

CRICKET GEAR DONATION TO NICS

Mike Whitney's recent fame as a television presenter for 'Sydney Weekender' is how he discovered Norfolk Island. But anyone with grey hair will remember that Mike is also a notorious test cricketer. Back in the day, Whitney played all of his club cricket for the Randwick Cricket Club (1976-93) in the Sydney Grade Competition. He played 94 First Class matches for New South Wales from 1980 to 1993. He is one of only three fast bowlers to take more than three hundred first class wickets for New South Wales. Whitney is a Life Member of Cricket New South Wales and the Randwick Petersham Cricket Club.

Since first visiting, Mike has held a soft spot for Norfolk Island and on his most recent visit (2018), he took it upon himself to pay a visit to the Norfolk Island Central School (NICS). After spending time with the students in the cricket cages, Mike soon realised that the equipment they were using was not ideal. So he went back home to Sydney and canvassed members of Randwick Petersham Cricket Club where he has been President since 2001. After some great persuasion (Mike could sell ice to an Eskimo), the generous club members donated six kits of gear for the NICS students. Mike personally packed up the gear and organised delivery of the goods to the island. NICS now have some awesome cricket gear which has been added to their sporting equipment and only had to incur the air-freight delivery expense.

Special thanks go to the Randwick Petersham Cricket Club for their generous donation, and of course to Mike Whitney for coordinating the project. The Norfolk Island Central School really appreciate this support and gesture of goodwill from the cricket club members. We look forward to welcoming Mike back to Norfolk Island one day!



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