

# Knox Gardens Cricket Club



Season in Review 2008/2009



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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

In writing this report I took a moment to reflect on my 10 years at the Garden. I thought about my predecessors, Webby, Hancock, Lawrence and co and realized we had not a lot in common except for **2 BIG things**.... Our Love for this place and more importantly our respect for the people who make this place GREAT !!!..

TONIGHT ... I think all of us would be sitting back feeling very proud of your achievements.

As a President everyone knows that I am not overly subtle, never back down and set lofty goals. I definitely rattle some cages and at times expect more than should be reasonable.....BUT even though you all have managed to ignore my short comings your achievements this year in **Winning a club record 4 Premierships** are truly something to be enjoyed !

Last year my challenge on Presentation Night read : **“It is time to deliver in 08/09 and nothing short of 5 flags from our Seniors, Juniors and Veterans would be an acceptable result.”** Well we went bloody close and there is so much to celebrate here tonight!

- 4 premierships
- 5 Teams in Grand Finals
- 8 Teams in Semi Finals
- 5 Teams finishing the Minor round in top spot on the Ladder

I'd like to thank the committee and the members of the Knox Gardens CC for the opportunity and honour of leading the club again this year. In a Year that promised so much I am **SO** proud of our efforts on many fronts. To be moving into Knox Tavern Cup in 2009/10 is a sensational result to end our year.

The season started some 8 months ago with our Senior coach Chris Amos returning for a second year knowing what was ahead of him. Once again we had a strong Senior squad, a strong number of Junior Teams with some New coaches, and with the major Council project finished making Knox gardens Reserve the “BEST” in the East there was much hype regarding our potential for a Winning Season in many Junior, Senior & Veterans grades.

Our improved facilities have been the single most critical achievement in driving this Season and it is important to recognize the support we enjoy from our Local councilor and Mayor David Cooper (Scott Ward), Council officers; Mark Stockton, Heather Callaghan and Rod Lintott plus local MP support from the State Shadow Treasurer – Kim Wells and Federal member Chris Pearce.

The Season started with a BIG bang with the Knox Gardens Super Sunday. We had a coaching clinic for 100 kids, we had a Club lunch, the Bottle-O V8 Supercar, great guest speakers Ray Bright, Colin Miller, Tony D’Alberto (V8’s) and Rod Hogg and of course a Legends match featuring some of our Falcons legends. Coloured uniforms, a BIG crowd and both David Cooper (Mayor) and Chris Pearce (MP) facing off to kick off a HUGE



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year. Colin Miller and some of the young guys finishing a great day in the wee hours of the morning.

With everything in place the club kicked off the New season strongly in the Seniors with a "back to the future" approach with club Legend Rhys Marget returning to the helm of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Early games showed that our Senior Teams would be extremely competitive.

By end of November we had 3 Junior Teams traveling well, 4 Senior sides promising Finals action and our veteran's teams also looking competitive.

Pre Xmas we successfully ran our \$2500 Cash draw and achieved a great result with once again a lower attendance than we had hoped for. Saturday nights at the bar however were greatly improved thanks to our return to home and a winning feeling around the club. The canteen was also up and running thanks to the efforts of Lillian & Greg Howes who made significant sacrifice to serve the club and were ably helped by Kelly Butcher.

November also saw a strong Knox Gardens contingent active in supporting FTGDCA Rep Teams. We had Shannon Small, Adam Wild and David Hancock coaching Rep teams. In the VMCU carnival Aaron Bailey coached the U/14's with some success. At senior Level Adam Wild was chosen for the FTGDCA to play in country week again highlighting his efforts as our club's most successful player in recent years.

Following the Xmas break our club hosted the reigning AFL Premiers for a family Day that drew upon massive volunteer support within our club. After Xmas Last Year the wheels fell off some of our Senior sides, but this YEAR our Senior and Junior teams were almost unstoppable. Through very strong availability and some **Sensational Team and Individual performances** our Top 4 senior Teams all landed Top 2 berths. Our 5<sup>th</sup> XI was never that far away and showed that we have great depth and enthusiasm all the way through our Senior teams.

Our Vets 2 side led by Webby narrowly missed a Grand final berth by losing a nail biting Semi-Final in mid February.

Our U/12's coached by Rob Mott and our U/13A side coached by Tim Flintoff continued on their winning ways to set up dates with destiny. Our U/15's coached by Rhys Thomas slipped into the 4 through an unbelievable weekend of upsets moving from 5<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> in one mighty effort.

The business end of the Season, saw 3 Junior sides, and 4 Senior sides all secure Top 2 finishes and Home Finals ???

As we know this then eventuated in 5 Grand finals appearances .....and 4 UNBELIEVABLE flags.

**The Knox Gardens CC trophy cabinet bursting with 4 new editions !**

Off the Field it has been an extremely challenging year and without the HUGE efforts of the Committee members we would not have had the stability that we had. Their efforts by were truly magnificent.



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Notably, specifically and importantly I would like to **THANK**:

- The Captains and Junior coaches of all Teams, for the time that you have given up and for the sacrifices made. I also want to thank your partners and families for accepting the impacts of your efforts.
- We would not have the Financial security or stability without the Accounting skills and persistence of Greg Howes and Rob Cottle. Plus as everyone knows Rob is the Master BBQ Chef (Grilled hotdogs anyone ?)
- The Club socially would be a lonely place and missing real passion without the tireless work of Rhys & Daine as well as Jezza who epitomize the heart and soul of the club.
- On the Super human front, Andrew Hawkes gives of himself like no other. His early Sat starts to setup, attendance with Ben at Association meetings, time spent organizing coaches, parents & teams plus simply mucking in with all club activities needs to be strongly recognized. This year Andrew also got great support from Tim Flintoff with the Juniors. I would also like to thank Ingrid for her patience and support of Andrew and the club.
- Ray Borg who although he is normally the brunt of mine and others jokes has given hours helping Chris with training and also ran the canteen during this years carnivals.
- As always David Hancock has run our Milo program which grew to over 75 kids but without Richard Taylor, David's efforts would be far more difficult.
- Ben McLean who manages to be club Secretary, run our Sensational Falcons website and managed the clubs Senior player data & registration plus help significantly with the club's administration.
- Lillian Howes & Kelly who contributed significantly to our club in helping to run the canteen
- I'd also like to thank the ladies Lisa, Sue, Carol, Anne, and Sheryn who regularly pitched in and helped support the BIG Finals success with food, meals and running the canteen.
- Barry and Jack who missed playing in the Finals but never thought twice about mucking in and helping out behind the BAR and wherever they could.
- I'd also like to extend my congratulations to Fiona Taylor who this year joins an Elite group of Life members.
- Finally I'd like to recognize the efforts of Club coach Chris Amos, who in his 2nd year at the club has again worked tirelessly to bring a programmed set of activities and create an opportunity for all players to improve. He has been strongly assisted by Ray Philips as Chairman of selectors who has become a very important cog in our Future success. I'd like to thank Kaye & Mandy their understanding as wives who have always supported the guy's investment in time for our playing group. It is also with great pleasure that the executive of the CLUB confirms Chris's reappointment for 2009/10.

This Season we set out to consolidate our Bank balance while trying to support our on field goal to WIN our way into Division 1. Having started the Season with a Bank balance of \$4,000 we have managed our funds well to end with a bank balance in the vicinity of \$10,000 by seasons end. Given our "one off" expenses like \$8000 in new shirts and a reduction in Sponsorship due to the Economic climate it has been an even better result ensuring that there is a solid base to support our future growth.



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The club has some challenges ahead in the FTGDCA, most notably shaking off the perception that has been created by our Newsletter debacle. Whilst no one has the right to censor our club the ill-chosen words have caused significant embarrassment for the Committee and broken some bridges that will take some time to mend.

The club is now set to enter a New Season well equipped to focus on capitalizing on our Winning ways. An even greater focus on moving our 1<sup>st</sup> X1 to be a Premiership contender in division 1 (Knox Tavern Cup) is needed ! 2009/10 will be a difficult year for our 1st XI with the FTGDCA restructure in Division 1 taking effect at Seasons end, we will have to Win at least 5 games to avoid the bottom 3 and a relegation berth back in DeCoitte Shield again. The restructure will mean that our 2nds will remain in Division 3 our 3rds in Division 5 and our 4ths again in Division 7, with many clubs sides being shuffled around to create club DERBY's across all like grades.

I would like to challenge our players young and old to understand the road ahead!.....Our club must grow again and become a force in the Knox Tavern Cup ! **Anything less would be a WASTE of years of hard work and sacrifice by so many!**..... So much has been provided for you through the efforts of a band of Knox Gardens members and supporters to support their vision of our club being a powerhouse in the Local competition.

With undisputedly the BEST ground and facilities in the Eastern suburbs ..... it is time to deliver in 2009/10 and consolidate our position as a club to be admired on and off the field. We also are aiming to grow Junior numbers by two Teams again as well as build our MILO numbers to over 100 Boys and girls.

I would also challenge our Senior players to get involved in recruiting and scour their network to help drive our Senior team success next season. The club also needs more Junior coaches and over winter I would ask some of our senior players to complete their Level 1 accreditation and start to get involved.

The decision to achieve this and much much more rests with you

Congratulations to all 2008/09 trophy winners and Team of the Year awardees for your contribution to our success.

**Bill Leane**





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## Junior Coordinators Report

This was my third season in this role. If my wife has her way it will be my last.... but no matter what, I really enjoy contributing to the success of the most progressive club I've ever been lucky enough to be involved with. There is no doubt that our President Bill Leane sets high goals and drives hard to achieve them. It is my role to convert the goals into onfield success in the Juniors by way of ensuring we have the most suitable people in coaching roles and ensuring that as many kids as possible are given the opportunity to play cricket.

We registered two under 17, an under 15's, two under 13's a new under 12 team and three under 11 teams for the season. Numbers dropping away in the higher age group meant that the second under 17's folded after Christmas, but the players they had had tried hard to get a team on the field and performed at their best against the odds, usually playing 7 or 8 against 11. If the first under 17 team had tried as hard, I believe they would have been finals contenders. Unfortunately it would seem that their focus was more on playing senior cricket resulting in a missed opportunity for those in their final year of Juniors.

The under 15's were mainly bottom age players due to some older boys preferring to play 17's. This meant that they would be a bit out of their class in Division one and so they were moved to Division two after two rounds. This move paid off as they showed they were competitive at this level. A hiccup after Christmas seemed to dash their finals aspirations however after a tongue lashing they showed their mettle with an outright win and with the other results falling their way, finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> position and finals action. A great semi final win saw the boys pitted against the undefeated Lysterfield lineup who had refused to move to Division one in our place earlier in the season... Although outclassed the boys fought it out and should quite rightly be proud of their efforts.

The 13/1's were always going to be a strong team, and they were bolstered by some quality additions making their way from Monbulk after it became apparent that club was going to struggle to field a team. The boys held top spot on the ladder throughout the season resulting in hosting the Grand Final at the best venue in Australia (well, close to it anyway...) I think we all pretty much knew who the two grand final teams would be at the start of the season as Eildon Park were returning to defend the title after beating us last year. But I don't think anyone would have known what an exciting final it would be as we appeared to be out of it until we took 5 for 5 to finish with a tie. The top position meant that we are awarded the premiership.

A new under 12 Division was added by the Association in order to ease the transition from under 11's into competitive cricket. We had entered two teams into this grade only to move one into under 13's two days before the season start to eliminate a bye in each age group. After adding two top age boys the under 13/2's acquitted themselves very well being competitive and could perhaps have won more games if their coach was more mercenary in going for a result instead of trying to develop all the players.... The team that remained in the under 12 age group consisted of a mix of under 11's and under 12 boys. This team was probably the most evenly talented group that we have seen at Knox Gardens and were all given opportunities to show their leadership and cricketing skills. We congratulate them on their semi final achievement and rue the fact





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that they went down to a team who, by their own coaches admission, played out of their skins in the game.

Our Friday night under 11's were victims of the weather all season. Most pre Christmas games were washed out, and then the extreme heat post Christmas affected attendances. Many thanks to the coaches and dads who took the time to ensure the kids got a game of cricket where possible. I think the introduction of the Ray Buckett cup for the Red's vs. Black's game was the highlight of the season.....

TheIn2Cricket programme (formerly Milo) continued under the guidance of David Hancock, however increased work responsibilities saw increased involvement from Richard Taylor, Jason Buljabasic and Mark Hancock. A fine group of kids will be progressing to under 10's and 11's next season thanks to the efforts of these guys (and many others)

A proposed girls competition failed to materialize but Knox Gardens again ran a free programme for girl cricketers in our area. Many thanks to Jason Buljabasic for co-ordinating this. From this the Outer East Eagles used our facilities to base their under 18 and 14 girls teams. We should be proud to provide these opportunities for girls even though there is no real "benefit" to our club.

Knox Gardens again led the way in promoting representative cricket for the FTGDCA. We co-ordinated the initial tryouts using our facilities and our grounds were the base for the under 14 and two under 12 teams in the VCCL and VCMU carnivals. A lack of response from other clubs saw us providing many of the coaches as well! Congratulations to the following for representing Knox Gardens in Representative sides: Adam Wild and Jeremy McKinnon – coaches of u/18 VCCL; Shannon Small –coach of u/16 VCCL including Rob Howes, Ben Morello and Ash Hawkes as players. Rob, Ben and Ash also played in the VMCU carnival in January. Special congratulations to Jono Lim who researched opportunities to play in the Hatch (u/15) competition, and was selected by Mount Waverley to represent them.

Dave Hancock coached the u/14 VCCL team and was replaced by Aaron Bailey when unavailable for the VCMU carnival. These teams included Scott McInerney, Daniel Carr and Campbell Craigie. The under 12 VCCL team included Niraj DeSilva, Ewen Doonan and Zach Flintoff. Niraj and Ewen played in the u/12 Mitchell Shield team in the VMCU carnival, while Zach was joined by Nick Jankovskis in the Tim Flintoff coached Josh Brown VMCU team. Additional congratulations to Niraj and Ewen who made it to stage two in the selection process for the Primary Schools State team and to Club President Bill Leane who this year avenged last years loss in coaching the winning Broadmeadows side in the u/15 RM Hatch Sub District competition.

It was again apparent that we need to work harder on the social side of cricket to promote parental involvement both at the games and in club functions. I dropped the ball a bit after a successful move to Saturday lunchtime awards BBQ's allowing this initiative to peter out. Perhaps we need to form a small "social committee" to address this area for the 2009/10 season.....

I suppose my biggest thrill this season (besides having my photo on the cover of the scorebook) was in seeing the development of so many young cricketers during the





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season. As I intend to stand down from the Junior Co-ordinator position for next season, I hope that my replacement will get the same satisfaction in having as many kids as possible out playing cricket instead of being glued to the TV or computer. Good luck to all for 2009/10 – Go Falcons!!

**Andrew Hawkes**  
**Junior Co-ordinator**





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## Milo In2Cricket Report

We saw growth from the previous year to over 70 registrations (50 Have a GO and 20 Have a Game). We approached many Pre Schools and Kindergartens chasing 4-5 year olds, and this helped us to find and capture the youngest future stars.

Once again Richard Taylor put out his Volunteer hand to coach the Have a Games (he has run this since the program 1<sup>st</sup> started 3 years ago). Mark Hancock also helped me out for the entire season. Thank you to both chaps as this ensured the program was able to run. With their help we were able to marshal the parents to become involved and supervise the various activities on each night.

Early in the season we were helped by some rostered assistants from the senior teams. Thank-you. The 1<sup>st</sup> sessions had 70 odd children on the ground. Not an easy thing to manage! More hands on deck make it possible.

Registrations on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> night can be organized more efficiently (parents had to wait 45 minutes at the end of the session to receive the giveaways). We need someone off field dedicated to administration in the first 4 weeks to provide a better experience to the parents and their children.

We averaged 40-50 participants each week. 10 were invited to play on the MCG on Boxing day. I am not sure who was more excited, the children or their parents! This was quite a privilege for the Knox Gardens Cricket Club to be invited by Cricket Victoria to participate on the THE BIGGEST cricket day in the calendar.

Parents and coaches are finding it difficult to start each week on Friday nights at 6pm. I propose we consider trialling Sunday mornings 9-10am next season. My discussion with parents at our Presentation night received positive response. The Medals presented to each of the participants was also received with Pride by each child.

**David Hancock**  
**Milo Coordinator**





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## Spud's "End of Season" Spray

It appears the Spud has returned from his stint of being MIA just in time!

When the Pres asked me to prepare something for Preso night I said yes but with a little apprehension at the same time. You see, most of the senior players who were part of the 3 flag winning teams would probably still be under the weather from the week after spending most of their week inside the confines of that fine establishment at Knox called Seamus McPeake's! So they would not understand the words coming out of my mouth!

But what the hell, I'll give it a crack. I guarantee a shorter version than at the players night..... I was still so dry from talking so long that on the following weekend I had to drink a million bourbon's!

It was unfortunate I missed most of the finals series due to other engagements, but missing the semi final allowed me to spend time on my other passion, the pursuit of the Yabby Whale which has migrated to the Murray just near Tocumwal. Many a tussle was had over the three days but unfortunately no luck! But that's enough about me, I could talk about myself for hours!

In my absence I was keeping my ear close to the ground for updates and they came thick and fast thanks to the Whispy one Simon Wilkinson!

Week 1 of semi final action saw us have 7 teams vying for a spot in the Grand Final. The only thing you can say is that we gave 5 whacks and received 2 and judging by my calculations that meant we were 3 whacks ahead going into Grand Final week!

The 1s set the tone for the weekend ending their game in some kind of record time against Sth Belgrave. All you can say is South just couldn't stand the might of our boys. Could have been better forfeiting???

The 2s displayed the form that has had them top of the heap all year. Dare I praise him. Jarrod Thorp tore Eildon Park a new one! 6/38 proved he is too good for this grade and should be back in the 1s next year. Remember he is a genuine all rounder now. Just ask him or view it on the Forum for yourself! Jezza starred again with the bat and would be pressing his claims again next year for a spot in the 1s. The depth at this place at the moment is unbelievable and only gets better with some of the young fella's coming through.

What happened in the 3s. The boys were home at tea with big Wazza leading the way and on his way to a ton. A few scones and a cup of tea later and that's the ball game. Devastating loss. Bails cried again which is not unusual, then set about seconding a lift home from the boys in blue in the wee hours of the morning. Fat head never does things in halves and this was no exception. Totally redeemed himself!

The 4s proved that old blokes really are useful. We rolled Eildon Park quick smart for 163 with Cottle devastating with 3/3. Game was never in doubt Raymond hit 55\* and was supported greatly by Millsy with 36. Cottle closed the game out with 23 not out.





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Our U15's were pushing it up hill against a quality Lysterfield Beavers outfit. The Beavers were able to push our boys for 205 off their 50 overs. Our turn came to bat and whilst the boys put in a good effort we were rolled for 130 in close to 40 overs and it was curtains on the season.

The Under 13s took on Upwey and rolled them for a competitive total of 184 in the 48<sup>th</sup> over. Not a problem for our bunch of little superstars. Wylde, Craigie and Carr each pass forty and the game was in the bag.

The 12s couldn't quite get the chocolates in their Semi after restricting FTG to 142 in 40 overs. The boys would have been reasonably confident in getting the runs given the talent in the side. The Wylde boys top scored with 35 and 17 but we couldn't overcome the Gully and were rolled for 130 in the 50<sup>th</sup> over.

That brings me to Grand Final week or should I say weeks! We all know the results and we should all soak it in tonight because we can say we were the most successful club in the FTGDCA this year! I love the fact we can now say and promote the fact we have the best clubrooms, best ground, best blokes and most successful club in the FTGDCA. It gives us an almighty foundation to forge ahead and become a force in Knox Tavern cup.

4 from 5. With 2 ties. That is unheard of!

Every person at the club deserves a pat on the back for their contributions throughout the season and the Spud thanked you at length at the players function before the finals started. But let's not kid ourselves. The reason we are having this little love in tonight is because of our players! The lads put in some almighty performances during the Grand Finals which reaped the ultimate rewards! They put all this talk of trying to stick it up certain quarters of the league aside and did it for themselves.

The Spud was only able to witness the finish of the 1s first hand but when you saw the looks on the faces of those 11 blokes after the game it's something that can't be explained and will unite them forever. The Spud would give his left nut to be part of that feeling.

In reverse order this time because I can we will have a look at what transpired.

After a fairly convincing win against Upwey in the Semi our young guns took on our arch rivals Eildon Park for the battle of the best club in the comp. Carr and Wylde again came to the party with the bat and we managed to hit 153 off our 50 overs. Eildon Park were then bowled out in the last over for an amazing 153 with Hawkesy taking 3/19 which meant a tie and a win the Falcons. Soda's for everyone!

The 4s wiped Auravale off the face of the earth. The game was effectively over at the close of play on Week 1 with Webby hitting them to all corners of the ground and laying the foundation for a massive score. I challenged this man to come out and prove his worth and he paid me back with interest. Big Bad Bustling Bart Hoggett smashed 98 runs in quick time to seal a victory before we even had the chance to bowl! It's always a great feeling as a bowler when you have 300+ on the board. It allows you to attack all day and that we did. The Crookie Monster ripped through the Lakers with 4/37 and was ably supported by Crazy's apprentice Blake Lines. More importantly though was the





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celebrations that took place after the win. Blake Lines put in possibly the greatest performance in club history whilst supporting the 1s on the Sunday afternoon. Having not been to bed and still in his cricket gear which was covered in so many stains that forensics would have been proud.

Our 2s went into the Granny as white hot favourites and did not disappoint! At the close of Week 1 the game was evenly poised with Knoxfield 3/80 odd after 40 overs with the game in the balance. Once again the Superfish came to the party and destroyed Knoxfield early on day 2 supported ably by Simon Taylor with 4/15. Has anyone noticed that Simon looks very similar to Bob Decoite whose face covers the Decoite Shield! Wickets came thick and fast and they were bowled out for 136. Our boys were keen to start celebrations early. Game Over. Jezza again in the runs with 60 odd and what makes me really sick is I have to mention his name again. Thorpy popped up again with 44 but could quite go the distance to seal it. No surprises there! As he proved during celebrations. Mad Monday on the Sunday. You Poof! The boys were done by the end of Saturday and the celebrations began on the Saturday. This meant even more blokes to support the 1s on the Sunday!

Which brings me the best game of local cricket I have ever seen and I only saw the last 25 overs!!

We set out to bat what seems like 6 weeks ago and made our way to 4/109 at the close of play on the first Sunday. Chopsy was sitting pretty on 49\* and was at the crease with Rhys. Knowing Knox Gardens history over the years it could quite easily have ended in tears. Chopsy and Rhys went pretty quick on the second Saturday and things were looking a little grim. Enter Boofa and Travvy. Boof has improved out of sight this year and now has the attention span of a small child which has improved from a gold fish. The boys steadily built our total and by the end of play we had compiled 239. I have said all year if we make more than 200 we win the game!

By the close of play we had Knoxfield 3/100 odd and the game was in the balance. Knoxfield have an awesome batting line up and had their best and captain at the crease along with a kid who will be a superstar. The spud arrived a 4/146 and thought we may struggle to get there.

The next 2 hours will go down in the history of this place as the some of the biggest in club history.

The boys never panicked got an awesome run out on the captain which cause a bit of commotion on the ground between batsmen and umpire.

Knoxfield kept the run rate to an acceptable level and came into tea needing 12 runs off 12 balls with two wickets in hand. We got one after the tea break which sent the Garden Army into hysterics. Last ball came and they needed 3 to win. Travvy bowls it full and we all know the result. Travvy man of the match and deservedly so.

There's nothing else to say. The Spud cannot guarantee a return next year given the controversy of this past season but will watch with eagerness and anticipation as we tackle Knox Tavern Cup.

**The Spud**  
**KGCC Supporter**





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## 1<sup>st</sup> XI Premiership Report

Well, how could I possibly put into words the events that transpired last weekend. Everybody present witnessed the most amazing finally to what has been an amazing season.

However you all know me and it would not be right for me to not say anything, so here goes. What can be said about the final moments of our season is that an entire season of commitment, dedication, heart, character, a never say die attitude and a willingness to work for each other was the difference between GREATNESS and heart ache. This group of players that included 15 of them during the season had that special feel about it from the very first practice match and to their credit were able to maintain that feeling throughout the entire season. This was achieved with a lot of hard work and sacrifice from the entire playing group, with a special mention to our coach Chris Amos for his hard work and dedication to the cause and my vice captain Adam Wild, who probably had to make the biggest sacrifice to his own game in order for the rest of the team to take some responsibility and ultimately achieve success.

TEAM was the cornerstone to our success and this was highlighted by the fact that 6 players scored over 200 runs and 5 bowlers took more than 24 wickets for the season. However there were some outstanding individual achievements throughout the season and the following is a list of these.

**Round 1:** J. Butcher 64, M. Young 4/23

**Round 2:** R. Marget 64, S. Hettiarachchige 43, M. Young 6/21

**Round 3:** R. Marget 98, S. Hettiarachchige 69, B. Adams 60, J. Butcher 4/46

**Round 4:** T. Mulder 6/27

**Round 5:** A. Wild 51, J. Gregory 41

**Round 6:** N. Singh 4/40

**Round 7:** J. Butcher 5/26

**Round 8:** T. Mulder 40, A. Wild 100<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> XI game

**Round 9:** T. Mulder 59, R. Marget 56, A. Wild 4/37

**Round 11:** J. Phillips 100\*, S. Hettiarachchige 95, T. Mulder 4/13, A. Wild 4/42

**Grand Final:** T. Mulder 67, M. Dalton 55, J. Gregory 46

I would personally like to say it has been a pleasure to be able to lead the club and this group of players to the ultimate success, I thank everybody involved with the club this season and take great pride in knowing that we are destined for more greatness in the future.

**Rhys Marget**  
**1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain**  
**Life Member**





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## 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Premiership Report

The season didn't get off to the greatest of starts. In game one we headed to Eildon Park and at 4/34 after 17 overs we needed to get our act together if we were going to win the opening one-dayer. Enter Jason Buljabasic (24) and Jarrod Thorp (44) and along with Mitch Gregory (34\*) got the total to a very defendable 8/169. Eildon Park stood little chance with our tight lines and were restricted to 8/97 off their 40 overs. Richard Taylor ended with the figures of 3/12 off 8 overs.

Game two saw us head up to Monbulk. We managed to post 203, with Buljabasic continuing his form (55) and myself (32) and Matt Van Lith (49) also contributing. A comfortable 52 run win with Simon Wilkinson (3/46) and Ian Jongen (4/24) doing the bulk of the damage.

The next round saw us play our first home game on the new top oval. We played Rowville and posted a fantastic 247. Mitch Gregory (66) was superb. Ray Borg (40), Van Lith and I (36) also added to the final total. Rowville were no chance, being dismissed for a measly total of 68! All bowlers were too good, but the main destroyer was Simon Taylor (5/10).

In round 4 we came up against Knoxfield, the side we would later challenge for the flag. We chose to bat and for the first time all year we lost wickets in clumps. Some late hitting by Adam Metherell (47) managed to lift the total to 169. The total wasn't enough, as Knoxfield passed us 6 down. They went on to be all out for 230. Rhys Thomas toiled away with figures of 3/46. Metherell also took 3 wickets.

We bounced back strongly against Upper Gully in a one-dayer, hitting 5/213. The main contributors were Metherell (33\*), Corné Mostert (33), Buljabasic (48) and myself (50). We managed to get across the line by restricting UFTG to 6/185 off their overs. Van Lith was the pick of the bowlers ending with the figures of 2/16 off 9.

In round 6 we met the highly fancied Footballers. Day one saw us smash 292. Simon Taylor (55) and Mostert (62) were fantastic (the latter bringing up his first 50 in the twos). Gregory (31) also chipped in. Unfortunately rain forced no play on the second day.

A dominant batting performance got us the points against Belgrave. We hit 6/227 off our 45 overs, with Simon Taylor (52), Mark Dalton (56) and myself (78) marking the majority of the runs. Belgrave were rolled for 168 with Jongen (3/28) and Buljabasic (3/10) doing the job. This win saw us going into Christmas a game and percentage clear in first place.

We started back after the mid-season break by giving Monbulk a cricketing lesson. We amassed 5/189 of the 45 overs and then bowled Monbulk out for 49. The top performances for the day were Dalton (53), Mostert (56) and Buljabasic (30), however, they were all upstaged by Simon Taylor's second 5 wicket haul of the season, ending the day with 5/5 off 6!

Round 9 saw Thorp ton-up (109) in what was an awesome batting display. Also, Dalton (72) hit his third consecutive 50+, which would see him promoted to the ones the following round. Gregory (30) and Ben McLean (42) also moved the score along to a





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whopping 9/350. Jongen's (5/19) consistent bowling was rewarded, as Rowville lost by an embarrassing 244 runs!

Our final game on the top oval was against Footballers in round 10. For the first time all season we lost the toss and Footballers had no hesitation to elect to bat. We dismissed them for a gettable total of 176. Jongen (4/35) backed up his performance of the previous week and was ably supported by Metherell (3/32). The game was interestingly poised as I was stumped on the final ball of day one, leaving our score at 2/30. For the second time against Footballers, play would not resume on day two, however, this time it wasn't rain, but too hot!

Round 10 saw us take on Belgrave. Belgrave batted well and got their total up to 256 before being all-out. Nav Singh (3/43) was the pick of the bowlers. As wickets tumbled, Thorp (61) kept us in the chase, however, at 6/146 it was going to take something special. Enter Buljabasic and McLean to put on the club's highest partnership for the 08/09 season. Together they saw us across the line. They were then given free rein to hit out. Buljabasic was dismissed for a fine 69, whilst McLean went on to hit his second ton for the club, ending the day at 103\*. The team ended on 8/333.

In the final game of the home and away season we took on Eildon Park, who we would play the following game in the semi-final, no matter what the result. We scored 4/171 (Singh 56\* and Metherell 47\*). A run-out on the second last ball allowed us to sneak across the line by 1 run.

In the semi-final we played a near perfect game of cricket, dismissing a quality side for 110. Thorp was a class above the rest taking the sensational figures of 6/35 off 16. Our positive approach saw the runs accumulate quickly, with Thorp (21), Buljabasic (29\*) and myself (56) doing the main damage. We passed the total 5 wickets down and stormed our way into a grand final.

The grand final was a fantastic game to play in. All the guys pulled together to produce the performance of the year. We dismissed Knoxfield for 136 with a fantastic team bowling and fielding performance. Simon Taylor walked away with the bowling figures of 4/15, but the pick of the bowlers were Jongen and Thorp, who were simply too good to take off. We had little trouble chasing the runs, passing them 2 down. Thorp capped off a brilliant year and an even better finals series with a solid 44, however, the pleasure of passing the opposition was left to me (63\*) and Metherell (22\*). The Grand Final performance really was the complete and perfect game of cricket.

I would like to thank the 21 players that contributed to such an incredible season and make a special mention to the other three players who captained the side at some stage throughout the year; Jason Buljabasic, Ian Jongen and Simon Wilkinson. I would also like to congratulate Simon on a wonderful career at K.G.C.C., as he has announced that the grand final would be his final game of cricket. He also took the final wicket of the Knoxfield innings – you're only as good as your last ball slippa!

It was a year where I was able to enjoy the success and development of the entire 2<sup>nd</sup> XI squad. It was a year where we pushed each other to higher standards through expectations and a belief in each other. In round two we read a quote from the Monbulk change rooms:





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*"Success only occurs when nobody cares who gets the credit."*

This is something I truly believe we played by and we should be extremely proud of the way we went about our cricket. It was a pleasure and an honour to play with such a fine bunch of blokes. Well done boys and lets step up to whatever challenge is thrown at us next year.

**Jeremy Mackinnon**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captain**





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## 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Report

Another good season was had by the third eleven this year, up another division to Div 5 the season ended with 6 wins, 2 draws, and 4 losses. Again we weren't able to get past the semi going down by 9 runs in what was a heart breaking loss.

At least we are consistent.

At the Christmas break the side was three and three and sitting just outside the four in a very even division. With a strong side in after the break we had a good win against Upper FTG followed by a good performance against Eildon Park this saw us sitting high in the ladder. With an outright win a draw and a loss to finish off the year and other results going our way we were able to secure a home final.

This season saw many highlights with both the bat and ball these included;

Round 1: Bart Hoggett 52

Round 2: Corne Morstert 62, R.Metherell 61

Round 3: C.Morstert 59

Round 4: M.Dalton 63, S.Reid 51\*

Round 6: Z.Thomas 83, R.Lepore 55\*

Round 7: A.Thompson 54

Round 8: M.Gregory 100, A.Bailey 63

Round 9: A.Thompson 123

Round 11: W.Comerford 69\*, A.Thompson 68, R.Howes 68

S.Reid 5/49 & S.Reid 4/16

Round 12: R.Howes 50

Semi Final: W.Comerford 81, S.Reid 5/46

The thirds had a good mix a young and old this year and our batting was a high light with every member of the team standing up to do a job when they got the chance, our bowling was also evenly spread with all our bowlers getting the chance to play in the twos.

We came close to taking it a step further this but just weren't good enough on the day

A disappointing end to what was a good year

**Rhys Thomas**  
3<sup>rd</sup> XI Captain





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## **4<sup>th</sup> XI Premiership Report**

As our season unfolded our team improved gradually peaking to play in a Grand Final. From Christmas we needed to win every game just to stay in finals contention. With a mix of veterans and young players we moulded into a team determined to play hard fun cricket, with members supporting each other.

Key contributors over the journey were Peter Webb 300 + runs, John Mills and Ray Phillips with the Bat. I am thankful to Ray playing reluctantly with this side as he was an integral part late in our season. Webbie's experience at the top of order was great together with his knowledge on rules and opposition idiosyncrasies.

Cameo appearances with the bat were Matt Van Leith and Ashley Thompson both of whom made rapid time centuries.

Blake Lines, Greg Crook, Ashley Hawkes and Drew Withers, the bowlers who took most of the main stay.

Blake bowled long spells taking key early wickets, whilst Drew Withers developed into a tight reliable bowler but unfortunately junior restrictions limited his time at the crease. Ashley Hawkes will benefit some senior experience whilst the Crookie Monster proved to be a consistent wicket taker.

Bart Hoggett took on the role as Keeper/Batsman and was reliable and determined in his contribution, taking some memorable catches.

Our team played as a team and we were delighted with our efforts.

**Rob Cottle**  
**4<sup>th</sup> XI Captain**





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## 5<sup>th</sup> XI Report

It was a tough year for the KGCC 5<sup>th</sup> VII...err, sorry, 5<sup>th</sup> XI, this year.

Things started promisingly with a full season's draw available pretty much at the start of the season. This naturally fizzled out, reverting to the much loved Thursday-before-the-game announcement, helping to maintain the mystique and allure of B2. By the end of the season, B2 comprised enough teams such that if each team were to somehow combine its individual members into a single giant player (I won't go into details, but I should imagine a good deal of strapping would be involved, with some sort of harness arrangement), there would still be enough (giant monster) players to form the Amalgamated FTDCA B2 cricket team team (not a typo, read it carefully). And sadly, if one were to then propose a giant combination of these amalgamated monstrosities into a yet larger behemoth, KGCC would have been closer to the arse end than the head.

Yes, despite hovering expectantly around the upper torso, perhaps even the shoulder blades, of the B2 Goliath mid-season, a dreadful second half put pay to any notions of joining our other teams in the finals, consigning us to the foully scented arrears of the B2 Beast, perhaps a more putrid position than even the lowly feet, since at least they never knew the hope of finals.

Such lamentations aside, there were still many good news stories from the one day side this season, continuing to nurture and promote junior talent in the finer arts or cricket, from sledging to completely ruining the scorebook and sporadic incidents of borderline aggravated assault (I'm looking at you Dad!), whilst cherry-picking the odd senior warrior to bolster the upper sides.

In a season that saw us regularly take the field with 7-9 players, a total of 34 players passed through the side, (35 if you count my wife who hit a handy 3 runs against Lysterfield) including such luminaries as Mark "Oh yeah, cricket!" Dolton, Jarrod "This B2 business is pisseasy" Thorpe, Greg "See, I can bat!" Crook. Chris "Still the bestest Coach" Amos returned for another cameo, only to be, dare I say it, outshone by a young upstart by the name of Ashley "I can't believe my best mate dropped my 6<sup>th</sup> wicket" Thompson. Despite effortless batting demonstrations, a haul of 5/3 off 8 overs and the odd century in the upper divisions, I still maintain Ash has some weaknesses in his technique that could really be sorted out by a few more months in the 5<sup>th</sup>s.

But enough of the gadflies, once again it was the core of the team that kept us going. Steve "I can see! Oh crap, now my leg's gone" Agius worked his way into some formidable form, providing the backbone for most of our batting. David "Why are all wicketkeepers completely mental" Hancock amassed a healthy slab of runs throughout the season, but his wild approach to opening the batting (and opening up on umpires, batsmen and small children alike) may see him put out to pasture soon. Barry "Girls Gone" Wild was a stalwart of the side, making the effort for 16 out of a possible 17 games, one of only 6 to play more than 10 games. Significantly better than Dave "Co-captain [retired]" Thomas, despite his late-season cameo.

And of course the young'ns – Ash "Yeah, whatever dude" Black showed moments of brilliance interspersed with moments of sleepwalking. Scott "I don't look like my sister"





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David and Pat “Chocolates” Forrest both worked hard with the ball until disappearing on a routine flight across the Andes. But the standouts were Anthony “For the love of God, why can’t you save your jabbering for the field?” Howes and a late season return of Ash “Fair chance to join the re-formed Wolfmother” Hawkes. Ant’s bowling proved difficult for the opposition to get away, and whilst his first ever run in seniors was not overly inspiring (dropped catches don’t show in the scorebook do they?), his next innings was a balltearer, including a clean hit six and several clubbed 4’s. Ash’s unique action continued to baffle batsmen, but it was his own batting that impressed most, with a 50% not out ratio, including a great 50 missed by a handful of balls, stranded on 45\*.

So yeah, we cost you a few free kegs throughout the year (shouldn’t that get *us* a bonus from the club?), but I think we all grew closer as people, and isn’t that the important thing? No? Oh well.

Ps. Did you enjoy this report? Next year, you could be writing it! KGCC is now recruiting for the exciting and glamorous position of Captain of the fightin’ One Day side for season 09/10, enquire within.

**Mark Hancock**  
**5<sup>th</sup> XI Captain**





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## U/17 1's Report

Coach: Daine Vernon  
Captain: Corne Mostert  
Team Manager: Gary Withers

WINS: THREE  
LOSSES: EIGHT

A season starting with high expectations turned out to be a real challenging and even frustrating season. Starting with 17 to 18 players and trying to turn that into 2 teams was never going to be easy. It was disappointing to have to drop the second side half way through the year but it wasn't much fun for the boys getting beat every week.

Winning two of the first three games was a good start to the year whilst trying to get the team right but only securing 6 more points for the rest of the season was pretty disappointing. A lack of available training dates due to poor weather really hurt us throughout the season adding to that a lack of commitment and availability. For a team with a list of half a dozen extra players it was inexcusable to only field a full team six out of the eleven games.

For a team with so much talent we should have been fighting for a top four finish but instead maybe got a bit intimidated by other sides at times not stepping up for key moments in a match. Often this season we would look like the best team in the competition for 80% of a game but looked by far the worst for the other 20.

As a bowling side we fared quite well only twice giving away more than 150 runs with Drew 18 wickets and Ben 15 the pick of the bowlers. Both should have a big future at the club.

Our batting was not so hot only just averaging over 100 runs per innings and only once scoring over 140 runs. This was the real disappointment, we had some really classy and skill full players. Someone like Mitch could be anything if he knew how to apply himself a bit more often laughing with the opposition at crucial times in a match. He and Corne have annoyed me all year by hitting over 600 runs between them in seniors yet just 240 in juniors. Rob forgot how to hit 50's and Scott was only interested in hitting between 20 and 25. The rest of the guys tried hard but always found ways to get themselves out.

It's been great to coach and also play along side of some of you kids this season because I know that you are improving all the time and having fun playing the game. Well done to the guys playing their final year of juniors, well done to the guys who played well in their seniors finals success and to the rest of you lets come back next year focused on having a great season 09/10

Coach Out!

**Daine Vernon**  
**17 1's Coach**





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## U/17 2's Report

The statistical analysis of our team does not reflect in any way the talents of the team or the potential that this group is capable of achieving. The difficulty that we confronted all year was that we weren't ever competing on a level playing field against all of the teams that we played. Most weeks we struggled to get enough boys to play. Many weeks we would arrive at the ground with 4 starters and then we'd ring around, borrow from the under 15's and usually call into Pazza's joint to see if he was available !

Most games we would have 7- 8 players which made our job extremely difficult. 11 against 7 isn't a contest and can be very disheartening, but our boys maintained a terrific team spirit and competed very bravely. In the matches where we had 10 players we were extremely competitive and came very close to winning.

All of the boys progressed in some way or other with their cricket this year, but the most pleasing aspect of the group as whole was the never give up attitude of the group. The boys demonstrated great perseverance, resilience, teamwork and the bond that the boys illustrated to each other was a great tribute to themselves. Even though this was a very tough season, I do hope that the boys gained much from their team effort and will continue to play next year and aspire to play finals cricket next year.

Well done, boys.

### **Team members:**

#### **Lincoln Byass – Captain, Wicket Keeper, Batsman**

Batting – Lincoln puts a lot of value on his wicket and can be very difficult to dismiss. Opening the batting is a tough gig, especially in our team. With only 7 -10 players we needed to occupy the crease for as long as we could and Linc was very good at doing that. We knew that if Linc went out early the likelihood was that the team would be dismissed very early as well. Linc has no problem with concentrating and occupying the crease for long periods and if he develops a few more scoring shots he will make big scores consistently.

Linc captained the team very well and also was our wicketkeeper – which can very challenging.

Highlight of the season for Linc was the game against Eildon Park where Lincoln carried his bat for the entire innings to be 36 not out and then in the second innings batted for 20 overs to remain not out.

#### **Yannick Hannibelzs – Opening Bowler/ Batsman**

Yannick is the unluckiest bowler who consistently beats the bat, and beats the bat and beats the bat. Yannick is an opening swing bowler with great potential. Yannick bowls a good line and length and swings the ball both ways. Yannick bowled with great control during the season and on most occasions was very difficult to score against. Yannick was very stiff to not pick up many more wickets, and would have if we had had 11 players. If Yannick keeps bowling the way does, it is only a matter of time before he's picking up 3 -4 wickets a match. Yannick's batting is technically sound, but he needs to be patient and wear the bowlers down and then the runs will flow.





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Yannick is an under age player who elected to play Under 17 and stretch himself and this will help his cricket in the future.

A highlight for Yannick this year was his batting in the second innings against Eildon Park where he and Linc occupied the crease for 20 overs and prevented Eildon Park from making any headway in their efforts to win outright.

## **Lachlan Pritchard – Opening Bowler**

Lachlan was new to the club this year and was our most consistent bowler all season. Lachlan bowls stump to stump and was very difficult to score against. The way Lachlan bowled was a great lesson for everyone else in the team and his consist line and length were rewarded with wickets and good economy.

Lachlan is a great kid who will next year be a very valuable member of the Under 17s. Lachlan can bat and next year in a team where he can bat at 6 or 7 he will make runs and will be a real asset to the team.

## **Scott David –Hard Hitting Batsman/ Bowler**

Scott was another under 15 kid who elected to play up with the under 17's this year. Scott is the X factor. He could be anything with both bat and ball. He is very enthusiastic and has great potential with both bat and ball. A very strong kid who hits the ball a mile and once he gets going can change a game within 2 or 3 overs. Scott just needs to learn how to build an innings and occupy the crease for longer periods and mix his big hitting with some conventional strokes.

On the bowling stakes Scott could be anything. He is tall and strong, bowls at a good pace and generates great bounce. If Scott can work on his run up and generate more explosion through the crease at delivery, he will be able to bowl at frightening pace.

## **Liam McKnight- Off Spin Bowler**

Liam is a really good off spin bowler who always looks likely to get a wicket, the difficulty we had this year was having the numbers in the field to assist Liam in getting more wickets and protecting him in the field. His length is generally very consistent and Liam is not afraid to give the ball a bit of air and have the batsmen come after him. Liam is a really attacking option for us, and in some games we thought about opening the bowling with him and on other occasions he was used as a first change bowler. Liam has been bowling off spin since under 13 and it's great to see a kid persevering with spin. Next year Liam needs to develop more variety with spin, flight, length and speed and when does he will become an outstanding bowler.

As a batsman Liam has a favourite shot which if anyone bowls to that shot, Liam will hit it for 4 every time. Liam needs to develop a solid defence when batting and occupy the crease for longer because when he gets his eye in, he has no problems in scoring runs. Liam also elected to play up in age this year and with another 2 years in under 17's will develop into a valuable spin bowler for the club.

## **Sam McCarthy- Off Spin Bowler**





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Sam was without doubt our best fielder. Sam is a great fielder who very rarely ever lets the team down. Some of Sam's fielding was outstanding and can be very much team lifting. Cricket is about batting, bowling and fielding and everyone can underestimate the importance of good fielding, but on a 40° day you appreciate the guys like Sam who save runs and hold catches. Sam has set a fielding standard that his mates need to get too and if they do we will win more matches than we lose.

Sam is an off spin bowler who again shows great promise. Sam's greatest attribute as a spinner is his flight. Sam is not scared to throw the ball up and tempt the batsman to have a go. Again with our fielding restrictions this year it was extremely difficult to set fields that could yield wickets for our spinners. Sam is a different spinner to Liam, but the two of them in tandem work really well. Sam needs to develop a bit of subtle variation in his bowling and he will also become a very good bowler.

As a batsman, Sam can occupy the crease for long periods which is very helpful to the team. Sam is a great team player and a very valuable member of our team.

## **Joel Mazurek – Off Spin / Batsman**

Joel was new to our club this year. Joel is a very clean hitting batsman who showed real potential with the bat. The thing I like about Joel's batting is that he hits clearly through the line of the ball and can score quickly, or if needed can occupy the crease for long periods. Joel's best game was against Belgrave where he hit 27 runs and nearly got us over the line. The best thing about that innings was that Joel ran himself out going for the impossible run and sacrificed his wicket for the team. That day Joel could have made 30 – 35 not out, but he put the team first and was trying to win the game. That is what team sport is all about. Well done Joel.

Joel would love to bowl medium pace, but he really is a spinner. Persevere with the spinning, Joel, because that is where your true potential is.

**Andrew Hawkes**  
**Junior Coordinator**





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## U/15's Report

The under 15's got off to a slow start getting comprehensively beaten in round one and two before being relegated.

We found form in round three with Ash Black making 55 not out and Tony Howes taking 5 for 20 against Sth Belgrave to get our first points for the year.

At the Christmas break we were just out of the four with 2 wins, three losses and a draw.

First game back after Christmas we ventured to Sth Belgrave with only seven players three of whom made ducks and one made 1 run, we were all out for 39. In reply we bowled exceptionally well and bowled them out for 56.

This loss made it tough to make the finals, but over the following two weeks we had an outright win against Rowville then had an impressive win against Mulgrave.

A win in the final round would see us finish second a loss would mean we would miss out, bowling first in a one dayer Eildon park made a big score of 149 off their 25 overs. Our batting finally clicked and we chased down the score in the final over to secure a home final.

The semi was played on our main ground which meant we had a massive home ground advantage winning the toss we decided to bat and for the first time this year managed to bat the overs with Scott M leading from the front with 40 runs, the most pleasing thing was that the rest of the runs were made with every player chipping in. We compiled a score of 156 and were confident we could defend it. The next morning Sth Belgrave got off to a good start and at one stage were 1 for 90 but with tight bowling and good fielding we took 9 for 49 and won the game by 17 runs.

The Grand final was played at Lysterfield who had a strong top age side and over two days made a score of 205 in reply we were all out for 129 a disappointing way to end what was a very good year by the Under 15s

All players should be proud of their efforts this year and come back bigger and better next year.

The season saw many highlights with both bat and ball these included;

Round 1 M.Kinniff 2/14

**Round 2 S.McInerney 30\*, D.Wylde 25**

Round 3 A.Black 55\*, A.Howes 28, A.Howes 5/20, A.Davies 2/22

**Round 4 D.Wylde 55, S.McInerney 2/9, R.Jayasinghe 2/14**

Round 5 D.Wylde 31\*

**Round 6 N.Chandratilleka 3/9, M.Morris 2/17**

Round 7 A.Black 25, A.Howes 3/11, M.Kinniff 2/7

**Round 8 A.Black 25, A.Howes 3/11, M.Kinniff 2/7**

Round 9 S.McInerney 41\*, A.London 3/4 incl hatrick, M.Kinniff 2/6 A.Howes 4/1, D.Wylde 3/4





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**Round 10 A.London 26\*, D.Wylde 23, A.Howes 4/17, S.McInerney 4/21 D.Wylde 35\*, J.Lim 24**

**Round 11 S.McInerney 36\*, M.Morris 29, D.Wylde 20\*, S.McInerney 2/12, J.Lim 2/26  
SF S.McInerney 40, J.Lim 20, J.Lim 3/11, R.Jayasinghe 2/18**

I would like to thank Ray McInerney for all his help during the year.

**Rhys Thomas  
U/15's Coach**





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## U/13 1's Premiership Report

The Under 13/1's had an outstanding season culminating in an amazing Grand Final win vs keen rivals Eildon Park. The team only lost 1 game during the year and dominated in most. We were led in the bowling department by Zach Flintoff (16wkts), Josh Wylde (16), captain Jayden Hawkes (13 wickets), Dan Carr (10) and in the batting by Dan (411 runs), Josh (291), Niraj De Silva (187), Campbell Craigie (171) & Mitch Tsirtsikos (151). At different stage during the season Matt Goodings, Mitch Nevin, Braedon Barlow, and Nick Jankovskis all played some great innings, took valuable wickets and saved us many runs in the field.

At the start of the season we were pleased to pick a quality group of cricketers from Monbulk in Dan, Campbell, Callum and Ewen who were great assets to the team both on and off the field. With the side having a core group of 12 players all year it was a challenge at times giving all the kids an opportunity every week but over the course of the season everyone had good opportunities to score runs and take wickets. It was a credit to the boys that they accepted this situation without too many gripes.

At times we trod a fine line between the focus of winning games and ensuring all the kids had an equal opportunity with bat and ball but that is always the challenge at this age level. In the end everyone bowled and got wickets and everyone batted and made runs. A Grand Final victory was an experience the kids (and parents) will never forget. Thanks & congratulations to the parents for their support during the season and on producing well behaved and good mannered boys.

### Daniel Carr –

In his 1<sup>st</sup> year at the club Dan was our most consistent and best batsman. Dan made 411 runs at an average of 102 including his 1<sup>st</sup> century (119) vs Upwey in round 9. He was our rock in the opening position and our success this season was built around his maturity at the wicket. With the ball Dan bowled his leggies with plenty of variety taking 9 wickets at an average of 18.

Great finals series with 40\* vs Upwey and 27 vs Eildon Park in the Grand Final.

### Campbell Craigie –

Cam was a great contributor to the team in his 1<sup>st</sup> year at the club. An aggressive opener Cam was ready to attack the bowling when he had the opportunity. His running between the wickets left us all a little nervous but he was always willing to take the fieldsman on. He made 171 runs at 24 with a quality 43\* vs Upwey in the semi to set us up for the win. Did a solid job for us behind the stumps all season; his keeping will improve with continued hard work.

### Josh Wylde –

Josh had a great all-round season with bat and ball. He played the role of hard hitting middle order batsmen perfectly highlighted by his 45 against Upwey in R.9 with just 14 scoring shots. Josh opened our bowling and his 16 wickets at 12.4 always got the team off to a good start. He also took some ripping catches at 1<sup>st</sup> slip highlighted by a blinder against FTG in Round 10. Josh was our player of the finals with a great 47\* in the semi vs Upwey and a match winning 41\* in the Grand Final vs Eildon Park. He demonstrated during the season that he will make a great and intuitive captain in years to come.





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## Niraj De Silva –

Niraj had a very good season making 187 runs at 31. One of the youngest in the team, Niraj played some terrific innings highlighted by his 45\* vs FTG. Towards the end of the season Niraj became one of our key players and our wins usually coincided with him making runs. Rarely without a smile on his face, Niraj always bowled well when given the opportunity. He has good hands and saved us many runs in the field. Niraj was a member of the U.12 FTG rep team during the season.

## Zach Flintoff –

Zach was a great contributor with the ball this season taking 16 wickets at 10.6. With his left arm seamers Zach was one of our leading wicket takers and our most economical bowlers with a strike rate of 2.5 runs per over. Zach didn't get many runs but saved his best innings and highest score for the Grand Final with a confident 16 where he shared a 70 run 6<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership with Josh. Zach also made the U.12 FTG rep and as a co-captain showed some great leadership qualities during the carnival.

## Nick Jankovskis –

Nick was one of our great all-rounders this season. Whether he was batting, bowling or keeping, Nick always gave 100%. His enthusiasm at everything he tackles makes him a great team player. He made 65 runs and took 7 wickets this season. Nick also made the U.12 FTG rep team. With another year in the U.13's, Nick should develop into one of the top all rounders in the competition. Fielded like a star in the Grand Final with a great catch and key run out.

## Matt Goodings –

Matt's batting was very effective with 112 runs at an average of 18.6. Not always text book shots, Matt has a fantastic eye and played some great innings. His 30 vs Upwey in R.9 was a great innings. Matt will keep improving the more he plays. Saved his best for the Grand Final where he saved us at least 20 runs with his hard chasing and aggressive attack on the ball.

## Mitchell Nevin –

Mitch was very steady and hard to dismiss when at the wicket. He made 75 runs for the year highlighted by a stylish 29 vs FTG in R.10. He had limited opportunities with the ball but when given his chance he always managed to pick up a wicket. He is one of a few that can swing the ball both ways and with a bit of fine tuning could be a very effective bowler. Mitch always chased hard in the field and was a great team man.

## Braedon Barlow –

Braedon's bowling was very steady this season with 4 wickets at an average of 15. He has a great ability to get the ball in the right areas to cause the batsman grief and always got a wicket at the right time. Braedon didn't get a lot of opportunities with the bat but has a great eye and made some handy scores this season highlighted by a solid 14 against Monbulk. He chases hard in the field and very popular with his team-mates.

## Jackson Ealey –

Jacko turns the ball more than anyone in the competition and picked up some great wickets this year. He took 4 wickets at an average of 20. With the bat he made some hard hitting runs with a best score of 21\* vs Eildon Park Cougars. A good contributor in





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the field, he took some good catches and chased hard. Work hard in the nets Jacko and you will be rewarded.

## Mitchell Tsirtsikos –

After a slow start Mitch finished the year off as one of the best No.3 batsman in the competition. His 54 no vs Upwey was a great knock and gave him a lot of confidence. When Mitch learns to play each ball on its merits he will become much more consistent and make a lot of runs. He didn't get much of a bowl this season but bowled really well in the finals series with 8 overs 2-21 including the key wicket of Nathan Potalej in the Grand Final. Mitch was always sharp in the field and had a safe pair of hands.

## Jayden Hawkes –

Hawksy was our captain and our leader with the ball. He bowled left arm quicks that always had the batsmen jumping. He took 13 wickets at a great average of 11. His strike rate was an amazing 2.2 runs per over. Standout game was saved for the Grand Final where he took 3-19 off his 8 overs including 3-13 in the critical final 4 overs. He didn't get too many opportunities with the bat but his hard hitting always gave us some extra runs at the end. He was great in the field and took some sharp catches, none better than the match winner in the Grand Final.

## Ewen Doonan –

Ewen only played only a few games for the 13 1's but was certainly capable of more. He always ran in hard and bowled at great pace. A left armer, his ability to bowl at consistent high speed got him many wickets and had many batsmen rushing shots. A hard hitting batsman he made many runs with his slashing square drive. In the field Ewe has a great arm and a good pair of hands. He played a vital role for us in the Semi Final vs Upwey by taking the new ball in place of the injured Hawksy. Ewen also represented the FTGDCA rep side this season.

## Callum Craigie -

Callum filled in for us a couple of times this season and never looked out of his depth. His taste of 13/1's cricket will set him up for a big season next year. Callum is a good young player who will make a lot of runs and be a valuable member of the team. Keep working hard at training Callum and you will be rewarded.

**Tim Flintoff**

**U/13 1's Coach**





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## U/13 2's Report

What can I say about this group of boys? Probably the best bunch of kids I've had the privilege to be involved with. Originally entered as an under 12 team, a phone call on the Thursday before the first game saw them re-graded to under 13's to eliminate a bye in each grade. We quickly added Tom Evans and Ben Woodbridge as our only top age players for the first game, and they were joined by Riley Magrath playing his first game of cricket in round two.

Although playing in Division two, most sides we were up against were other clubs first teams. The boys acquitted themselves very well showing that they were competitive in all games. We may have won more games (we lost three games by four runs or less) if we had relied only on our best players, however I was trying to develop all players to be able to perform when the pressure is on. All boys showed improvement and that they are capable of playing good cricket against strong opposition.

The boys and I are indebted to helpers such as Gavin Harding who took over as coach half way through the season, and Russell Woodbridge who assisted at trainings to keep things running smoothly. We all look forward to the boys returning next season.

**Justin BRADFORD** – Juzzy was one of my favorite players as he quietly went about playing cricket. He was always doing the right things and showing that he had learnt from mistakes, constantly improving along the way. His bowling was accurate and he often took important wickets and restricted other teams good batsmen from scoring. His fielding was reliable and he always gave his best when batting. Justin will be missed next season, as he is unlikely to return after moving well out of the area during the season. Good luck Juzzy!

**Liam CARLIN** – I love this boy!! Liam is just the sort of kid that makes coaching worthwhile. He is enthusiastic, willing to listen and wants to learn. Liam was still an under 11 player, sized accordingly, but acquitted himself well at this age level. His wicketkeeping improved each game – not needing a longstop gave us an extra fielder on the ground. Liam was willing to open the batting, volunteering for this role. He was rewarded with an excellent retirement score against Bayswater. Liam was a worthy winner of the Coaches award decided by Gavin and myself.

**Callum CRAIGIE** – Callum came to our club this year following his brother from Monbulk. Still an under 11, he was more than up to this under 13 standard. An all round player, he had opportunities batting, bowling and wicketkeeping. Once he learns to keep his feet moving in the right direction he will become a very solid batsman. He made several starts but didn't manage to go onto make a big score. I have no doubt that this will happen in the next two years of under 13's for Callum.

**Ewen DOONAN** – Ewen also came to us this season from Monbulk and soon showed his immense talent and desire to succeed. He was by far our best performed player, showing pace and accuracy with the new ball and winning our batting award with over two hundred runs including two big scores over 50. Ewen also represented the Association in the VCCL and VCMU carnivals against the best cricketers in Victoria. With a bit more patience and a willingness to play straight to good full pitch bowling, Ewen will be an important part of future Knox Gardens sides.





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**Tom EVANS** – Tom was a welcome addition to the team when we were re-graded into under 13's. His height made us a bit more intimidating to the opposition. Taking the new ball in the first game he bowled with great pace and accuracy. He seemed to lose this pace as the season progressed, but not the accuracy (other than the occasional "beanball") Tom's batting also improved as he began to want to open the batting, making two retirement scores along the way. Congratulations Tom on a good season and you were a worthy winner of the bowling award.

**Jake GOEBEL** – Jake was one of the most popular players in our team and he always tried hard. He isn't the most gifted cricketer, but is one of the most determined. Jake continues to work hard with his bowling and is becoming a lot more consistent. Jake showed great improvement with his batting, proving on several occasions that he does have the ability to occupy the crease and provide support to the other batsman. Keep working hard Jake, there is always a place in a team for a great kid like you.

**Matt GRIMWOOD** – Matt was probably the most widely travelled player on our team as dodgy fixtures sent him to a different ground each week before finding us. (my apologies to his family) Matt was still an under 11 and performed well in the higher age group. He was enthusiastic in the field and was popular amongst the team. His batting showed signs of things to come, but he was reluctant to have a bowl. With two more years in under 13's ahead of him, Matt will develop into a handy player for Knox Gardens.

**Pat HICKEY** – Pat is a very underrated player, with superman talent hidden behind his mild mannered exterior. As he grows he will become a great player as he has the skills already, just needs the strength to go with it. His fielding is good, bowling steady and his batting is developing. Pat surprised himself but not his coach with an excellent innings against Mountaingate where he partnered Ewen in a great stand helping Ewen to a good score whilst building his "picket fence" turning the strike over. Pat demonstrated a perfect example of how to play a support role and his efforts were just as good as the main player.

**Riley MAGRATH** – Riley joined our team after the season started for his first taste of cricket. After overcoming an elbow injury, Riley started to show a desire and ability to do well. After Christmas Riley surprised me with what seemed to be a new fierce determination to do well. He applied himself to his batting becoming a reliable hitter of the ball and proved to himself that he can become a good player. The "catch king" was good in the field and the season finished too early for him – a big game was just around the corner.

**David QUINN** – David showed great character during the season after his coach insisted that he was going to be an opening batsman. A few early setbacks culminating in being run out without facing a ball, and David was losing confidence. We put him down the order a bit and he repaid our faith making a superb retirement score against Eildon Park, showing that he is a good batsman. His bowling was steady and accurate. At a level where many wides and no balls are bowled, David was the pick of our accurate bowlers being very economical and taking good wickets along the way. David will be also be a good player in future teams.





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**Ragul VASANTH** – Raggy is one of those players who can annoy his coach with his distractions, but he is soon forgiven with his infectious charm. He loves his cricket and wants to do well. He is a hard hitter of the ball, making a retirement score in round two and following it up the next week with his best innings which was cut short by an untimely lapse in concentration. The look on his face when that happened showed to me that although he was disappointed, he was determined to do better. Always putting his hand up to bowl, keep, or just do anything, Raggy was a popular member of the team.

**Ben WOODBRIDGE** – Ben followed on from last years improvement with a determination to do well. Last year his bowling was a standout while he struggled with the bat, this year it was a bit the opposite. Ben lost accuracy but still showed that he could bowl well. Hopefully next season will show more consistency. Ben's batting improved immensely this year. Twice making his best score, he was a hard batsman to dismiss. His ability to hit the loose ball will improve with time and will see Ben become a reliable member of teams in the future.

**Nick HUGHES** – Nick joined us for one game from the under 11's as he showed signs of being a future player. He rewarded the faith shown with an excellent retirement score. We look forward to Nick being an important part of the under 13's over the next two years.

**Andrew Hawkes**  
**Junior Coordinator**





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## U/12's Report

The u12 boys had a great year with 8 wins 1 tie and 2 losses. A pretty good effort for their first year of competitive cricket.

The boys were a pleasure to coach, showing a strong will to improve their cricket individually and, most importantly to me, as a team.

The boys showed that they were always happy to put the team first which, at that age, is a credit to them.

They played the game as it should be played, showing respect for the opposition and playing the game hard but honest.

The highlight for me was to watch them all improve individually and collectively as a team. The bond amongst the boys was **SECOND TO NONE** and was often commented on by the opposition coaches.

Well done boys you all showed that you have the ability to have long careers in cricket if you keep trying to improve.

Many thanks to our 13th man, team manager Greg Bakker, who goes beyond the call of duty and makes my job so much easier putting in all the ground work so all I do is worry about the boys.

Also, thanks to all the parents for their help and patience throughout the year. You should be proud of your boys, not only for what they have achieved on the field but most importantly how they have conducted themselves off it. Sorry Big Fish, we already have a keeper. Nice form though.

**Sam Bakker** became our captain on the field and did a great job. Showed he has the ability to be a very good all-rounder.

**Adam Wylde** showed he has the technique to be a very fine batsman who will score plenty of runs and can also take a great catch. Was our main keeper and did a good job.

**Brad Wylde** had a very good year with the ball showing he could bowl stump to stump with ease and a solid performance with the bat. Safe catch.

**Lach Finnerty** very economical bowler who has the pace to go with it. Also excellent in the field.

**Lach Stuckey** showed he has the will to not throw away his wicket with plenty of NOs. Also an excellent fielder and wicket taker.

**Kisal Kirinde** a very steady batsman for his age who has a good technique. One to watch and bowls well.





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**Niki Sims** first year player who improved as the year went on and will only get better with time. Took wickets when he bowled stump to stump.

**Jarrold Fisher** excellent all-rounder who was very quick in the field and could bowl a very quick ball.

**Corey Poke** the rocket arm who bowled very quick and when he hit it, it stayed hit! One who fired up the boys.

**Liam Woods** when confident, Liam could bat and bowl well. Also quick in the field. The big improver of the side.

**Tyler Grimston** showed he has a good temperament for batting, making a 50no and also put in a good performance behind the stumps.

**Aaron Mott** a good all-rounder who could take a great catch. Can also spin a ball with ease.





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## U/11 Hardball Red Report

The Under 11 Red team had an enjoyable season with the boys showing steady improvement as the season went on. The season was marred by a number of games before Christmas being washed out and then a game after Christmas being cancelled due to the extreme heat. It seems Friday nights were somewhat jinxed in regard to the weather.

On the field the boys did struggle in a few of the games this is due mainly to the fact that most of the team were bottom age or had not played cricket before. The “veterans” such as Kisal and Gerard who were playing their second year of hardball did very well whilst it was more of a learning experience for the first year players.

Due to the young age and/or inexperience of the boys we struggled with consistency in putting the three aspects of the game (batting, bowling and fielding) all together on a single night. In most games we did one of the three well, in other games we did two of the three well and in some games we did one or two exceptionally well but could not seem to put it all together for a complete performance. I am sure this will happen with regularity next season now that the boys have some cricket under the belt.

The lack of coaching resources between the two hardball teams was also a challenge, particularly at training. I am sure this will also improve next season.

A quick note on each of the players in the red team:

**Nixon Adcock** – had a very good year, is solid in all areas of the game including wicket keeping. Nixon has had a year of under 12's at another club so his skills are more advanced than some of the others.

**Matt Comerford** – Matt was a first year player and did very well, he is an excellent ground fielder and handy bowler, more practice and experience will see his batting come on as well.

**James Crutchley** – James showed steady improvement as the year went, pretty solid in all aspects of the game, will continue to develop with experience and practice.

**Nick Hughes** – Nick was a first year player and had not played softball. Nick has a lot of talent and did really well for his first season of cricket. Nick is a very correct batsman, lively outswing bowler and excellent fielder.

**Josh Jean** – Josh was a late starter and played a few games towards the end of the year. Has not played cricket before and will be all the better for the experience. Will develop well with more practice and experience.

**Nathan Johns** – Nathan has not played cricket before but he really improved over the course of the season, particularly his bowling. Needs to keep practicing hard and working on his game.





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**Anthony Jongen** – Anthony's first year of cricket also and he did very well. He is an aggressive left handed batsman and managed to hit a boundary in every game, bar the last and is a very good fielder who has a dip. Needs to continue to work on his left arm seamers.

**Gerard Jongen** – Gerard is a cricket nut and in his second year of hardball was very good. Consistently made runs and only went out twice, very good fielder and pacey bowler. Is ready to step up to Under 12 or 13 level next season.

**Adam Kerr** – Adam did lots of things very well at various stages and with more experience will develop some consistency. Has a lot of potential and will move up to under 12's or 13's next year.

**Kisal Kirinde** – Kisal has had a couple of years experience and is very good cricketer. Kisal has a very good batting technique, is a lively outswing bowler and solid fielder. Needs a little more intensity in his game. He also played under 12 as well and will be a very good performer in 12's or 13's next season.

**Lachlan Sheaf** – Another first year hardball player, has a lot of potential and performed really well in all aspects of the game at various stages. A solid first year in hardball, well done Lachie.

Thanks very much to all of the boys for their efforts during the season. I hope you had a lot of fun and learned a thing or two about the great game. This group of boys were a pleasure to coach, they got along very well, all have an excellent sense of fair play and played the game in the right spirit. They should be commended on their excellent behaviour and they are a credit to their parents.

I would also like to thank all of the parents for their help and support during the season in getting the boys to practice and to the games. A special mention to Russell Adcock for his umpiring and scoring every week, thanks very much Russell your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Also a special mention and thanks to my wife Caroline for putting up with my cricket commitments during the summer and assisting with organising the chocolate fund raiser drive etc.

**Ian Jongen**  
**Under 11 Hardball, Red Coach**





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WELL, WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN,  
WITH THE BOYS, WHO ARE ALL SO KEEN,  
TO DO WELL AND BE THE BEST,  
AND MAYBE ONE DAY PLAY IN A TEST.

HERE ARE SOME WORDS I'D LIKE TO SAY,  
ABOUT THE TEAM AND HOW THEY PLAY.

**VINUL**, HE HAS A HEART OF GOLD,  
HE LISTENS INTENTLY TO WHAT HE IS TOLD.

**HAYDEN'S** CRICKET SKILLS ARE GREAT,  
KEEP IT UP HAYDEN, GOOD ON YOU MATE.

**SAM**, HE HAS IMPROVED OUT OF SIGHT,  
IN EVERY WAY, HE IS VERY BRIGHT.

**CHARLIE**, THE COOLEST DUDE, NO DOUBT,  
HE KNOWS WHAT CRICKET IS ALL ABOUT.

**LACHLAN**, HE LIKES BOWLING THE BALL,  
BUT TALKING, HE LOVES MOST OF ALL.

**SAK** IS QUIET, BUT TAKES IT ALL IN,  
HE'S VERY ENTHUSIASTIC, AND EAGER TO WIN.

**JOSH** HAS IMPROVED SO MUCH THIS YEAR,  
HIS BATTING GIVES US REASON TO CHEER.

**NICK** WORKS HARD AND LOVES TO RUN,  
WHEN BOWLING THE BALL, HE HAS SUCH FUN.

**JACKSON**, WELL, WHAT CAN I SAY,  
OUR LITTLE DYNAMO, HE'S HERE TO STAY.

**BEN** IS QUIET YET LOVES TO PLAY,  
HIS GAME IS IMPROVING EVERY DAY.

**NELSON** TRIES HARD TO DO HIS BEST,  
HE CERTAINLY KEEPS UP WITH ALL THE REST.

AND LUCKY LAST, THE HAPPIEST IN THE CREW  
HIS TALENT, HIS SMILE, THAT IS **BAANU**.

SO THANKS BOYS, THE YEAR HAS BEEN GOOD,  
KEEP PRACTICING LIKE YOU KNOW YOU SHOULD,,  
AND NEXT SEASON, YOU WILL SEE,  
IT'S BEEN WORTHWHILE FOR YOU AND ME.



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## Vets 1's Report

After being promoted from the Vets 3rd division to the 2nd division competition we did not know what to expect and were unsure of our playing list as we did not know who would be playing. After many emails and phone calls we were able to get a squad together.

At the start of the season we came up against Lysterfield whom we had played and lost to in the last year's grand final we were able to avenge our loss and came up with a good win. From there on, the season went down hill with a total of 2 wins from the 7 rounds we played. Some of our loses were close, where others we bad.

We struggled to get the 11 players on the park all season and at times only had only 9 or 10 players which has made it hard to compete with 2nd division sides who had enough players. Of the 22 players listed only 5 players were able to play all 7 games thus making it hard to get our best side on the park.

Ross Gregory and Ray Borg were the only batsman to make any sort of runs with Ross making 138 runs and Ray Borg with 147 runs for the season.

Trevor Fisher was the only bowler to consistently get among the wickets and finished with 10 wickets for the season.

Overall it was a disappointing season especially after competing in the finals for the last 4 or 5 seasons but we were only as good as the players we had.

We still managed to have fun and sledge the hell out of each other ( led usually by our resident CHAMPION sledger, Ross Gregory.)

Vets is not always about winning but getting out there and having fun with your mates. And that we DID.

Next season we plan to recruit players who will be able to able to play most games but also ones who like to have fun.

**Ray Borg**  
**Veterans 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain**





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## Veterans 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

After a very slow start to the season which saw the Vets II side lose the first three matches of the season we were able to come home strongly.

We lost badly to the eventual Unbeaten Premiers at Rowville, let a winning position slide away from us at home against Wantirna South and again lost badly away at Belgrave South. This meant that we would need to win all our remaining matches if we were to have any chance of coming from the bottom of the table and appear in the finals. Just before and after Christmas we were able to win a couple of games against the other teams just above us, and that gave us some confidence going forward.

It still left us the two sides in the 4, that we had to beat if we were to jump above St Johns Tecoma and Knox.

In the second last match against second place Knox, we fielded well on a fast field, and some great bowling at the from Silver Fox Mckay, saw Knox score 170. Some strong batting from Dirk D'Silva and Vin L'Huillier got us into a strong position. Then a great return to form from Sedick Voterson saw him score a fine 40 which enabled us to win with an over to spare, but with 9 wickets down.

Against ST JT we all fielded and bowled well to restrict them to 140 at home, and after strong batting from Dirk D'Silva, Ray Bucket and David Hancock, we appeared to be cruising. But as always, a middle order collapse made things very exciting, until, Rob Cottle came out, released the pressure with a great boundary, and then went on to see us home with two balls to spare. The result meant that we finished in third spot, just ahead of a fast finishing Wantirna Sth, and knocking Knox and St J Tecoma out of the four.

In the Semi-final we put up great show against Sth Belgrave, who got away to a great start from their strong upper order, but we fought back strongly with Lindsay Mackay ripping through their tail to dismiss them for 182. In this game our strong top order failed, and it looked like we would fall a long way short. Up stepped Garry (H) Christiansen and Harvinder (Harry) in a great partnership, and with H hitting a Six in the last over to bring up his forty, it meant we needed 2 runs to win. As desperate as the tried, unfortunately, a great throw saw us run out going for the second and winning run off the second last ball. The Tied game saw us just fail to make the final.

It was a great team effort all year, with Dirk d'Silva the leading run scorer with three 40's and Linsay Mckay the leading wicket taker, with 11, and often bowling at the end of the innings. I am sure Ray Bucket was very pleased to be part of a couple of great 50+ opening stands. Some excellent all-round efforts from Vinnie L'Huillier,

Seddick Votersen, Phill Treloar and Jerry Miranda. A special thanks to Greg L'Huilier for doing a great job with the gloves, and for David Hancock and Steve Arbuckle for making returns from Junior coaching and Knee surgery to help the side out.





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It was sad to see an early retirement from Veterans stalwart, Dave Thomas, so sad that we had to sit at the bar on several occasion to review his premature decision. Hopefully after the off-season, and with some helpful advice ( and tablets if required), he may have the staying power to be able to take up the challenge next year.

To all those who took part in the Vets II side, please accept my thanks, as always it was a great please to be on the field with.

Until next year, when we can take our rightful position up, near the bar, enjoy the break, before you have to start your rigorous fitness routine in preparation for another great year of veterans Cricket.

**Peter Webb**  
**Veterans 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captain**





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## 2008/2009 Team of the Year

Rank	Name	Points
1	Thompson, Ashley (C)	624
2	Howes, Anthony (VC)	557
3	Wild, Adam	544
4	Mulder, Travis	506
5	Carr, Daniel	479
6	Howes, Robert	460
7	Buljubasic, Jason	448
8	Taylor, Simon	440
9	McInerney, Scott	436
10	Wylde, Josh	423
11	Butcher, Jarrod	422
12 <sup>th</sup>	Webb, Peter	403





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## 2008/2009 1<sup>st</sup> XI Players Player

Rank	Name	Votes
1	T.Mulder	155
2	J.Butcher	92
3	R.Marget	78
4	S.Grasser	74
5	J.Gregory	73

## Past Winners

2007/2008		
Rank	Name	Votes
1	Adam Wild	134
2	Travis Mulder	84
3	Josh Gregory	62
4	Josh Phillips	53
4	Sammy Hettiarachchige	53

2006/2007			2005/2006			2004/2005		
#	Name	Votes	#	Name	Votes	#	Name	Votes
1	Condon, Jarrod	150	1	Butcher, Jarrod	122	1	Wild, Adam	148
2	Wild, Adam	128	2	Ott, Matt	96	2	Christiansen, Scott	147
3	Thorpe, Jarrod	92	3	Adams, Daniel	91	3	Cetrola, Troy	119
4	Butcher, Jarrod	86	4	Wild, Adam	64	4	Zandt, Adrian	118
5	Reid, Sean	69	5	Mackinnon, Jeremy	63	5	Thorp, Jarrod	78

2003/2004			2002-2003		
#	Name	Votes	#	Name	Votes
1	Marget, Rhys	152	1	Christiansen, Scott	
2	Wild, Adam	112	2		
3	Zandt, Adrian	84	3		
4	Dalton, Mark	82	4		
5	Christiansen, Scott	80	5		





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## Senior Club Champion

Name	Games	Runs	Avg	Wickets	Avg	Cat	Stump	RunOuts	Points
Wild, Adam	12	119	17	30	16.3	11	-	1	653
Mulder, Travis	12	170	21.25	27	12.48	4	-	-	576
Thompson, Ashley	12	434	54.25	12	15	5	-	-	576
Butcher, Jarrod	11	167	18.56	22	15.73	4	-	1	506
Buljubasic, Jason	12	303	33.67	9	15.67	8	-	-	486
Taylor, Simon	11	265	26.5	14	10.71	5	-	1	486
Hettiarachchige, Sampath	12	319	31.9	-	-	8	-	-	431
Marget, Rhys	12	292	29.2	-	-	10	-	3	428
Singh, Navinder	11	151	18.88	14	21.71	10	-	-	417
Gregory, Joshua	12	202	20.2	-	-	23	4	1	410
Dalton, Mark	9	334	41.75	3	29	4	-	1	402
Thorp, Jarrod	6	293	73.25	6	22	6	-	-	401
Metherell, Adam	12	183	45.75	13	26.15	5	-	1	383
Thomas, Zane	12	292	24.33	-	-	18	-	-	382
MacKinnon, Jeremy	12	281	23.42	-	-	12	-	-	379
Young, Matthew	12	39	6.5	23	15.26	5	-	-	377
Jongen, Ian	11	50	16.67	23	9.57	4	-	1	374
Grasser, Simon	11	33	6.6	21	14.71	4	-	1	370
McLean, Ben	11	219	31.29	-	-	18	1	4	367
Gregory, Mitchell	12	277	34.63	1	50	8	-	3	365





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## Junior Club Champion

Name	Games	Runs	Avg	Wickets	Avg	Cat	Stump	RunOuts	Points
Carr, Daniel	10	344	114.67	9	19.44	5	-	-	479
Wylde, Josh	11	203	33.83	12	11.42	9	-	-	423
Howes, Anthony	10	99	14.14	21	6.57	7	-	1	414
McInerney, Scott	10	206	29.43	13	12.46	5	-	-	396
Doonan, Ewen	11	214	42.8	10	15.5	3	-	1	379
Wylde, Dylan	10	220	31.43	8	15.5	5	-	-	345
Stuckey, Lachlan	11	82	41	12	9.92	3	-	5	287
Morello, Ben	11	85	17	15	16.47	1	-	-	280
Howes, Robert	9	205	22.78	3	33.33	7	-	1	280
Poke, Corey	11	107	17.83	9	12.44	7	-	1	272
Wylde, Brad	11	91	18.2	10	9.6	6	-	-	256
Wilson, Scott	10	184	20.44	1	21	11	1	-	254
Mott, Aaron	11	106	15.14	8	11.25	7	-	1	246
Withers, Drew	11	35	8.75	18	13.5	1	-	-	245
DeSilva, Niraj	10	181	45.25	4	23.75	1	-	-	236
Evans, Thomas	11	99	14.14	9	12.33	3	-	-	234
Kirinde, Kisal	11	91	15.17	10	9.1	1	-	1	221
Hawkes, Jayden	9	50	16.67	10	12.5	6	-	1	220
Fisher, Jarrod	9	99	24.75	7	9.29	5	-	1	219
Bakker, Sam	11	95	13.57	7	11.86	4	-	-	205





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## Trophy Winners

### Club Awards

Senior Club Champion: **Adam Wild** 653 Points  
Frank Smith Award (Veterans Player): **Dirk DeSilva**  
Graham Yallop Award (Most Improved Senior): **Anthony Howes**  
Peter Place Award (Most Improved Junior): **Corné Mostert**  
Marc Iacuone One Day Player of the Year: **Mark Hancock** 362 Points  
Best Senior Club Person: **Ray Borg**  
Best Junior Club Person: **Ray McInerny**  
Presidents Award: **Andrew Hawkes & Rhys Thomas**

### 1<sup>st</sup> XI

Batting: **Sampath Hettiarachchige** 319 Runs @ 31.9  
Bowling: **Travis Mulder** 27 Wickets @ 12.48  
Captains Award: **Matt Young**  
Players Player: **Travis Mulder**  
Player of the Finals Series: **Travis Mulder**  
Ken Utting Player of the Grand Final: **Travis Mulder**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

Batting: **Jason Buljubasic** 284 Runs @ 35.63  
Bowling: **Ian Jongen** 23 Wickets @ 9.57  
Captains Award: **Mitch Gregory**  
Player of the Finals Series: **Jarrold Thorp**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> XI

Batting: **Zane Thomas** 292 Runs @ 24.33  
Bowling: **Sean Reid** 16 Wickets @ 10.31  
Captains Award: **Ashley Thompson**  
Player of the Finals Series: **Sean Reid**

### 4<sup>th</sup> XI

Batting: **Peter Webb** 304 Runs @ 38  
Bowling: **Drew Withers** 11 Wickets @ 17.18  
Captains Award: **Drew Withers**  
Player of the Finals Series: **Peter Webb & Bart Hoggett**

### 5<sup>th</sup> XI

Batting: **Steve Agius** 172 Runs @ 24.71  
Bowling: **Mark Hancock** 16 Wickets @ 21.81  
Captains Award: **Steve Agius**

### Vets 1<sup>st</sup>

Captains Award: **Russell Ralph**





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## **Vets 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Captains Award: **Harvinder Randhawa**

Captains Award: **Lindsay Mackay**

## **Individual Awards**

### **100 Club**

Ashley Thompson 123 Rnd 9 - 3rd XI vs Eildon Park

Daniel Carr 119 Rnd 9 - U/13-1 vs Upwey

Jarrold Thorp 109 Rnd 9 - 2nd XI vs Rowville

Ray Phillips 105 Rnd 9 - 4th XI vs Eildon Park

Ashley Thompson 104\* Rnd 5 - 4th XI vs Sth Belgrave

Matt Van Lith 103\* Rnd 9 - 4th XI vs Eildon Park

Ben McLean 103\* Rnd 11 - 2nd XI vs Belgrave

Josh Phillips 100\* Rnd 11 - 1st XI vs The Basin

Mitchell Gregory 100 Rnd 8 - 3rd XI vs Upper FTG

### **6 Wicket Hauls**

Matthew Young 6/21 Rnd 2 - 1st XI vs Ferntree Gully

Travis Mulder 6/27 Rnd 4 - 1st XI vs Aura Vale

Jarrold Thorp 6/35 Semi Final - 2nd XI vs Eildon Park

