Volume four covers Canterbury’s first class cricketers from No. 301, John Smith to

No. 350, Bruce Bolton. Included in this volume are cricketers such as Tom Burtt, who

bowled 13,464 balls and took a record 241 wickets over 12 seasons. Gordon Leggat

made his debut at 18 and was a most prolific scorer reaching 2,000 runs in only 48 innings,

a record not broken until 2010. He had the misfortune to reach 99 on two occasions,

both times being run out. Tony Mac Gibbon, a two metre tall fast bowler, was admired by

his team mates for his seemingly inexhaustible ability to keep running in hard in the most

trying of conditions and few will forget the exuberant West Indian Sammy Guillen who

made his home in New Zealand following the West Indian tour in 1952. With his skills

and his sense of humour he became of one the great characters of Canterbury cricket.

Brian Adams, a life member and a former Chairman of the Canterbury Cricket Association,

has written this history of cricket in Canterbury highlighting the players and the contribution

they made to the success of the sport in the province. With individual photos of many of the

players and their teams, the book provides a valuable insight into cricket and life in the period

from 1943 to 1956. It contains not only the player’s match by match performances but also a

close analysis of their career and their life outside of cricket.