5pm	9.30am
Sun 20 Nov	One Day Domestic Queensland v New South Wales	QLD Bulls v New South Wales	\$12	Free	\$6	Café	N/A	Match Day Only	1.15-8.45pm	12.15pm
Thurs 1 Dec	Test Match	Australia v New Zealand	\$32	\$9	\$22	Breakfast & Lunch	9-Nov	Monday 7 Nov	10:00am	7:00am
Fri 2 Dec	Test Match	Australia v New Zealand	\$32	\$9	\$22	Lunch	16-Nov	Monday 7 Nov	10:00am	8:00am
Sat 3 Dec	Test Match	Australia v New Zealand	\$27	\$7	\$19	Lunch	16-Nov	Monday 7 Nov	10:00am	8:00am
Sun 4 Dec	Test Match	Australia v New Zealand	TBC	TBC	TBC	Lunch	16-Nov	TBC	10:00am	8:00am
Mon 5 Dec	Test Match	Australia v New Zealand	TBC	TBC	TBC	Lunch	16-Nov	TBC	10:00am	9:00am
Tues 20 Dec	Twenty20 Big Bash	Brisbane Heat v Melbourne Stars	\$22	\$7	\$15	Café	N/A	Monday 21 Nov	6.30pm	5pm
Tues 3 Jan	Twenty20 Big Bash	Brisbane Heat v Adelaide Strikers	\$22	\$7	\$15	Café	N/A	Monday 21 Nov	6.30pm	5pm
Fri 6 Jan	Twenty20 Big Bash	Brisbane Heat v Hobart Hurricanes	\$22	\$7	\$15	Café	N/A	Monday 21 Nov	6.30pm	5pm
Tues 17 Jan	Twenty20 Big Bash	Brisbane Heat v Sydney Thunder	\$22	\$7	\$15	Café	N/A	Monday 21 Nov	6.30pm	5pm
Sat 21 Jan	Twenty20 Big Bash Semi Final	Teams and Venue TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	6.30pm	5pm
Sun 22 Jan	Twenty20 Big Bash Semi Final	Teams and Venue TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	6.30pm	5pm
Sat 28 Jan	Twenty20 Big Bash Final	Teams and Venue TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	6.30pm	5pm
Mon 6 - Thurs 9 Feb	Sheffield Shield Queensland v Western Australia	QLD Bulls v Western Australia	Free	Free	Free	Closed	N/A	N/A	10am-5pm	9.30am
Sat 11 Feb	One Day Domestic Queensland v Western Australia	QLD Bulls v Western Australia	\$12	Free	\$6	Café	N/A	Match Day Only	1.15-8.45pm	12.15pm
Sun 19 Feb	One Day International	Australia v India	\$52	\$20	\$32	Lunch	1-Feb	Monday 7 Nov	1.20pm	11.00am
Tues 21 Feb	One Day International	India v Sri Lanka	\$30	\$12	\$17	Lunch	1-Feb	Monday 7 Nov	1.20pm	11.00am
Sat 25 Feb	One Day Domestic Final	TBC v TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	1.15-8.45pm	12.15pm
Sun 4 Mar	One Day International Final	Teams TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	1.20pm	11.00am
Thurs 8 - Sun 11 Mar	Sheffield Shield Queensland v South Australia	QLD Bulls v South Australia	Free	Free	Free	Closed	N/A	N/A	10am-5pm	9.30am
Fri 16 - Tue 20 Mar	Sheffield Shield Final	Teams and Venue TBC	Free	Free	Free	TBC	TBC	TBC	10am-5pm	9.30am

* Subject to change – any changes will be emailed to Members and posted on the website.

The above program was correct at the time of going to press.
The Gabba or Stadiums Queensland accepts no responsibility for any subsequent changes.

Three's a crowd

Members are able to bring their own crowd to the game with the option to now purchase up to three fully transferable annual guest cards. There is only one thing better than enjoying sport with friends and that's enjoying sport in the Members Reserve with friends. You will be a popular person this summer!

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