

The Ninety – Fourth
ANNUAL REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
of the
ROSANNA CRICKET CLUB Inc.
Season 2021/22

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Annual Meeting:
De Winton Park
Grove Road, Rosanna
Wednesday 17th of August 2022 at 7.30 pm

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PREMIERS – Heidelberg District Cricket Association & Diamond Valley Cricket Association

First Grade		1939/40	1947/48	1950/51	1954/55	1955/56	1957/58	1959/60	1961/62
		1962/63	1966/67	1969/70	1972/73	1974/75	1982/83	1986/87	1993/94
		1996/97	2005/06	2007/08	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13		
Second Grade		1957/58	1959/60	1961/62	1063/64	1964/65	1965/66	1969/70	1977/78
		1985/86	2012/13	2017/18					
Third Grade		1950/51	1961/62	1963/64	1964/65	2001/02	2005/06		
Fourth Grade		1968/69	1969/70	1970/71	1979/80	1997/98	2001/02	2012/13	2013/14
		2017/18							
Fifth Grade		1981/82	1983/84	1992/93	2021/22				
Sixth Grade		1981/82							
Seventh Grade		1984/85							
Veterans Comp		2009/10	2010/11	2018/19					
Under 17 A		2008/09	2011/12						
Under 16 A		1970/71	1972/73	1977/78	1978/79	1984/85	1987/88	1988/89	1999/00
		2000/01	2003/04	2014/15	2017/18	2019/20			
Under 16 B		1971/72	1973/74						
Under 16 C		1966/67	1967/68						
Under 14 A		1981/82	1982/83	1983/84	1984/85	1986/87	1994/95	1995/96	1997/98
		1998/99	2002/03	2015/16					
Under 13 A		2010/11							
Under 12 A		1993/94	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	
Under 12 B		1999/00							

RUNNERS UP – Heidelberg District Cricket Association & Diamond Valley Cricket Association

First Grade		1934/35	1938/39	1949/50	1951/52	1956/57	1958/59	1960/61	1963/64
		1964/65	1970/71	1981/82	1988/89	1992/93	1994/95	1995/96	2004/05
		2014/15							
Second Grade		1940/41	1960/61	1966/67	1968/69	2002/03	2007/08	2016/17	2019/20
		2021/22							
Third Grade		1965/66	1968/69	1975/76	2000/01	2002/03	2017/18		
Fourth Grade		1974/75	1981/82	1995/96	1999/00	2005/06			
Fifth Grade		1969/70	1974/75	1978/79	1982/83	1988/89	1993/94	1998/99	2018/19
One Day Grade		2003/04							
Veterans Comp		2013/14	2014/15	2017/18					
Northern T20		2020/21							
Under 18 Teal		2021/22							
Under 17 B		2010/11							
Under 16 A		1969/70	1974/75	1976/77	1979/80	1982/83	1996/97	2002/03	2007/08
		2013/14							
Under 16 B		1968/69	1972/73	2007/08					
Under 15 B		2011/12							
Under 14 A		1971/72	1972/73	1978/79	1996/97	1999/00	2000/01	2005/06	2012/13
		2013/14	2017/18	2018/19	2020/21	2021/22			
Under 12		1994/95							

ROSANNA CRICKET CLUB Inc.
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SEASON 2021/22

The 94th Annual Report and Financial Statement for the twelve months ended 30th June 2022 is presented by the Committee of the Rosanna Cricket Club.

The General Committee members for 2021-22 were:

PRESIDENT	Michael Langford
VICE-PRESIDENT	Nicholas Horsford
TREASURER	Gary Bryant
SECRETARY	Oliver Toussaint
JUNIOR MANAGER	Eamon Bourke
CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS	Michael Potenza
SPONSORSHIP & MARKETING MANAGER	Aayat Khanna
SOCIAL MANAGER	Mark Schott
BAR MANAGER	Max Balcombe

non-committee roles for 2021-22

CLUB STATISTICIAN	Ian Gordon
COACH	Houssam Almatrah

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The Executive Committee comprised the President, Vice-President, Junior Manager, Secretary and Treasurer who attended to any matters requiring immediate attention.

LIFE MEMBERS

Number	Year	Name	Number	Year	Name
1	1948	Jack Maxfield (dec)	34	1989	John Ditcham
2	1952	Vern George (dec)	35	1992	Andrew Heath
3	1952	Bill Luby (dec)	36	1993	Garry Carlton
4	1952	Cec Myers (dec)	37	1993	Geoff Wilson
5	1952	Reg Stone (dec)	38	1993	Brian Flynn (dec)
6	1954	Charlie Carter (dec)	39	1993	Cecily Flynn
7	1959	Don Pritchard (dec)	40	1995	Anthony Lambert
8	1959	Dick Russell (dec)	41	1996	Dan Flynn
9	1964	Brian Carlton (dec)	42	1999	David Jackson
10	1964	Steve Durant (dec)	43	1999	Peter Jones
11	1964	Barney Luby (dec)	44	2000	David Jones
12	1968	Jack Sullivan (dec)	45	2001	Chris Leech
13	1968	Bill Wilson (dec)	46	2001	Darrel Leonard
14	1969	Bob Durrant (dec)	47	2002	Grant Pyers
15	1969	Ron Webster (dec)	48	2002	Peter Waddingham
16	1971	Alan Bell	49	2004	Peter Hodder
17	1973	Ron Beel	50	2005	Paul Leonard
18	1974	Bob Higgs (dec)	51	2009	John Raywood
19	1975	Bob Jamieson (dec)	52	2011	Steven Nikolovski
20	1976	Kevin Fahey (dec)	53	2011	Haedar Almatrah
21	1977	Ron Jones (dec)	54	2011	Luke Anderson
22	1980	Des Flynn (dec)	55	2011	Paul Fahey
23	1980	Roy Hartney (dec)	56	2014	Mark Muscat
24	1980	Bill Lambert (dec)	57	2016	David Crawford
25	1983	Paul Gregor	58	2016	Houssam Almatrah
26	1983	John McKenzie	59	2018	Andrew Wolczko
27	1984	Kevin Pyers	60	2018	Chris Payne
28	1984	Rod Webster	61	2018	Gary Bryant
29	1985	Mark Luby	62	2019	Scott Dunbar
30	1985	Denis Groom	63	2019	Mick Langford
31	1986	Dennis Hartney	64	2021	Nick Carlton
32	1987	Pat English	65	2021	Neil Crosthwaite
33	1989	Ivon Ditcham	66	2022	Scott Shelton

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Thanks to the Banyule City Council, the Parks & Gardens Department and Nicole Waldron, Sport & Community Liaison Officer, for their attention to matters raised by our club.
- Thanks to Cr Tom Melican of Banyule City Council for his support.
- Thanks to the Macleod Football Club Committee for their co-operation and assistance.
- Thanks to Ann Perrett, Josephine Turner and the DVCA Management Committee.
- Thanks to Peter Waddingham for auditing the club books.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was a great start to the season when we were able to return to an upgraded De Winton Par. The upgrade work was completed during season 2020/21 whilst we were relocated to Banyule Flats. Work included renovations to the clubroom resulting in upgrades to toilets in both the clubrooms and the change rooms to ensure change rooms are female friendly, a meeting room, additional storage rooms. The veranda was also extended – almost doubled in size – which provides significantly more shade.

Continuing Covid lockdowns and the uncertainty surrounding the season start time, planning for the season was again difficult with many meetings, including the AGM, being held virtually. Pre-season training was again problematic but credit to Huss and his coaching team that training was both well organised and well attended. The season again started six weeks later than usual and remained as one day games in all grades.

The effort of the committee, coaches and players to be ready for the season is to be commended. Covid based restrictions were again placed on training and match days, whilst not as stringent as the previous season were still in place – Matt Macaulay again took on the role of Covid-Safe Officer for the club – thank you Matt.

On field our results were varied with the 2nds and 5ths making their Grand Finals – the 5ths winning comfortably and the 2nds having a heartbreaking loss. The 1st XI and the 3rd XI both had what I would call an almost season. Special thanks to Mark Prince for volunteering to score for the 1sts every week.

Unfortunately, Adam Crosthwaite was unable to continue his role with the T20 team due to schedule conflict with Premier crickets' T20 programme. Whilst we competed well and finished 2nd in our group this was not enough to advance to the finals.

With Neil Crosthwaite stepping down from the senior coaching role the club advertised for a replacement however received little interest from outside the club – Huss volunteered to take on the role for the season and did an outstanding job coaching in difficult circumstances. Neil continued in a specialist batting role. The work done by our two net captains needs to be commended – “Gus” Logan and “DK” Leonard did a great job and enabled Huss to coach rather than coordinate. Thanks to all of you for your contribution.

The work done by the committee was again outstanding. With Chris Payne stepping down from the Secretary position as well as Huss from Vice President, it was great to see Ollie Toussaint and Nick Horsford take on these respective roles – both did a great job – the club is in good hands for the future. We continue to be very fortunate to have Gary Bryant as treasurer.

The club remains in a very strong financial position as outlined in the Treasurers report in needs to be noted that a significant investments have been made to benefit both the playing group – portable net for centre wicket practice, Frogbox and during the off season a second bowling machine for use in the outdoor nets (with assistance for a successful grant application) and off field with Square technology which makes life easier for volunteers in the bar/canteen and for Gary. We are currently working with the Macleod Football club and are hoping to have an electronic scoreboard commissioned later this year.

Eamon and Ruth Bourke have continued to be passionate and committed Junior Coordinators who work tirelessly to ensure the ongoing success of our junior programme however after five years in the role have chosen to step aside – thank you both for what has been a significant commitment and contribution to the club. It was great to see the club field a stand-alone under 18 team for the first time – thanks to Pat Bourke and Riley O’Sullivan who “coached” this team to the grand final.

Whilst there was limited opportunity to hold social events the events that were held were again very well supported. Unfortunately, we were not able to hold the \$2k draw – this will now be scheduled for early in season 2022/2023. The work done to support the Toyota Good for Cricket raffle by Matt (Swanny) Jackson and others was superb raising in the vicinity of \$2,800.

Thanks also go to:

- The numerous general committee members
- All our captains
- Duncan Sanderson for both coordinating the Veteran team, which plays an important part in keeping older players around the club as well as providing an outlet for the frustrated coaches and parents of our juniors!
- Geoff Wilson with the under 16s, Eamon Bourke with the under 14s for the many hours spent ably coaching our juniors, along with their team managers.
- James Bull and Steve Austin for successfully managing the In-2-Cricket program under the guidance of Eamon.

Finally, it was great to be back at De Winton playing on a new surface, training in four new nets, parking in a sealed car park (at last!) with upgraded change rooms, new toilets, meeting room and additional storage, watching the games from under the extended veranda. We appreciate the support of the Banyule City Council, The state government and the North-East Link for their contributions to this project. The Macleod Football Club have also been integral in ensuring we have a first-rate facility both on and off field.

Mick Langford
President

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The start of the 2021/22 season started much like the previous - Covid-19 affected. While we were ready to make our welcome return to De Winton Park, preseason training proved to be a logistical battle to ensure we complied to the numerous restrictions placed around training. Thankfully this was short lived and we were back to 'normal' before we knew it.

The 2021/22 season also happened to be my first as Club Secretary and it's fair to say I truly underestimated the role! I'd like to thank the numerous initial support I received from members around the club including our previous Secretary Chris Payne (thanks for your efforts in the role!) and Gary Bryant – someone who goes above and beyond their committee position of Treasurer.

On field, I'm proud of the club's efforts throughout the various Grades and how well we represented ourselves throughout the DVCA. It's a credit to all our Club Captains for the effort they put in both during the week and on Saturdays. Special mention to Matty Macaulay and Mark Van Poeteren who led their teams to Grand Finals, with Moons successfully taking home the G5 flag.

As Secretary, I gained a new appreciation of how hard people are working off field to keep the club running and make match days happen. I'd like to make a special mention to Mick Potenza, who once again successfully managed the toughest role at the club being the Chairman of Selectors. To juggle up to 55 players' availability throughout 5 grades of cricket takes enormous effort – sometimes late on a Friday night – so thanks again for your efforts this season Mick!

To outgoing coach, Huss Almatrah, thank you for your efforts not only this season but over your long career at the cricket club. It's obvious how respected you are around the place by young and old, and the standard you drive from the playing group is second to none. I'm sure everyone at the club would've learnt something from you during their time, so you'll be sorely missed. Good luck for what your future outside of cricket has in store and hopefully we'll see you put on the whites a few times this season.

A definite room for improvement moving forward is our junior program, with a majority of players only eligible in the older age groups. Additionally, Eamon Bourke leaves a huge void as his work (in tandem with Ruth) as Junior Manager over the past decade must be commended. On behalf of the club, I'd like to thank you both for the countless hours of work you have put in this role.

I would like to acknowledge the entire committee and executive for their support and guidance through what was an enjoyable yet initially difficult year for the club. I also look forward to getting more youth on our committee (as even Horse and I are getting old) to help freshen things up and bring new ideas to the table. Informal or not, any help is much appreciated as many hands truly do make light work.

Finally, I would like to thank our sponsors, Banyule City Council and all of our members. Without you all the club would not survive, and your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

Oliver Toussaint
Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Despite ongoing challenges, this season was solid financially. The club posted a profit of \$1,780.64 for the financial year, with the net asset position increasing from \$49,005.55 to \$49,727.77.

The main financial performance trends were:

- Fundraising opportunities were fewer than we would have liked. The Toyota Good for Cricket Raffle raised ~\$2800, well down on last season - we need a big push for this next season as it is the easiest fund raiser we have. Due to logistical difficulties, we could not run the \$2k draw which will return bigger and better next season. Thanks to the whole RCC community for their support through the smaller fundraising initiatives during the season..
- Sponsorships have started to rebound after dropping significantly during COVID. Thanks to Eamon and Ruth (Viewbank early childhood centre) for their continued support as our Premium sponsor. We also welcome Kate Thwaites as a Gold sponsor, joining long standing sponsors LA Flooring (Luke Anderson) and TS Finance (Tim Sheehan). We also think our Bronze sponsors, the Harp of Erin, Café Matto and The Phantom. Hopefully we will be able to again engage with past and new sponsors in the upcoming season. The coterie group (Rosanna Legends) was again a success, though slightly down on last season.
- Council generosity in waiving ground and pavilion fees during COVID did not apply this season, though they did decide to reduce costs by 50% at the end of the season (after fees were paid). So we will start next seasons with a credit which will cover approximately 50% of next year's ground fees. We also received a final government grant for COVID support, for which the club is very grateful.
- A big win is that the new solar panels installed while we were at Banyule Flats have paid dividends - our electricity costs were zero this season. This will save approximately four thousand dollars per year going forward.
- As COVID was still a major issue, it was decided to keep subs at the COVID levels this season. Keeping this in mind, subscriptions were strong for both seniors and juniors.
- Bar & canteen profit were particularly strong, thanks to an almost full season, two teams in finals, and hosting the Money Shield final, which itself provided around \$3000 profit.
- We continued to make significant investments in infrastructure at De Winton Park, including Frogbox, iPads for scoring, and the new Square payment system for the canteen and bar, all of which were very successful, and make life easier for the volunteers around the club.

Treasurer acknowledgements

- Eamon and Ruth Bourke for their major sponsorship and Junior management.
- Everyone who helped in the bar and canteen - there are too many to mention, but I would like to acknowledge John McKenzie and Alan Bell for their stalwart service on game days.
- Michelle Smith for catering at the Life Members/Coterie day and Geoff Wilson Medal, and Gerald "Duck" Carey for cooking the spit.
- Max Balcombe and Chris York for doing a great job as Bar Managers.
- All players and friends of the club who supported the club at functions and games.

ROSANNA CRICKET CLUB PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

Year ending 30 June 2022

Sales	Bar	Sales		\$29,319.25	
		Less: Cost of Sales			
		Opening Stock	\$52.00		
		Purchases	\$16,373.97		
		Closing Stock	\$991.77	\$15,434.20	
		Gross Profit from Trading			\$13,885.05
	Canteen	Sales		\$5,983.38	
		Less: Cost of Sales			
		Opening Stock	\$0.00		
		Purchases	\$2,920.59		
		Closing Stock	\$0.00	\$2,920.59	
		Gross Profit from Trading			\$3,062.79
	Gear	Sales		\$6,055.30	
		Less: Cost of Sales			
		Opening Stock	\$9,927.00		
		Purchases	\$8,629.34		
		Closing Stock	\$13,002.80	\$5,553.54	
		Gross Profit from Trading			\$501.76
Total Gross Profit from Trading					\$17,449.60

Other Income					
Fund Raising & Social Functions			\$11,872.45		
Less Costs			\$5,777.07		
					\$6,095.38
Senior Subs					\$8,166.12
Student Subs					\$1,350.00
Junior Subs					\$5,964.96
Sponsorships					\$11,028.00
Match Fees					\$3,585.00
Amenities					\$2,898.00
Interest					\$8.41
Total Income					\$56,545.47

Expenses					
Utilities					\$535.35
Ground and Pavillion Fees					\$6,428.20
Trophies & honour Boards					\$3,130.75
Coaching					\$11,380.00
Training Costs					\$1,944.63
Balls & Equipment					\$10,221.68
Balls change in stock					-\$290.30
Match Day Costs & Fines					\$5,275.08
Amenities					\$3,286.11
DVCA					\$2,560.42
Banking and EFTPOS expenses					\$1,065.87
Infrastructure					\$9,227.04
Total Expenses					\$54,764.83

Net Profit/Loss					\$1,780.64
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BALANCE SHEET		
As at 30th Jun 2022		
ASSETS		
Savings (Transaction Account)	\$1,784.78	
Savings (Investment Account)	\$32,404.42	
Bar Stock	\$991.77	
Canteen Stock	\$0.00	
Gear Stock	\$13,002.80	
Ball Stock	\$1,544.00	
Unpaid Subs	\$0.00	
Debtors	\$0.00	
Total Assets		\$49,727.77
Liabilities		
Creditors	\$0.00	
Total Liabilities		\$0.00
Net Assets		\$49,727.77

Gary Bryant
Treasurer

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JUNIOR MANAGER'S REPORT

Season 2021 / 2022 saw the club field three junior sides – U18's, U16's and U 14's. Efforts to establish a U'10 and a U'12 side were unsuccessful mainly due to lockdown and our incapacity to hold pre-season training / promotion events. Attempts to establish a girl's side with Lower Plenty CC also fell through. Our Junior Blasters program saw 17 children enrolled with the weekly activities returning to De Winton after a year at Banyule Flats.

Numbers were well down with a full team of players withdrawing from the club in the week leading up to the first game. However, 'quality' is a theme amongst our juniors with the 14's and 18's both making grand finals and our 16's having several outstanding representative players.

An offseason restructure saw us split the juniors into two groups:

- Group A: Blasters / 10's and 12's
- Group B: 14's, 16's and 18's

Furthermore, attempts to establish a Junior Committee to spread the workload were unsuccessful mainly due to the impact of Covid19 on people and their lives.

Our U14 squad was coached by Eamon Bourke and for the second year running made the Grand Final. After starting in Red (third division) they were promoted to Teal (second division) after round 3. A squad of 14 players lost only two games on the way to the grand final by 1 run but came up short in the big one at De Winton. A number of players were in representative teams and played for our seniors with two playing in our 5th's premiership. This group has consistently played outstanding cricket across the last two years and has a number of highly talented prospects.

The U16's were once again coached by Geoff Wilson. A squad of 13 was placed in Blue (1st division) where they won three games finishing 7th with a number of players experiencing this level of cricket for the first time. Despite the difficult year all players acquitted themselves admirably and will benefit greatly from being exposed to a high level of cricket. Leo Dench and Idhant Yarrlagadda both made over 200 runs and along with Siena Ferrara were all representative players.

The U18 squad was coached by Patrick Bourke. The squad consisted of 13 players in Teal (second division) and finished the regular season third. A terrific finals series saw them make the Grand Final where they were unable to overcome a stronger opponent who had the wood on them all season. Thomas Bourke made over 200 runs and was a representative player along with Jacob Janezic their leading wicket taker.

Over the summer a number of players represented the club in the DVCA and other metropolitan carnivals. Whilst the results varied across all grades, all players represented the club with distinction & are to be congratulated on the outstanding achievements:

- U12 Mitchell Shield: James Black
- U14 Nolan Shield: Shyam Madan
- U16 Beitzel Shield: Idhant Yarrlagadda (Captain)
- U17 Jones Shield: Siena Ferrara
- U17 Dowling Shield: Thomas Bourke (St Kilda)
- U17 Dowling Shield: Leo Dench (Fitzroy Doncaster)

- U18 Arnold Shield: Thomas Bourke & Jacob Janezic
- EMP U18 Premier Team: Siena Ferrara
- Northern Falcons Vic YPL: Leo Dench (equal leading wicket taker)

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the following:

- Our junior coaches in for their outstanding efforts and their assistants for their weekly dedication.
- Our Team Managers for their logistical support to the coaches.
- James Bull and Steve Austin for their fabulous efforts' week in, week out in running the junior blasters program.
- The Rosanna CC Executive lead by Michael Langford and Gary Bryant for their support over the season. Without them there'd be no cricket!!
- Ruth Bourke for the admin tasks of getting the teams up and going!
- Michael Potenza for getting the juniors into the senior sides.
- The DVCA for their commitment to junior cricket despite the difficulties around a shortened season.
- The parents who go to great lengths every week to get the players to training, to the game and their support every Friday at the games!

Finally, it was 11 years ago that I bought a very young but incredibly enthusiastic son to the club! Since that first night at the home of Banyule CC, I have been involved in the game in some official capacity. After 11 years I will be moving on to give someone else a go at the various roles I have played in this time.

I have potentially two years left in the juniors and I wish to spend that as a 'parent'. I believe I have bought much to the club in my time in the various roles but as my boys are moving to the senior club it is time for the club to bring the next group through. Now is the time for me to move on and help the next group make the transition.

I have enjoyed every moment of the ride and can be proud of my contribution to the success of the club in helping send the next group through the ranks. To everyone who has supported me I offer my heartfelt thanks and look forward to making an ongoing contribution to the clubs' success in the years to come.

Looking forward to seeing you all at De Winton in the years to come.

Eamon Bourke
Junior Manager

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CAPTAINS

The following players were appointed as Captain of their respective teams:

TEAM	CAPTAIN
First XI	Sam Sheehan
Second XI	Matthew Macaulay
Third XI	Dean Spokes
Fourth XI	Max Balcombe
Fifth XI	Mark Van Poeteren
Veteran's XI	Duncan Sanderson

AWARD WINNERS

Representative Achievements

Northern Falcons Vic YPL	Leo Dench
EMP U18 Premier Team	Siena Ferrara
U18 Arnold Shield	Thomas Bourke
U18 Arnold Shield	Jacob Janezic
U17 Dowling Shield	Leo Dench (Fitzroy Doncaster)
U17 Dowling Shield	Thomas Bourke (St Kilda)
U17 Jones Shield	Siena Ferrara
U16 Beitzel Shield	Idhant Yarrlagadda (Captain)
U14 Nolan Shield	Shyam Madan
U12 Mitchell Shield	James Black

Association Awards

Cameron Douglas	DVCA B Grade Bowling Average 24 wickets – Average 7.20
Noah Dench	DVCA U14 Teal Bowling Average 9 wickets – Average 5.11

Club Awards

Geoff Wilson Medalist	Brett Smith
W.P. Luby Memorial Award	Neill Jackson
<i>BARNEY LUBY AWARD –</i> CLUB CHAMPION	Nick Carlton
Runs Aggregate	Thomas Bourke

Wickets Aggregate	Nick Carlton
Senior Coach's Award	Jacob Janezic
T20 Player of the Season	Nick Rowe
Vets Player of the Season	Duncan Sanderson

Club Champion Points

PLAYER	POINTS
Nick Carlton	223.75
Hayden Smith	160.03
Aayat Khanna	144.83
Mitchell Crispe	133.60
Matthew Macaulay	125.33

Senior Awards

	Batting	Bowling	Fielding	All Rounder
1st XI	<i>Dick Russell Trophy</i> Sam Sheehan	<i>Steve Durant Trophy</i> Nick Carlton	<i>Brian Carlton Trophy</i> Haedar Almatrah	<i>Ron Webster Trophy</i> Nick Carlton
2nd XI	Stephen Ryan	Cameron Douglas	Mitchell Crispe	Hayden Smith
3rd XI	Harley Jackson	Jacob Janezic	Chris York	Harley Jackson
4th XI	Jordan McCaig	Jack Antonio-Taylor	Mateus Torres	Jack Antonio-Taylor
5th XI	Mark Muscat	Mark Van Poeteren	Darryn Pilkington	Mark Muscat

Junior Awards

U18	Batting	Bowling	Coach's Award	Most Improved	Finals Player	
	Tom Bourke	Jacob Janezic	Matt Torres	Riley Woolfe	Harry Gould	
U16	Coach's Award	Most Improved	Most Improved			
	Idhant Yaralagadda	Nathan McConnell	Lachie Merory			
U14	Gold Player	Silver Player	Bronze Player	Coach's Award	Most Improved	Finals Player
	Shyam Madan	Noah Dench	James Black	Krish Shetty	Kevin Mathew	Angus Gilles

Senior Milestones

Mark Muscat	250 Games	Mark Muscat	8500 Runs
Scott Shelton	200 Games	Luke Anderson	4500 Runs
Ian Gordon	150 Games	Nick Carlton	4500 Runs
Nicholas Horsford	150 Games	Sam Sheehan	3500 Runs
Matt Macaulay	150 Games	Dean Spokes	1500 Runs
Dougal McCulloch	150 Games	Aayat Khanna	1000 Runs
Mark Van Poeteren	150 Games	Michael Potenza	1000 Runs
Matthew R Jackson	100 Games	Duncan Sanderson	500 Runs
Aayat Khanna	100 Games	Ben Ellis	500 Runs
Hayden Smith	100 Games	Harley Jackson	500 Runs
Thomas Bourke	50 Games	Jonathan Potenza	500 Runs
Andrew Clarke	50 Games	Mark Schott	500 Runs
Alexander Dickson	50 Games	Santosh Sharma	500 Runs
Ben Ellis	50 Games	Brett Smith	500 Runs
Tim Lewis	50 Games	Idhant Yarlagadda	500 Runs
Riley O'Sullivan	50 Games		
Nathan Pietsch	50 Games	Scott Shelton	300 Wickets
Nick Rowe	50 Games	Cameron Douglas	200 Wickets
		Mark Van Poeteren	200 Wickets
		Matt Macaulay	150 Wickets
		Aayat Khanna	100 Wickets
		Andrew Clarke	50 Wickets
		Nick Rowe	50 Wickets
		Brett Smith	50 Wickets

Junior Milestones

Leo Dench	75 Games	Ananya Goswami	1250 Runs
Marcus Schroeder	75 Games	Thomas Bourke	1000 Runs
Idhant Yarlagadda	75 Games	Leo Dench	1000 Runs
Jai Lundberg	50 Games	Shyam Madam	500 Runs
Will Schroeder	50 Games	Harry Foreman	250 Runs
Siena Ferrara	25 Games	Kevin Mathew	250 Runs
Harry Foreman	25 Games	Luka Minarik	250 Runs
Lachlan Fraser	25 Games	Marcus Schroeder	250 Runs
Harrison Gould	25 Games	Krish Shetty	250 Runs
Sebastian Kennedy	25 Games	Riley Woolfe	250 Runs
Archie Mansfield	25 Games		
Kevin Mathew	25 Games	Idhant Yarlagadda	50 Wickets
Nathan McConnell	25 Games	Noah Dench	25 Wickets
Lachie Merory	25 Games	Jacob Janezic	25 Wickets
Brooklyn Pilgrim	25 Games	Marcus Schroeder	25 Wickets
Jaival Shah	25 Games	Mateus Torres	25 Wickets
James Young	25 Games		

Notable Season Performances

Seniors

5 or more wickets in an innings		20 or more wickets in the season	
Glenn Smith	6/13 (Fifth XI)	Nick Carlton	27 Wickets
Aayat Khanna	6/15 (Second XI)	Cameron Douglas	26 Wickets
Mark Muscut	5/13 (Fifth XI)	Nick Rowe	25 Wickets
Jack Antonio-Taylor	5/21 (Fourth XI)	Aayat Khanna	22 Wickets
		Jack Antonio-Taylor	22 Wickets
		Mark Van Poeteren	20 Wickets
100 or more runs in an innings		250 or more runs in the season	
		Sam Sheehan	451 Runs
		Mark Muscat	423 Runs
		Nick Carlton	367 Runs
		Hayden Smith	339 Runs
Hat-tricks		Harley Jackson	323 Runs
		Brett Smith	318 Runs
		Duncan Sanderson	314 Runs
		Thomas Bourke	303 Runs
		Dalton Marsh	300 Runs
		Dean Spokes	294 Runs
		Tim Lewis	272 Runs
		Stephen Ryan	271 Runs
		Matt Macaulay	269 Runs

Juniors

100 or more runs in a season		10 or more wickets in a season	
Shyam Madan	287 Runs	Noah Dench	11 Wickets
Idhant Yarlagadda	205 Runs		
Leo Dench	203 Runs	50 or more runs in an innings	
Thomas Bourke	201 Runs	Leo Dench	53* (U16 Blue)
Kevin Matthew	164 Runs	Ben Wolczko	51* (U18 Teal)
Benjamin Wolczko	147 Runs	Riley Woolfe	51* (U18 Teal)
Anaya Goswami	139 Runs		
Riley Woolfe	137 Runs		
Krish Shetty	115 Runs		
James Black	108 Runs		
Luka Minarik	102 Runs		
Noah Dench	100 Runs		

RECOGNITION OF OUR UNDER 25 YEAR OLD PLAYERS

Once again 'the Phantom' recognised senior players under 25 years of age across all Grades by donating financial benefits based upon players making in excess of 40 runs per innings and taking more than 3 wickets per innings. Sponsorship was based at \$1 per run and \$10 per wicket achieved over these levels. The following achievements are recognised, and the sponsorship graciously acknowledged.



Player	Total Player \$
Dalton Marsh	\$49
Hayden Smith	\$33
Aayat Khanna	\$30
Tom Bourke	\$27
Brett Smith	\$23
Ben Ellis	\$20
Harley Jackson	\$20
Jack Antonio-Taylor	\$20
Jacob Janezic	\$20
Riley O'Sullivan	\$16
Idhant Yarlagadda	\$10
Alex Dickson	\$10
Jordan McCaig	\$8
Chris York	\$5
TOTAL	\$292

Congratulations to all players under 25 that contributed on field through their efforts and raised \$390. Special thanks to 'the Phantom' for his/her wonderful gesture and contribution to the club

CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS' REPORT

The duties for this role were once again split in Season 21-22. I managed to convince Huss, our club coach, to take on responsibility for selecting the 1s and 2s whilst I continued to look after the 3s, 4s and 5s. I would like to thank Huss for taking on this extra task and for all of his assistance during the year.

It was pleasing to see the Thirds improve their results this year and only narrowly miss the finals. Unfortunately, the Fourths continued to be undermanned in F3 and finished with just the one memorable win over Banyule for the year. The Fifths, under the leadership of Moons, had a fantastic season and finished on top of the ladder. They capped the season off with a comprehensive Grand Final victory.

A major highlight of the season was the improvement shown by a number of junior cricketers who committed to playing seniors at Rosanna. Harley Jackson, Mateus Torres, Jacob Janezic, Marcus Schroeder, Riley Woolfe and Aditya Shetty all showed positive signs and were often given major playing responsibilities on a Saturday.

We also welcomed some new juniors to senior cricket. Max Stacy, Krish Shetty and Shyam Madan were exciting additions. Their enthusiasm on a Saturday was incredibly infectious and refreshing. I hope that all of these juniors continue to enjoy their cricket and have long and successful careers at Rosanna.

At the other end of the spectrum, I would like to pass on my thanks to Luke Anderson, Geoff Wilson and Andrew Wolczko who helped us out on numerous occasions during the season when we were short. The commitment of these guys to the club cannot be questioned.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the fact that Rachel Harris joined us this year and was one of our most consistent players in the 4s. Congratulations on a great season Rachel.

Over the last few years, ensuring that all 3s, 4s and 5s players enjoy their cricket and are actively engaged on game day has been a major focus of mine. On most occasions, with the assistance of team captains, this goal has been achieved. To those who were impacted when we got it wrong, I extend my apologies.

Dean Spokes, Max Balcombe and Mark Van Poeteren also provided great assistance throughout the season with team selection in their capacity as team captains. Sincere thanks to you all.

On a personal level, I would like to thank the Rosanna Cricket Club Executive Committee for all of their hard work and for giving me the opportunity to play cricket with both of my sons this year. It was an occasion which I will long remember.

Finally, to all of those guys who made themselves available for selection week after week, I extend my deepest thanks. People like you are the lifeblood of the Rosanna Cricket Club.

Michael Potenza
Chairman of Selectors

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CLUB COACH'S REPORT

It was a great honour to again take on the role as club coach. Neil Crosthwaite had done a fantastic job over previous years, and we were able to continue with much of the progress made during his time as coach of the club.

We were again challenged with COVID restrictions which made our pre-season and selection incredibly challenging. A big thank you must go to all club members and helpers for their efforts and assistance throughout, but I would like to mention the following in particular who ensured we were well very represented throughout our 5 senior teams each week:

- Sam Sheehan & Nick Horsford did an excellent job organising the first XI in what was often trying circumstances. Unavailability/COVID and injuries made things challenging however each game was used as a learning experience. Although we didn't finish the season playing finals as we expected, the continued growth, development and opportunities granted to younger players was a highlight. We showed that our best was as good as any club and with experience the results will follow.
- Matt Macaulay, Mark Schott & Matt Jackson worked very well together in ensuring our second XI brought a positive/fun approach to one day cricket which led to some fantastic performances throughout the season. We didn't get the result we wanted in the grand final however the club was very proud of the way that this group conducted themselves. We now hope that this talented and very close group can continue to work hard on their games to push hard to make an impact at the higher level.
- Dean Spokes & Hayden Smith assisted in filling the role of third XI captaincy. Dean and Hayden were great examples of doing whatever was in the best interests of the club and I thank them enormously for that approach. They provided an environment where players were provided opportunities to perform well and progress to higher grades. Unfortunately, results didn't fall our way towards the end of the season which left us just short of playing finals, however I still feel the season was a successful one for our third XI.
- It was great to see Max Balcombe & Chris York take on the role of leading our Fourth XI. Both are excellent young men and fantastic Rosanna people. Unfortunately, at times we were not able to provide them with the senior playing support they needed however there was never a complaint from either and I hope with a few tweaks and some additional support, Max & Chris will continue to put their hands up for leadership positions in the future.
- Mark Van Poeteren did a great job organising the 5th XI. Well done to Mark and his players for the premiership success. Unfortunately, Mark has advised he will be unavailable to continue in the role, but we hope that all players will be back to support the club once again.
- Darrell Leonard and Andrew Logan who were excellent support as net captains on Tuesday & Thursdays throughout the season. Thanks both for ensuring training was well organised and apologies for the at times grumpy coach who would turn up to training.
- Neil Crosthwaite who assisted as a sounding board as well as our club batting coach. It was again great working with Neil and all the players very much enjoyed the batting expertise provided.

Neil continued to challenge players at all levels to continue to think about the game and his passion for the game and the club was evident for all to see.

- The entire committee but particularly our executive comprising of Mick Langford, Gary Bryant, Eamon Bourke, Oliver Toussaint and Nick Horsford. It often goes unnoticed just how much hard work is done by this group, but it was certainly greatly appreciated.
- Lastly, I have to extend a huge thank you to Mick Potenza. I am not sure I could have managed things this year without Mick. We didn't always get things absolutely right, but I know we always had the best of intentions because of the work Mick was doing behind the scenes. Whether it was ensuring we were all set up at training, making phone calls and team changes due to last minute unavailability, organising a sub fielder, ensuring players knew what their role was on game day or just generally checking in on the well-being of all players, Mick did it all and I thank him enormously for all of his efforts.

Despite the obvious challenges, I really enjoyed the season and once again thank the club for giving me the opportunity.

I look forward to supporting our new senior Coach Chris Milne for the coming seasons and playing any part I can to ensure the continued success of our Great club.

Huss Almatrah
Club Coach

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1st XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The senior group and leaders were quietly optimistic leading into the 2021/22 season after making the finals last year. One-dayers were fixtured for the season again which presented both a challenge and an opportunity for our group.

The first month of the year essentially summed up our season, being 2-2 and not playing the consistent cricket required to be a successful team in Barclay Shield. Highlights through the four Rounds included Dalton Marsh's match winning fifty against Banyule in Round 3, Nick Carlton's 84 in a win against Research in Round 5, as well as consistent limited overs bowling from the likes of Scott Shelton, Nathan Pietsch and Nick Carlton.

We went into Christmas at 2-3 after a comprehensive defeat to Epping at home, therefore needing to string some wins together in the New Year to keep our finals hopes alive.

Unfortunately, in the first two games post-Christmas we produced two of our most disappointing performances of the year against North Eltham and Macleod which resulted in our finals aspirations slipping away, with the win/loss now sitting at 2-5. To this point of the season, there were some positives, with the development of the likes of Dalton Marsh and Pat Bourke, as well as opportunities being given to consistent 2nd XI performers in Nick Rowe, Andy Clarke, Matt (Original) Jackson, Matt (Swanny) Jackson and Mitchell Crispe, who debuted in the 1st XI during this period.

After coming up short against Riverside in Round 9, the focus quickly shifted from being hopeful to play finals, to simply focusing on getting a win on the board, after stringing four losses on the trot, either side of Christmas.

As all good clubs do, we responded and won three games in a row in Rounds 10-12, against Banyule, Diamond Creek and Research, with our senior leaders in the most part getting the job done which is pleasing, noting what was at stake to this point of the season.

That inconsistency in performance presented again in what was our last three games of the year, losing to Epping and Lower Eltham consecutively, but then delivering one of our best wins of the season by knocking off our arch enemy, and finalist Heidelberg in what was Haedar Almatrah's last 1st XI game for the club.

We finished the season at 6-8 and 7th on the ladder, which definitely reflected our performances across the season.

Positives throughout the year included the continued development of the likes of Pat Bourke, Dalton Marsh, Riley O'Sullivan, Nick Rowe and Aayat Khanna. I must also acknowledge Nick Carlton who again put in a great season, making 300+ runs (avg 23) and taking 27 wickets (avg 15).

Areas of improvement from the group include batsman being able to convert 20s/30s into scores of 50+ as well as bowlers continuing to improve their consistency and limited bad balls, which typically go to the fence in A-Grade. Fielding was also an area of concern which we'll look to fix in the off-season.

I'd like to also congratulate Haedar Almatrah on an outstanding 1st XI career at the club. His work ethic, attitude, competitiveness and overall talent as a wicket keeper was something to admire. He was an amazing teammate, and I'm sure we can all agree that we had our fair share of fun on and off the field.

To Mark Prince, thank you for scoring each and every week. It is greatly appreciated by every member of the team and hopefully we have you back to do so next year! Finally, to Huss Almatrah, Mick Langford and the committee, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead the group again this year. It's a role I continue to enjoy and value enormously.

We look forward to continuing to develop as a group, work hard and push to improve next season.

Sam Sheehan
First XI Captain

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2nd XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Before reflecting on the season, I would like to thank the Coach and Executive for appointing me as 2nd XI captain. Captaincy is something I have aspired to do for a few seasons and it lived up to expectations. In particular I have enjoyed bringing young players into the fold and preparing them to play a higher standard of cricket. I hope I have served them well in this regard. Thank you to Huss as coach, I feel we worked well together across the year and got the best out of our players. And lastly, thank you to everyone who played in the side this season, you all played a role in what was almost the perfect season, and without your commitment we would not have gone as far as we did.

The season at times was challenging particularly post Xmas due to COVID related absences and I would like to thank in particular John Raywood and Luke Anderson for stepping in at late notice to bolster our team. You are both great clubmen and we couldn't thank you enough for your efforts.

We nearly had the perfect season, falling agonisingly close in the grand-final to finish runners-up. However our season should by no means be defined by that result. Our season was a significant success both on and off the field. On the field, strong performances of young players across the season were very promising. Of note, Idhant Yarlagadda played almost a full season in the 2nd XI and proved that he is a quality all-round player who with further experience and growth will be pushing for higher selection sooner rather than later. Ben Ellis has now consolidated a few seasons of second XI cricket and continues to grow as a cricketer. Key performances across the year gave signs this could be his best yet, but unfortunately ill-health prevented him from being at his best for large parts of the season. Hopefully next year is uninterrupted and strong performances early place him well for higher selection. And lastly, Hayden Smith's evolution as a specialist batter was very pleasing, and was the product of both hard work and a willingness to be flexible. Thank you H for putting the team first, and I hope next year brings even more runs.

Surrounding these younger players was a core group of also young but more seasoned 2nd XI cricketers who continue to make RCC's 2nd XI contenders year after year. Strong cricket teams do not rely upon a single 'star', but rather are built upon a foundation of several players who can step up at any given moment to win a game. Without going as far as to name the entire squad, everyone had a moment (some multiple) at some point in the season which changed the outcome of a game. Some performances of note were:

- Andy Clarke (2/21) Vs Diamond Creek bowling important middle overs whilst defending a small total.
- Cam Douglas almost every week.
- Idhant Yarlagadda (4/24) with a wet ball bowling out Montmorency.
- Alex Dickson (0/44) overcoming the yips to close out a tight game against Lalor.
- Hayden Smith on 3 occasions posting almost a run a ball scores of 40-50 to help us post competitive totals after being tentatively placed batting first.
- Steve Ryan's masterful 71* against Epping.
- Mitchell Crispe's swashbuckling 26 to all but end the preliminary final against Banyule.

I would like to comment on the culture of the 2nd XI throughout the season. At the beginning of the season we implemented a set of values, including teamwork and supporting each other. The team embraced these values and the team certainly benefited in the way of a grand final appearance. Thank you to everyone in the team for embracing these values and contributing to the unity within the team.

Lastly I'd like to give a special thank-you to Matt W. Jackson for stepping in as captain in my absence in the grand-final. Both you and the team played an amazing game of cricket and I couldn't be prouder of everyone's efforts on that day. I hope that the pain we all experienced after that loss serves as significant motivation for us all to come back next season and right that wrong.

Matthew Macaulay
Second XI Captain

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3rd XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Before I reflect on the year I would first like to thank everyone for their help during the season. As my first year as captain it was a challenging one particularly due to covid but it was more manageable due to the help of people like Mick Potenza, Huss Almatrah and Geoff Wilson.

The season was one of ups and downs but unfortunately the dream of making finals came to an end when we were defeated in the last round. This was a painstaking loss as we'd been gaining momentum in the latter half of the year, winning close games against good sides just keeping our heads above water but we had put up to many poor performances early in the year to achieve our goals. The year was by no means a failure in my view as many young players had break out years both with the ball and bat.

Some notable mentions

- Harley Jackson making his first 50 in 3rd grade against Lower Plenty
- Hayden Smith making a 50 against lower plenty early in the season
- Jacob Janezic taking 4/10 against Old Paradians
- JJ again against again Old Paradians 4/18
- Dean Spokes 59 a captains knock if ever there was one

One of the most enjoyable aspects about the year was winning four close games one of them by a run. We seem to have a knack for winning the close ones which is a good skill to have. The best of these was my first game as captain against Riverside. It was an incredible effort to snatch that game against a side better than us. Notable mentions in that game were the Cairns brothers and Geoff Wilson, none of them making impressive scores but their running between wickets won us the game. This win was not only special because of way win won but it started a trend of winning when the odds were stacked against us.

This first season of captaincy was difficult especially during covid. It created a huge challenge for us in the 3rds as available players were often pushed up a grade leaving us not knowing if we could field a team or not. We were very fortunate that many of our more veterans put their hand up to fill in when we were short and I don't remember a game where we didn't have 11 on the field. I'm very grateful for their help during this difficult time people such as Peter Jackson, Andrew Wolczko and Chris Paine just to name a few.

Even though we tend to focus a lot on winning week in and week out I think the most important part of a 3rd grade team is to develop our skills and to create a path for younger players to play higher grades. I've definitely seen a lot of improvement especially from the younger players and I look forward to seeing what they can achieve next year. I hope to do this again next season and I look forward to seeing everyone at De Winton.

Dean Spokes
Third XI Captain

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4th XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

I'd like to start by thanking the club for giving me the opportunity to captain the 4th XI this past season.

Although we didn't get the results we were hoping for, we still had some great individual performances.

Notable mentions include:

- Jack Antonio-Taylor took 5/21 off 7 overs in round 5
- Ian Gordon made a fantastic 56 in round 7

While we only had one win, this came against Banyule which made it sweeter! In this tough season we had over 35 players play for the 4th XI including Rachael Harris who played her first season for the club! Well done Rachael.

Finally, I'd like to thank both Mick Potenza who greatly assisted with selection and Geoff Wilson for his fabulous guidance and assistance during this difficult season. Hopefully next year is a more successful season for the 4th Grade!

Max Balcombe
Fourth XI Captain

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5th XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

A very successful year was had by the 5th XI, winning the premiership. Losing only the one game for the season showed the commitment and belief demonstrated every Saturday. We had a number of players representing Rosanna 5th XI and to all of you a big thank you for your contribution.

We also had some junior players as young as 13 years of age play at various times with 3 juniors being members of the premiership team. Thank you to James Young, Alex Jackson, Krish Shetty (premiership player) Shyam Madan (premiership player) and Antonio Potenza (premiership player). The experience these young fellas will take from playing senior cricket this year will hold them in good shape for years to come. Special mention to Antonio who had the opportunity to play with his dad (Mick).

We had a new recruit in Andrew Williams, who only missed one game as he hurt his knee practicing his bowling at home before a game. We all thought it was quite funny, but it also showed his commitment to better his game. To the older stalwarts Muscy, Pilks, Mick P and Duncs, you guys helped me more than you would know. Advice on the ground whether it be batting or bowling changes or where we should place fielders, you guys were exceptional.

Glenn, Brett and Jake added the spark in the field with their big throwing arms which saved many runs. Great bowling throughout the entire season from Brett and Glenn helped us with not chasing many runs. Glenn 6/13 against the OPs a standout. Brett winning the Geoff Wilson medal - excellent achievement!

Muscy with the bat was fantastic all year. Fifty after fifty set up just about all run chases for us. His 250th game this year resulted in another fifty and 5 wickets. A very memorable day. He also took out both the batting and all-rounder awards. Moons won the bowling award. Come and see me if you would like a ball-by-ball synopsis. Well done Durry who won the fielding award. Great keeping all year with some ripping catches and stumpings to go with it.

The Grand Final itself will be something we will all cherish for years to come. From Shyam opening the batting with Muscy, to Krish getting a direct hit run out, and the celebration after the game. We did it Lads. Mernda put up a great battle and thank you to them for playing it in the right spirit.

Last but in no means least, thank you to Mick Potenza for all his work getting the lower XI sides together. A huge job and he got it done. Thanks Mick!

Our 5th XI premiership team:

Mark Van Poeteren (C)

Brett Smith (VC)

Mick Potenza (VC)

Glenn Smith

Darryn Pilkington

Mark Muscat

Shyam Madan

Krish Shetty

Duncan Sanderson

Jake Sanderson

Andrew Williams

Antonio Potenza

Looking forward to hopefully doing it all again in 2022/2023.

Cheers,

Mark Van Poeteren (Moons)
Fifth XI Captain

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VETERAN'S REPORT

The Vets returned for a consecutive season in Division B in 2021/2022.

There was a lot of excitement leading in to the first round with plenty of players very keen to play on the new ground at De Winton against Thomastown. The game in many ways defined our season. We batted first making a competitive 6/153, with Mick L cracking the first boundary of the season, only for the opposition to chase down our score in the final over of the day. We ended up losing another 3 games within the last two to three overs of the day. For the most part, we were very competitive in all our games but were just unable to take enough wickets at the right times to swing the momentum and close games our way. I think this was reflected with us taking 34 wickets across the season while our opposition took 53.

While missing out on some close wins, the joy of being in the contest and battling right to the end certainly is a good reminder of why we still love playing cricket, and still walking off the ground enjoying the day and chatting about day over a beer. We are now one of the older age Vet teams in the competition, but the really pleasing aspect for me was that we had 5 younger debutants this year with Adam Daly, James Bull, Luke Anderson, Steve Nikolovski and Dave Crawford. We certainly hope we can get a few more games out of these guys in the coming seasons as we certainly noticed a positive difference when these guys played.

We unfortunately ended up finishing the season down the bottom of the ladder with just a single win for the season. This was over arch enemy Banyule, so it was certainly enjoyed by all. I would certainly like to thank all 28 players who represented the club over our 7 games, with Stoney the only one to play all 7 and 3 others playing 6 (Payney, Vivek and Dunks).

While we had great contributions from all players at different times throughout the season, we had two players who really enjoyed a consistent season and deserved their standing in the MVP awards. The winner was Dunks making 183 runs at 46, to go with his 2 stumpings and a catch. Springer finished 2nd after being our best bowler all season taking 7 wickets for 18 and always slowing down the run rate while making 67 runs not out, with the big highlight of 41* against South Morang. Leeky finished 3rd with 85 runs at 17 along with 4 catches and a run out.

The Vets Punters Club returned for a second year over the spring carnival which provided plenty of enjoyment and banter along the way. While the nags got the better of us, Leeky got the boys home with some inspired choices on the dish lickers.

The season finished in customary fashion with the end of season trip up to Merrijig. Thanks again to Dan for hosting the boys. We certainly had a brilliant long weekend of golf, drinking, punting, local footy and even lunch at the Delatite Winery.

We certainly look forward to doing it all again next season.

Duncan Sanderson
Vets Captain

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UNDER 18 COACH'S REPORT

Season 2021/2022 saw a very successful season for our boys competing in the under 18 teal division. Our squad of 13 were challenged week in week out by the solely T20 format that made up our season. Despite this format not suiting many of the technically correct batsmen in the team, the adaptability of our players was something to behold, as we endured a 5-4 record that saw us finish the home & away season in 3rd position.

Our season was highlighted by a nail-biting come from behind preliminary final victory against Rosebank. With our backs against the wall, match winning performances including a rapid fire 24* from Harry Gould and 5/17 from Jacob Janezic sent us into the grand final to which we ultimately fell short against a very good Research outfit.

A special congratulations to our season award winners; Thomas Bourke took out the batting award with 201 runs @33.50, Jacob Janezic's 9 wickets @12.33 earnt him the bowling award. Impressive performances which saw them both represent the DVCA in the under 18 Phil Arnold shield. Furthermore, outstanding contributions and dedication to their craft saw Harry Gould, Riley Woolfe and Mateus Torres deservingly win the best finals player, most improved and coaches awards respectively.

Unfortunately, a few of our cult figures played their last season of junior cricket with the club this season. Thank you to Aditya Shetty, Ananya Goswami, Mateus Torres, and Brooklyn Pilgrim for their contributions throughout their time at the junior club, I implore this talented group to continue to hone their skills at the senior level.

Lastly, a massive thankyou to those who helped make the season that was, especially our extensive coaching panel of Riley O'Sullivan, Hollie Wolczko and Josh Grant, I'm sure the players benefitted greatly from your imparting wisdom. As well as team manager Andrew Wolczko, who was tasked with the difficult job of keeping our unique group of players and coaches out of trouble.

Patrick Bourke
Under 18's Coach

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UNDER 16 COACH'S REPORT

Just like the 2020/21 season, we started late and played only T20 games, again a format which we weren't well suited to. The season ended up being much more difficult than we had possibly imagined. After winning two of the first three games (against teams that were re-graded after Round 3), we thought that we would be quite competitive in the grade. However, the competition had improved significantly since last season and unfortunately, we weren't good enough to win more than one more game, which was against the bottom team in the last round of the season to avoid the wooden spoon!

We felt that the team had the potential to be better than we had actually performed, but even so other teams were just far too good for us. They had much more depth both in batting and bowling. Given the format of the T20 games, we just weren't good enough. That is not to say that players didn't try their best, but we were simply outclassed on a number of occasions. In hindsight, we were probably in the wrong grade.

This was typified in the first game after Christmas when we played Epping, the eventual premiers. We batted first and made what we thought was a very competitive score of 5/120 but they blew us off the park, passing us within about 14 overs with a couple of their batsman playing outstanding innings. In the end they made 0/162, emphasising the gap between the teams.

Nonetheless, there were plenty of positives as well from the season, including the much-improved performance of a number of players such as Nathan McConnell (as an off spin bowler), Ketav Shah (both as an off spin bowler and top order batsman at times), Lachie Merory (as a batsman), Harry Foreman (as a batsman) and Alex Jackson (as a medium pace bowler). All of them kicked on from the previous season.

As we have done in previous seasons, we appointed joint captains in Idhant Yarlagadda and Leo Dench, with Siena Ferrara rounding off the leadership group. They did a terrific job in quite difficult circumstances at times. From their perspective, I hope that they have learned a lot, as it's much easier to be the captain of a winning team, but much harder when things aren't going your way that often.

Not surprisingly, the leaders were our top scorers for the season, with both Leo and Idhant scoring more than 200 runs at quite impressive averages overall, and Siena just under 100 runs. However, when we compare them with the top batsman at other teams, unfortunately we didn't measure up nearly as well.

As always, there are plenty of people to thank for their efforts during the season including:

- Neill Jackson, who took on the role of Team Manager again and was a great support organising matters off the field.
- Eamon and Ruth Bourke who did a great job managing the overall Junior program. It's not an easy job for anyone and they have done it magnificently for over 10 years, with both indicating they would be stepping down from the role for the coming season. If that comes to fruition, their hard work and enthusiasm will be a great loss.

- All the parents/family members who came to watch and helped out during the season. Their support is incredibly important to make the team run as well as it does. Knowing that there is help is available as and when needed is vital.

Finally, to all the players, thanks for all your support. With all moving up to Under 18s next season (we hope) and thus with no experienced players whatsoever to help the players coming through from the Under 14s, no doubt it's going to be a real challenge for the Under 16 group next season.

Geoff Wilson
Under 16's Coach

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UNDER 14 COACH'S REPORT

With the exception of two players, all players from the previous year's runner's up side returned for another late start to the season due to Covid-19. Those two players were replaced by three recruits and a squad of 14 began the season in Red (third division) having been promoted from white the previous year.

The season presented a number of challengers. The mix of players included two under 12's, two under 16's who were granted dispensation and three new squad members. With a limited pre-season, all games being 20/20 there was little 'development and game time' for all the players.

After the grading games we were promoted to Teal (2nd division) with the players intent on going one step better than last season. Throughout the regular home and away season we lost two games both by one run – games that could easily have gone the other way!

Coming into the last round we had to beat an undefeated Hurstbridge away to get the double chance in the finals. Some brilliant all round cricket in all aspects of the game, saw us comfortably beat the minor premiers by 20 runs. The next week we headed back to Hurstbridge for the right to host a home final and turned on our best performance for the year bowling Hurstbridge out for 58 and comfortably chasing down the runs.

At home at De Winton we couldn't quite pull off the big one going down to Hurstbridge who showed us why they were the best Team throughout the regular season. On the day they were just too good and we did it all except win the big one as evident by:

- Noah Dench winning the Teal bowling averages
- Outstanding captaincy by Shyam Madan who was well supported by Noah Dench.
- Harry Eagleson - Brash having a fantastic first year at the club.
- Angus Gillies taking 4/3 in the Semi Final.
- Our award winners showing consistent weekly performances and a terrific attitude to training – Shyam Madan, Noah Dench, James Black, Krish Shetty, Kevin Mathew and Angus Gillies.
- Our DVCA Representatives – James Black & Shyam Madan. Angus Gillies in making the training squad.
- To Shyam Madan & Krish Shetty on playing in a premiership in the 5ths.
- Our ability to find a 'way' to get through adverse game situations and our personal growth as individuals in a Team environment.

If we measured the season on the last game we would be doing an injustice to ourselves. The player's ability to absorb the 'message' week in week out was outstanding, as was their continued improvement and development over the season. They have a real crack this group and success awaits them if they continue their capacity to listen and seek ways to improve their skills. As individuals they are simply outstanding.

Despite two Grand Final losses, I feel very privileged to have coached this group. They are a very coachable group whose enthusiasm for the game is infectious for any coach. For the season I would like to thank:

1. My outstanding Team manager Lisa Gillies for her tireless efforts and superb organisational skills.
2. Peter Black who assistance & support on Friday nights was much appreciated and critical to our success.
3. Madan Purusothaman for his tech skills in scoring 'live' on My Cricket.
4. To all the parents in getting players to training and game day and helping with scoring & the canteen.
5. To the senior players and club who helped out with training and match day in getting the clubhouse open and the ground ready.

After two years with this group I will be handing over the coaching duties to new coach. I believe it is in the interests of the players to hear a different 'voice' over the next two years before they head to senior cricket.

Eamon Bourke
Under 14s Coach

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JUNIOR BLASTERS REPORT

We had 15 junior blasters sign up this year, 3 of which were rolled over from the previous year. There was a mixture of girls and boys, within the age range of 5-7 with most having their first experience of cricket. Sessions ran for an hour, with a couple of exceptions where we reduced it to 45 minutes due to the heat. Steve Austin ran the sessions with help from James Bull and David Crawford.

The sessions comprised of some warmup games and then practicing some basic bowling and batting skills. For the bowling and batting drills the group was divided into two, smaller groups, allowing for more individual coaching. The Blasters showed great improvement with their skills, and we were able to progress the drills quickly. After Christmas we introduced an adapted game, and on the final evening we were able to have a paired batting game on the main wicket. The Blasters really enjoyed this experience.

A big thankyou to Steve Austin for all the effort and time he put in. He was always set up ready to go, and created a great environment for the blasters to thrive in. He also made sure that there was plenty of ice poles for blasters and siblings after each session. Really helping to grow the community club spirit.

Looking ahead to next year, we have already had interest from several families to participate next season. Some of the blaster will be too old for junior blasters next year, and so we have agreed with them that we will combine juniors and master blasters and group the blasters based on ability rather than age. We have also had an agreement with Macleod Football Club that they will advertise our Blasters session to all their AusKick players at the end of their footy season, in the hope of growing our participation numbers.

James Bull
Junior Blasters Coach

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