

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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## CASTLE HILL CRICKET CLUB 160TH ANNIVERSARY

**Mr RAY WILLIAMS (Castle Hill—Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services) (13:22):** This year marks the 160th anniversary of Castle Hill Cricket Club, and I was honoured recently to attend the anniversary dinner at Castle Hill RSL. Castle Hill Cricket Club played its first game in 1858—19 years before the first test match in this country. It was reported in the *Bell's Life in Sydney* newspaper that Castle Hill lost outright to Kellyville Cricket Club—another longstanding club in my electorate—after leading in the first innings. The leading cricketer of this period was none other than Jack Wood of Castle Hill who, over six seasons in the 1890s, scored 4,069 runs, with an average of 32.04, and took 414 wickets, with an average of 9.02. In 1891 Jack played for Parramatta and District against England, which was captained by W. G. Grace. Today the club is thriving, with 216 players including juniors, girls and seniors. Current Australian under-19 representative Hayley Silver-Holmes started her cricketing career at Castle Hill Cricket Club. Congratulations to everyone at Castle Hill Cricket Club on an amazing 160 years.