

Who was Peter Ferris?



Peter Ferris was President of Centenary Cricket Club for two seasons and a club and zone coach for several seasons. He passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in late October 1999. Afterwards his Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters donated a trophy to the club in his memory.

Peter was passionate about cricket and he was a very good player. Coming from the country backyard cricket was played by the Ferris family, neighbours and friends at every opportunity especially Christmas and family gatherings. Peter played school cricket, then Army cricket and later on Indoor Cricket in Mt Isa and Townsville. He enjoyed the coach role and encouraging children to develop and improve their skills.

As well as being a club coach, Peter was active in MSW forums, and a Representative Level Zone coach. Cricket was a big part of the Ferris family's life. Peter took on the role of Club President and was supported by his wife, Ellen with whatever needed to be done. He had the technical, cricket knowledge; Ellen was the organiser, administrator in the background. The Ferris children, Luke and Ethan played junior and senior cricket for Centenary and WPC Cricket. Peter supported the newly established Centenary State High school with their cricket program.

Peter turned his hand to lots of things in the club – sourcing new equipment and Gabba Grass, organising working bees to glue new Gabba Grass to the wickets in the nets at Peter Lightfoot Oval and exploring opportunities to establish a home location for the club. Peter was instrumental in setting up the first Super 8s program in the MSW Zone as he saw a gap between the Have a Go program and the Under 10s competition especially for children who joined the club at 5 and were wanting more than just 2 or 3 years of skill development. MSW named the program the Peter Ferris Super 8s in his honour.

After Peter passed away the Ferris family continued their commitment to the club with Ellen taking on Vice-President and then the President and other roles endeavouring to continue work that Peter had started. Commitment to the club by the family has been maintained for over 25+ years.

Every season the club awards the Peter Ferris Memorial Trophy, which is the most prestigious of the club Perpetual Trophies. It is awarded to 'Club Person of the Year,' someone who is either an outstanding player or a member of the club who has made a significant contribution to the club. Peter's memory and service to the game he loved lives on through our Club Trophy