**Bob De Groot**

Bob started playing at North Hobart in 1966 as a wicketkeeper/batsman. He was well down in the pecking order of keepers with Ray Nield, and Lyn Cox ahead of him. In 1970/71 North’s new coach Brian Eade fast tracked Bob into First Grade while he was still a teenager and he became a member of the premiership side that year. Bob became a regular fixture in first grade and was known as one of the toughest competitors in the game and was a member 78/79 premiership team.

Bob was first Club President in 1977/78 for one season and came back to Club administration when his son Russell began playing for North Hobart. He became Club Treasurer in 2005/06 until 2009/10, President 2007/08 to 2010/11 and Cricket Manager 2011/12 & part of 2012/13. Bob’s administration saw a complete turnaround in Club finances. In this particular stint North Hobart won 9 premierships and two limited over titles. Bob came back again to serve the Club from 2014/15 to 2015/16. Bob has been involved with the Club over a period of 50 years.

He became a life member in its’ centenary year.

**David Manson**

David first played for North Hobart in the mid1960s. In 1970/71, coach Brian Eade took him from third grade to first grade as an opening batsman. David excelled and was a member of the 70/71 premiership team. He made scores of 98 and 95 for Tasmanian Colts but was thereafter overlooked by selectors. David was a member 72/73 premiership & was vice captain in the Club’s 78/79 flag. He coached the Club in 1980/81. He became a life member of the Club in its’ Centenary year. David passed away in January 2018.

David was also a champion footballer and was a member of North Hobart’s 1974 premiership team.

Both Bob and David are known for their love and passion for the North Hobart Cricket Club. They are also known as two of the greatest on the field competitors.

The Demon Spirit Award is named in honour of David & Bob.