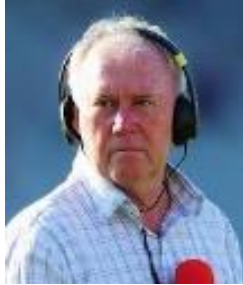


Jim Maxwell AM

Cricket – The view of a broadcaster



Having highlighted that cricket is a “slow” game as described by Arthur Mailey, Jim gave us an excellent example of how he maintains interest during the slower moments of the game. He certainly held our attention as he regaled us with fascinating non-stop anecdotes and stories drawn from his remarkable internationally famous commentating career spanning about 45 years and counting. His stories ranged from the 1st Indian born test cricketer to the amazing innings of Ben Stokes last year.

For Jim, cricket is not just a game, but a way of life, an entertainment that allows stories to be told. His presentation was wide ranging as befits his global career. We heard about other commentators, some from years past who inspired Jim and consolidated his career choice. We heard about umpires, about how ball by ball commentary started in Australia all the while to the accompaniment of Jim’s two vigorous budgerigars, Marjorie and Albert!

Women’s cricket, Olympic cricket, West Indies cricket, the sandpaper episode, nothing was outside Jim’s experience as a commentator. His enthralling tales could have carried on for hours.

John Carter gave a vote of thanks and highlighted Jim’s ability to maintain listener’s interest irrespective of what is happening on the field and also how his exceptional love of cricket captivated us all.